

McCabe United Methodist Church

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experience

Wednesday, December 19

5:55-7:30 p.m.

Make a Gingerbread Nativity!
Sing Christmas carols!
Free for the whole family!
Kids-bring your parents!



The Spirit is stirring in miraculous ways through McCabe!

McCabe is making a difference in people's lives and in the community.

As our culture continues to change, we continue to **explore ways to adapt** how we tell the stories about how God is moving and working through McCabe.

As we think about this, we're exploring ways to continually improve at telling this story. This **end of the year report / newsletter** is an initial step toward a longer term process to tell the stories of McCabe through pictures, quotes, data, and so much more. We'd love to hear your thoughts!

It's a joy and privilege to serve Jesus Christ with you!
Mark E.



The II Thessalonians' Precept Bible Study taught by Donna Kennedy will reconvene February 7 at 10:00 a.m. This book continues the I Thessalonians' theme in confirming new believers to be diligent in their work for God's kingdom as they wait for the coming of the Lord, which is applicable for the church today.

Because this is a shorter study, it will be followed by a 4 week study on Esther, which will begin March 11. Books for both studies will be ordered by January 13 to save on mailing costs. All who are interested, please contact Marilyn Strutz, 255-0596



October 20 was our bazaar . Something unbelievable happened. The Bazaar brought in \$8,406.49. \$4,504.19 came from the rummage sale alone. We did excellent. When I say "we", I don't mean just UMW. I mean each and everyone of you who helped in any way. UMW couldn't have done it without all of your help. We truly have a great and giving church family. Now I know what you're thinking... "What are they going to do with all that money?" Well at our November 8 executive meeting, we gave \$300 to the Christmas shoeboxes and \$300 to Spirit Lake. We donated new knives and utensils to the McCabe kitchens. And plan on a donation to McCabe's youth group along with many more. We support missions worldwide.

Dates to Remember:

December 13 12:00 p.m.

- Unit Meeting hosted at Al's residence

This is for all the ladies in UMW. PLEASE ATTEND. It will be the installations of officers.

Our guest speaker will be Naomi Hegewood. She is a young student who won a national merit award and who will be putting herself through college. We have helped her a little in the past. Remember, we are God's hands and feet on Earth. At 10:00 a.m. we will hold executive meeting prior to Unit.

- Circle meetings in December will be held at each circles' chosen place and time.

I wish each and everyone of you a blessed and joyous Christmas.

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched...they must be felt with the heart." Helen Keller

God's blessings to you,

The family of **Mar Morgan** would like to thank everyone for your kind words, thoughts, prayers, memorial gifts, flowers, food, and support during this time of her passing.

GerryAnn Small



In celebration of the birth of Jesus, please help us collect items for babies in need.

We are collecting:

BABY FOOD, DIAPERS, WIPES, WASHCLOTHS, SHAMPOO, CLOTHING, PACIFIERS, RATTLES, FORMULA, BOTTLES, ETC.

Shop as a family and bring these items to the collection box in the Great Hall.

Items will be donated to Community Action.



Prayer Corner

A message for parents of pre-school children:

Please check the alcoves under the clerestory at McCabe during December. In one of them, you will find a gift for your pre-school child (or children) from McCabe's prayer team. Please take from the display a copy of My First Book of Prayers for your child or children. We suggest that you wrap the book and save it for your family's Christmas gift-giving time. Then, throughout the year, invite your little ones to talk to God, using this timeless collection of simple prayers for bedtime, giving thanks, and everything in between. May God bless you as you teach your child to pray!

"Father, we thank you for the night and for the pleasant morning light, for rest and food and loving care and all that makes the day so fair."

--from My First Book of Prayers



Open Door Community Center

On this our 54th day of school (we keep track counting up to the 100th day of school) since relocating to the lower level of McCabe UMC, the Open Door Community Center Preschool (OD) has much to be thankful for. We have been graciously welcomed to share space with all the other activities that are part of church. McCabe staff has been very accommodating to help us settle into our new classroom. It's been fun to visit with those church family members who have stopped in to see our space. The visits from Pastor Mark has been appreciated. His comments "that I'm thrilled you are here" have been uplifting.

Thank you to all of our church family who have been our support for 42 years. The prayers, emotional and social guidance, physical efforts to maintain the program of the OD as well as financial support have been tremendous for all our years. That has been the real blessing. Please know we appreciate each and every one. Thank you for allowing us to have a home at McCabe.

Jolene Stading Puhalla, Director



Open Door Newsletter Available in December

Watch for *The Witness* in early December. This issue addresses the recent relocation of the Open Door from South 12th Street, shares our many classroom and recreational activities, and acknowledges our faithful supporters. Print copies will be mailed, or you can receive email notice of availability on our website (www.opendoorbismarck.com). Contact Director Jolene Puhalla (opendoor@midconetwork.com or 701-222-3004) to join our distribution list or if you have questions and comments. Thank you.



December 9, 9:30 am Service

It was such a hit last year, we're doing it again...instant, no-rehearsal children's Christmas program! Kids will choose parts upon arrival and will be given a small prop or costume to wear. Follow the program insert in the bulletin to know when "actors" are to be on stage.

THERE WILL BE NO J.A.M. CLASS THIS DAY.

Please contact Tina Mitchell at tmitchell@mccabeumc.com or 255-1160 with questions.



Wholly Healthy

Greetings McCabe friends,

Faithfully Fit exercise class will be taking a little break over the Christmas and New Year holidays. Our last day of class will be Monday, December 17 and we will reunite again on Monday, January 7, 2019. Consider joining us in the New Year for fitness, fellowship and fun. We meet every Monday and Thursday morning from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Great Hall.

Enjoy a blessed Christmas and New Year!

God bless, Nurse Jane

P.S. During a children's Christmas program, one little boy shared his favorite Christmas carol with great joy and volume... "While shepherds washed their socks by night"!



Wednesday Evening Meals: Thank you for all the help and participation in our Wednesday evening meal ministry. As we enter the next phase in this ministry, we are beginning to pull together a large team of people who might be interested in occasionally helping with an aspect of the meal. This might include a) Menu planning or b) Shopping or c) Preparing the meal or d) Serving the meal or e) Cleaning up. If you might be feeling nudged and would like to find out more about any of these options, please touch base with Barb Salzer (400-1239; dflosser@bis.midco.net), Pam Johnson (471-0368; mommy_of_five@hotmail.com), or Pastor Mark (255-1160; mehrmantraut@mccabeumc.com).

Individual Retirement Accounts: A popular way to transfer IRA assets to charity is via a tax provision which allows IRA owners who are 70½ or older to direct up to \$100,000 per year of their IRA distributions to charity. These distributions are known as qualified charitable distributions, or QCDs. The money given to charity counts toward the donor's required minimum distribution (RMD), but doesn't increase the donor's adjusted gross income or generate a tax bill. This is a way to save tax dollars for those who do not itemize their deductions. We'd like to invite you to invest in the mission of Jesus through McCabe as you consider how you might use your IRA distributions.

Financial Peace University starts January 13!

Do your finances regularly cause stress in your life or in your most significant relationships? Do you wish you knew better how to manage your money? Or maybe you would love to be more generous, but can't see a way to do it? If any of these apply to you, consider taking *Financial Peace University*, which is a 9-week course on personal finance, taught from a Christian perspective.

When: starting Sunday, January 13, at 4:00 p.m.

Where: McCabe.

Cost: \$60 per person / couple.

Contact: Pastor Jenny (jhallenbeck@mccabeumc.com or 255-1160).

Jan.-Feb. Sermon Series: *Beyond the 7 deadly sins: a new you in 2019*

Pride. Envy. Anger. Sloth. Greed. Gluttony. Lust. According to Christian tradition, these are "the 7 deadly sins" and, frankly, we probably don't think often enough about them and about how some (or all!) of them may have control over us. Beginning January 5 & 6, we're going to be exploring the effects of these sins in our lives...and how God offers grace in response.



Dear McCabe family,

We have a fun event planned for this upcoming February 15-18, 2019. We plan to go as a church group to Red Lodge, Montana for a weekend of skiing, fellowship, and visiting with God in the mountains! All are welcome, adults and students, singles, families, young and old!



We will have more information as the responses come in regarding interest. The more people coming along, the smaller the cost will be for all. Even if you don't care to ski, there is a place for you.

Please contact Kris Cleary at 595-1197 with questions or to RSVP.



Christmas at McCabe: *We Need a Silent Night*

This year marks the 200th anniversary of when the beloved Christmas hymn “Silent Night” debuted. It’s a hymn about the peace and light God brought to this world when Jesus was born some 2,000 years ago. With all the sickness, death, division, and violence this world brings, don’t we all need some peace and light? We desperately need a silent night. We need a holy night. We need a little calm and bright. This Christmas season at McCabe United Methodist Church, we’re listening for God’s message to us through the Bible and through “Silent Night”; if you need to hear that message, we hope you’ll join us. **Our traditional weekend worship services** are on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.; **our contemporary service** is on Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Special events this season include...

Hanging of the Greens: Sunday, December 2, at 9:30 a.m.

Blue Christmas: Saturday, December 8, at 5:00 p.m.

Children's Christmas Program: Sunday, December 9 at 9:30a.m.

Youth Group Visits Homebound: Wednesday, December 12 at 5:55 p.m.

Birthday Party for Jesus in J.A.M.: Sunday, December 16 at 9:30 a.m.

Family Christmas Experience: Wednesday, December 19, 5:55 p.m.

Youth Group White Elephant Party: Wednesday, December 19 at 5:55 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship: Monday, December 24 at 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. (with Chancel Choir), and 10:30 p.m. (with Holy Communion)

Christmas Day Meal Hosted by Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday, December 25 at 5:00 p.m.

NOTICE:

Any items for the **February 2019** newsletter need to be turned in to the church office no later than **Friday, January 18, 2019.**

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