

Queens Creek United Methodist Church

February 2017 Newsletter

Rev. Gary Gandy

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Pastor's Ponderings

By now, most of the ham, turkey, eggnog and pie is around our waists instead of filling our refrigerators. The needles from the tree are firmly stuck in our carpets, all the presents have been opened, and all of our relatives have gone home. We have closed out one year and started another. A new year. Many of us have made New Year's resolutions. Some of them are the same ones that we made and didn't keep last year. They are usually things like quitting smoking, losing weight and all kinds of other things. A New Year's resolution is a promise to ourselves that we will do, or not do, something to reach a certain goal. Maybe this is a good time to make a new kind of resolution, not to ourselves, but to God. A resolution to recommit ourselves to Him. To lose certain old bad habits, we all have them, and spend more time in prayer, Bible reading, and study, or some other activity that brings us closer to Him, like serving others. There are plenty of opportunities out there.

I'm just glad that we serve a God that gives us unlimited second chances. Of course, knowing that sometimes makes it too easy to think, "Well, I can pray, or study the word, or get rid of those bad habits or do what God wants later." The problem with that is that we never know when the chance we have today is our last chance. So, maybe we should all commit to a New Year's resolution to God this year and become closer to Him while we can.

♥ Pastor Gary

God's Valentine Gift

God's Valentine gift of love to us
Was not a bunch of flowers;
It wasn't candy, or a book
To while away the hours.

His gift was to become a man,
So He could freely give
His sacrificial love for us,
So you and I could live.

He gave us sweet salvation, and
Instruction, good and true –
To love our friends and enemies
And love our Savior, too.

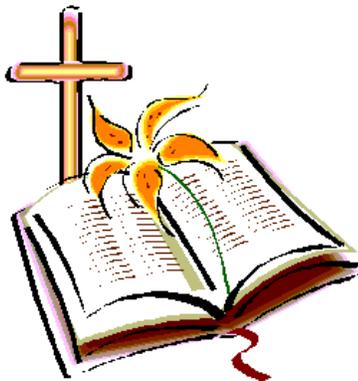
So as we give our Valentines,
Let's thank our Lord and King;
The reason we have love to give
Is that He gave everything.

♥ Joanna Fuchs



Sympathy Note

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Thud Gandy who lost her mother on Tuesday, January 24. There will be a memorial service for Thud's mom at the Church on February 5 at 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.



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Church News and Happenings

Soup and Salad/Scouts Sunday

Scouts Sunday is Sunday, February 5, 2017. Our scouts will be doing all our worship service that day. Then, they are doing the soup for Soup and Salad. Soup and Salad and Scouts Sunday will be held the first Sunday in February each year since the Scouts do the soup.

Valentines Dinner

A Valentine's Day Dinner sponsored by the Church will be held on February 11, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the church. The dinner will consist of steak, baked potato, salad, desert, and tea. The cost is \$15.00 per person. There is a signup sheet in the narthex. Anyone who wishes to attend will need to sign up by February 5, 2017.

Senior Ministry News

The Senior Ministry Team hopes to see you on Tuesday, February 16, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. Come to enjoy special food and fellowship. Sometimes the weather can be unpredictable this time of year. If we get inclement weather near the luncheon date, please call Carol Hartsoe, (910) 330-0578, to find out if our plans have to be cancelled.

"Blue and Gold" Dinner

Cub Scouts Pack 347 is having their "Blue and Gold" dinner at the church on Saturday, February 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Queens Creek United Methodist Church Schedule

- ♥ Sunday School is every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Please come and join us.
- ♥ Worship Service is Every Sunday at 11 a.m. Nursery is provided. Please come and join us.
- ♥ Girls Scouts meet every Monday at 5:30 p.m.
- ♥ AA Meeting is every Monday at 7 p.m.
- ♥ Boys Scouts meet every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
- ♥ Cub Scouts meet every Thursday at 6:45 p.m.
- ♥ The Council meeting is the first Monday of each month at 7pm.
- ♥ The U.M. Men's Meeting is the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. All men are invited. Please come and join us.
- ♥ Trustees meet on the fourth Monday of each month.
- ♥ Senior Ministry Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.
- ♥ Senior Ministry Lunches are on the third Tuesday of the month
- ♥ The U.M. Women's Meeting is the fourth Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Manning's house. All women are invited. Please come and join us.
- ♥ Soup & Salad is the 2nd Sunday of the month after services. All are welcome.
- ♥ Luncheon, Movie & Discussion afternoon is on the third Sunday of the month at noon

Happy Anniversary to:

Jackie & Ray Manning	2/16
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Happy Birthday to:

Tracy DeMurry	2/2
Toni Laird	2/3
Eunice Ice	2/7
Kristen Kirkhart	2/7
Betty Sue Uzzell	2/8
Gary Vavla	2/12
Louise Horne	2/16
Michael S. Taylor	2/18
Nancie Pate	2/21
Martha Gatlin	2/22
Dora Lee Morton	2/26
Elijah Willis	2/28
Brenda Piner	2/29
Karen Mlott	2/29

Ladies Circle News

The daytime circle meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. At the present time, the meetings have been held at Jackie Manning's home. Our next meeting will be held January 26, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the church. This meeting will be our first for the New Year and new officers. It is a planning meeting so bring your ideas as to things you would like to do and accomplish for ourselves and our church. All women of the United Methodist Church are welcome to attend.

We will be presenting the 2016 seven star pin to a church member in the near future. Our Ladies Circle met all of our obligations for 2016 and, by doing so, we are able to present the seven star pin to show how important our members are to our group and church.

The points of the star that have to be filled are:

1. Candle burning in memory or in honor of a church member.
2. Special mission recognition
3. Gift to missions
4. Pledge to missions
5. Gift in memory
6. World thanks offering
7. A penny and a prayer offering

The women of our Circle help to fill the many needs throughout our church, the community, state, and nation through missions with FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE IN ACTION.

The United Methodist Women's purpose is:

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ: to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

The Queens Creek United Methodist Women's new officers for 2017 are:

President: Jackie Manning

Social Action: Brenda Goodman

Vice President and Secretary: Rose Boone

Education & Interpretation: Connie Taylor & Carol Hartsoe

Treasurer: Judy Golda

Secretary of Program Resource: Sue Ramsey

Spiritual Growth: Katherine Hall

Chairperson of Nominations: Janet Phelps

Membership Nurturing and Outreach: Sherri Hutson

Communication Coordinator: June Morton

Our president, Jackie, and vice president, Rose, attended the ALOTS meeting at the Swansboro United Methodist Church on January 14, 2017. This meeting was to train all positions of The Ladies Circle and to give us insight as to what the other churches in our district have helped to accomplish in the last year.

This year our goal is for our church women to continue being involved and participate in the local, state, and foreign missions along with all the individual programs we have worked so hard on throughout the year and to enjoy our monthly meetings. This is why your ideas for 2017 are so important. We hope to see you on January 26th at 10:00 a.m. at the Church Fellowship Hall.

In God's love,

Jackie and Rose

Prayer List

Gary & Thud Gandy
 Andy & Sandy Lasko
 George & Connie Taylor
 Otis Howard
 John & Louise Horne
 Gloria DeMurry & Family
 Sandy New & Family
 Thelma Foster & Family
 Dean Coe
 Alice Mack
 The Howard Family
 Rose Boone
 Larry Ordway
 Turner Family
 Maxine Lucas
 Ms. Libby
 Debbie Barnes
 Debi Peterson
 Deborah
 Katherine & Allan Hall
 Our Church
 All Unspoken
 Leaders of our country & the world



Psalms 23

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comfort	mercy	still
death	oil	table
dwell	pasture	valley
enemies	path	water
evil	restore	
forever	righteousness	
goodness	rod	
house	shadow	
lead	Shepherd	

Old Fashioned Cocoa Pie

½ cup cocoa
 ¼ cup flour
 1 cup sugar
 ½ tsp salt
 2 cups milk
 2 eggs, separated
 3 tbsp butter or margarine
 1 tsp vanilla
 1 baked pie shell

Line deep pie pan with crust; bake quickly 10 to 15 minutes in hot oven. Cook cocoa, flour, sugar, salt and milk until thick. Beat yolks, butter and vanilla and add to milk mixture. Pour into baked pie shell; cool. Beat egg whites with 3 tablespoons sugar for meringue; brown in slow oven or serve with whipped cream.

♥ Louise Horne

Morning Prayer

Lord, as I rise today, I thank You for another wonderful day of life You have blessed me with. I am alive, strong and healthy. My faith is strong and I walk in the light daily with you Lord and feel the warmth of Your love. I am living a wonderful life and thank You for everything, God. I know that, no matter what I face, You would never give me more than I can handle and You will never leave me alone. Please continue to watch over all my loved ones and keep them safe, Lord.

“Be on your guard; stand firm in faith; be courageous; be strong.”

(1 Corinthians 16:13)

In Jesus' name, amen.