



**Rye Home United Methodist Church**  
*Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors*

**January  
 NEWSLETTER**

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**Upcoming Events**

- Jan. 5 – Finance Team Meeting after Worship Service at 11:30 am.
- Jan. 7 – UMW Meeting at 1:00 pm.
- Jan. 8 – Ad Council Meeting at 6:30 pm.
- Jan. 12 – Trustee Team Meeting after Worship Service at 11:30 am.
- Jan. 12 – GAME TIME! Join us for games and fun at 3:00 pm in the Ed. Bldg! Bring snacks to share, if you want! All ages are needed & welcome.
- Jan. 14 – Creative Fellowship at 10:00 am.
- Jan. 16 – Faith Circle Meeting at 9:00 am.
- Jan. 19 – Missions Team Meeting after Worship Service at 11:30 am.
- Jan. 26 – Worship Team Meeting after Worship Service at 11:30 am.
- Jan. 28 – Creative Fellowship at 10:00 am.

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# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## Starting a New Year from the Genesis

*“So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them...God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.”*

*~Genesis 1:27-28, 31 (NRSV)*

**T**he Year of our Lord 2019 is officially over!

For some it was a rough year, full of challenges and loss. For others it was a good year full of blessings and hope. I imagine that, for most of us, it was a year full of both good and tough experiences. Wherever we landed in the last year, it is now over and we have a New Year's worth of good and bad times ahead of us to look forward to!

So, what better way to start 2020 than with a sermon series diving into the Book of Genesis, and reflecting on the back and forth, up and down stories that tell of the beginning of our relationship with our Creator?

Inspired by the book, “Genesis of Grace” by John Indermark, I would like to spend the six weeks before we begin Lent, exploring the complicated and often frustrating relationship humankind and God have had since the beginning. From the creation story that ended with “very good”, to the fall and ousting of Adam and Eve, the Flood, Abraham and his offspring, and the beginning of a nation...in slavery.

And all that in just the *first* Book of the Bible!

Also, to start the new year off, keep an eye out for our updated website and Facebook pages! We hope they will be a useful resource for everyone who is a member and anyone who wants to know more about our community.

Here's to a wonderful New Year for everyone and may God richly bless His church throughout the coming months.

**GRACE AND PEACE,**

Pastor Ken Berve

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# January

## Worship Service Volunteers

### Ushers & Greeters

1/5 – Sandy Steele, Norma Hoover,  
Charlotte Baker, Linda Hall  
1/12 – Roger Ice, John Allen,  
Nette Smith, Willie McCaw  
1/19 – Bob & Margaret Deas,  
Rick & Marilyn Williams  
1/26 – Harry & Phyllis Hochstetler,  
Rocky & Karon Banta

### Communion Stewards

2/2 - Trustees Committee  
3/1 - Youth Group  
4/5 - Missions Team  
5/3 - United Methodist Women

### Musicians

1/5 – Margaret Deas  
1/12 – Deb Straub  
1/19 – Lori McGill  
1/26 – Deb Straub

### Liturgists

1/5 – Sandra Steele  
1/12 – Willie McCaw  
1/19 – Karen Shaw  
1/26 – Bob Deas

## Children's Activity Volunteers

### Children's Church

1/5 – \_\_\_  
1/12 – \_\_\_  
1/19 – \_\_\_  
1/26 – \_\_\_

### Children's Message

1/5 – Deb Straub  
1/12 – Cara Christenson  
1/19 – Loni Adams  
1/26 – Jody Pool

## Messages/Scriptures

1/5- "Virgins, Lowlives, Wizards, and Kings"

Matthew 2:1-12

(EPIPHANY & COMMUNION SUNDAY)

1/12- "To Adam, From Which We Came"

Genesis 1:26-31

1/19- "Destruction, Regret, and Rebirth"

Genesis 6:1-8, 22

1/26- "Confused and Scattered"

Genesis 11:1-9

# ANNUAL COOKIE WALK



Held this year on Dec. 7th, the **Annual Cookie Walk** was a great success. Thank you to all the ladies at the Catholic Guild and to those ladies who volunteer their time and baking talents!

Photos submitted by Debbie Smith

# EARLY CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE



Photos submitted by Deb Straub

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Photos submitted by Diane Ellison

# January Celebrations

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

1/1	John Elwell	1/22	Michael Asbury
1/1	Richard Hall	1/25	Chelsea Moore
1/4	Carol Queener Berg	1/25	Jeremy Wilcox
1/9	John Christenson	1/27	Debbie Brunick
1/10	Jeff Hughes	1/28	Juanita Kodak
1/11	Lizz Mabrey	1/29	Annie Smith
1/16	Marilyn Williams	1/30	Zach Zohar
1/22	Chelsea Poole		

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

1/20 Weldon & Donna Alexander

## ANNUAL SENIOR LUNCHEON



December 11, 2019  
Photos submitted by Deb Straub

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Friends & family of Sid Swartwood  
Cristy Griffin  
Ron Ellison  
The Alderman Family  
Jack Sikes  
Megan, Ada's granddaughter, diagnosed with shingles  
Colyn Hughes asks for prayers for her family, especially her niece & aunt  
Jeanne Robison's mother, Emmy Meek  
Tina Koukol and family & friends of her sister, Becky

Dale Kent, new diagnosis of cancer  
Fin & Mary Helen Finley  
Don Fischer, Deb Straub's father  
Holly Tittel Theresa Dungy  
Linda Hall's friends; Fred Parker, Terri Baxter, Cheryl Haga & Darryl Crawford  
Cedric, Norma Hoover's great-grandson  
All Deployed Service Members  
Missionaries around the world  
Our Nation