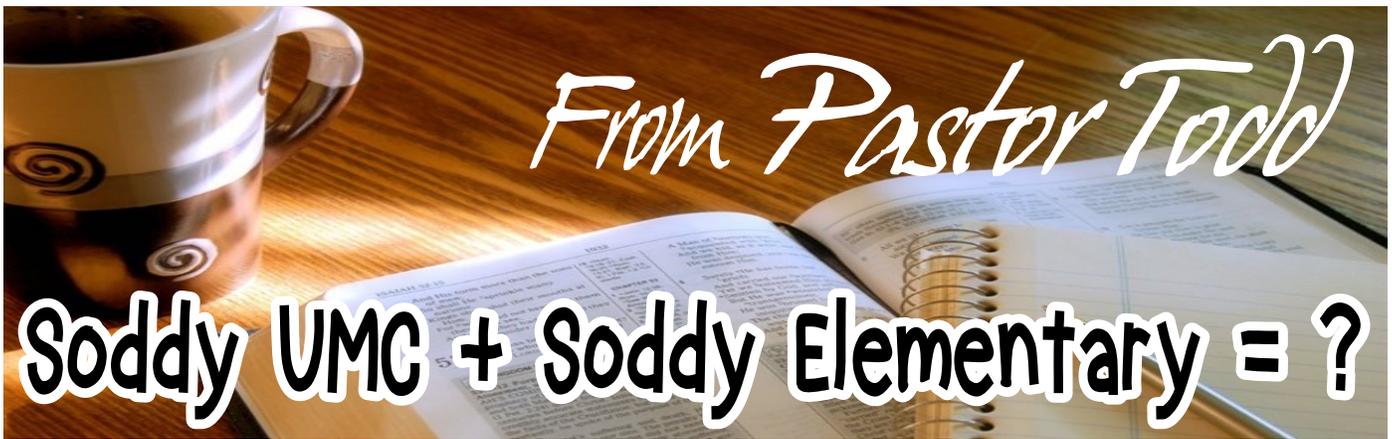


# The WINE

The newsletter of Soddy United Methodist Church  
February 2017



Two weeks ago the Pastor Parish Relations Committee met to recommend pastoral leadership for the next appointment year. As part of our meeting, one of the things we discussed was our need as a church to re-connect with Soddy

Elementary School.

Our church serves as an emergency location in the event of a problem or disaster at the school. Teachers and administrators can bring the children to our fellowship hall to await their parents if there was an emergency situation at the school. But we need to do more.

Do you recognize the picture to the left? It's a Scholastic book order form like many of us used to get in school. I was always overjoyed when these papers were handed out. I loved ordering books from Scholastic. Just about the time you'd forgotten what you ordered, the teacher would call you up to her desk and give you the books you'd purchased. Did I mention I *loved* ordering books from those papers?

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## ***From Pastor Todd, continued***

But if you're like me, you knew a couple of students in your class who didn't bother to take the Scholastic paper home. They'd crumple it up and toss it in the trash on their way out of the room — *because their families didn't have the money to buy books*. They'd stare at their desks or doodle in their notebooks while the rest of us went forward to collect our books. I don't know about you, but I think children should have books if they want them. Or school supplies. Or socks and gloves. Or warm weather clothes in the spring after they've outgrown the clothes they had in the fall.

I believe it is time for us to enter into a deeper, stronger partnership with Soddy Elementary School. There is so much we could be doing for the students, families, teachers, administration and staff. In the weeks to come, you'll hear members of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee talking about how we might get something like this off the ground.

I'd like to see us create a team of people who would serve as a *liaison* between our church and the school. If needs arise, the school could contact this team who in turn would pass the information along to the appropriate committees and/or volunteers. If you have a passion for young children and would be interested in being part of such a team, please let a member of the PPR Committee know.

Such a partnership wouldn't be about just writing a check to meet a need at the school. It would need to involve our direct presence at and with the school, serving and volunteering in different ways. And this is something I believe we could easily do. *We have a tremendously generous and willing congregation!*

Some ideas that were batted around at the PPR meeting — which I offer here to stimulate your own thinking — included:

- An appreciation dinner for the teachers and administration, either at the beginning or the end of the school year.
- Providing for students who want to purchase books from a book fair.
- Volunteering to help as a cafeteria monitor, a classroom aide, or a drop-off/pick-up assistant.
- Ensuring that students who need socks, gloves, underwear, etc. have them.
- Volunteering as a reading mentor.
- Volunteering to help with the school's fall festival fundraiser.
- Providing resources for teachers to purchase supplies (so they don't have to buy them out of their own pocket).

I'm sure our congregation can develop other ideas for helping Soddy Elementary. I have no doubt the principle of the school will have plenty of ideas for us as well! Please be in prayer, asking the Lord to guide us in creating and

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*From Pastor Todd, continued*

developing a powerful, positive partnership with the school. And be listening for ways in which God might be calling you to serve him at Soddy Elementary.

What does Soddy UMC plus Soddy Elementary equal?

An awesome partnership of reaching out, loving and serving the children and families of our area!



## February Birthdays

9 Kathy Jones  
13 Virginia Gram  
16 Serena Wood  
19 Suzie Weber  
Stephanie Parrott  
21 Betty Smith  
Amanda Jolly  
26 Brett Kingrea  
28 Andrew Stulce



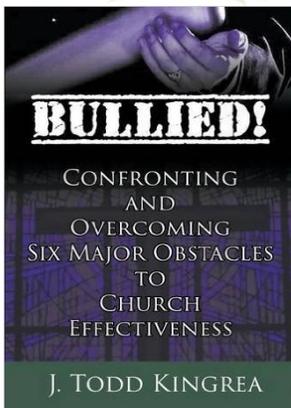
## February Anniversaries

5 Kevin & Kathy Jones



2016 was a great year financially for SUMC. Thanks to the stewardship from the congregation and bequests from the Frazier estate, 2016 ended with a budget surplus. 2017 has started with another bequest for local church purposes. The Finance Committee will do their best to insure these funds will be put to use to serve the Church's best use and in a manner to honor the wishes in which they were given.

—Alan Gram, Finance Chairman



Copies of Pastor Todd's new book, ***BULLIED! Confronting and Overcoming Six Major Obstacles to Church Effectiveness***, are still available. Cost is \$15.00 each.

*Please see Pastor Todd if you'd like to purchase a copy.*

You may also purchase paperback or digital copies online at <http://www.electiopublishing.com/index.php/bookstore>, [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com), or other book retailers. Paperback copies may also be ordered from any physical book store.

# Here's a few more memories from Christmas 2016...





Photos courtesy of Karen Yeatts

# ♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

Submitted by  
Claudia Inwood

Roses are red, violets are blue. That typical poem of I love you.  
But on Valentine's Day, we need something really new!

So who started this day, many men might say?  
Do I have to get her a card and a posey spray?  
Just another way, he thinks, to sell cards and candy.  
He might rather make a gift, but they aren't all very handy.

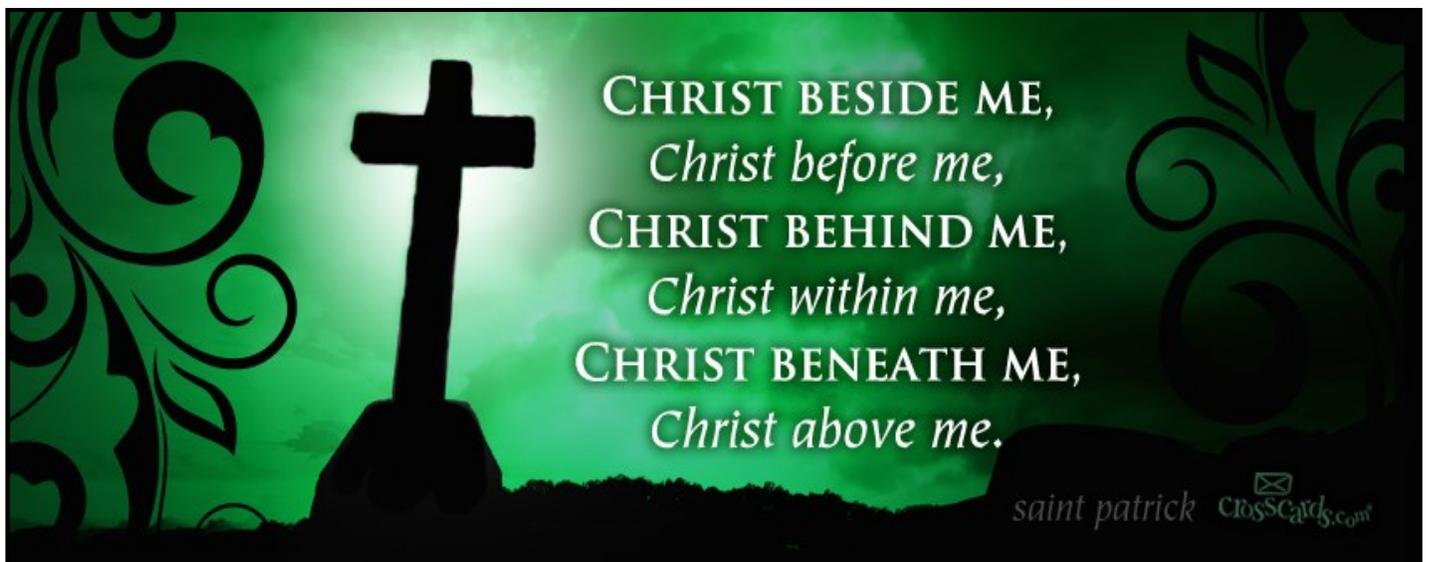
So don't give her an iron or a blender or such.  
She would not thank you with hugs and kisses much.

Just show her how much you lover her, a card and dinner out would be fine.  
She would surely love that and say "Oh, I'm so glad you're mine."

**Happy Valentine's Day everyone!**



**If you need to reserve the fellowship hall, kitchen or any other rooms in the church, please contact Mike Anderson. He will make sure the facilities are not double-booked for your event.**



# RESURRECTION 2017

**THANK YOU!**

to everyone who helped make our trip to Resurrection possible!

Our group consisted of Karah Carson, Morgan Weatherford, Caleb Callahan, Kellsea Hendrix, Matthew Kingrea, Bailey Nelson, Luke Roberts, "Big Mike" Welch, Aiden Mullins, Breanna Fowler, Annaliese Mullins, Caleb Nelson, Joseph & Marti Hendrix, Angie Carson, Kathryn Mullins, Jamie Nelson, and Pastor Todd.

**Speaker**



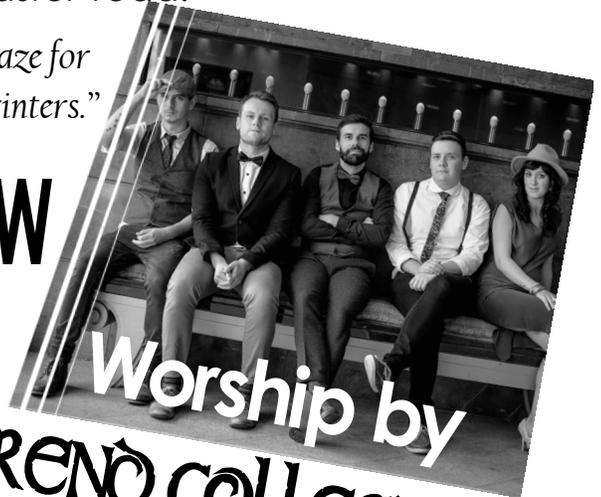
**MICK VEACH**

Mosaic Midtown Church,  
Detroit, Michigan

*"People whose hearts are ablaze for God are marathoners, not sprinters."*

**Theme: FOLLOW**

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**Worship by**

**RENØ COLLECTIVE**  
Northern Ireland

*"We are not created for the boat.  
We were made to walk on water."*

**#waterwalkers**





February

**Wednesday, February 1st**

Fellowship dinner; Choir practice;  
youth gathering; Confirmation class

**Friday, February 3rd**

Soul Sisters Bible study

**Sunday, February 5th**

**NEW SERMON SERIES: WHAT WE BELIEVE**

*"Created In The Image Of God"*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

**Wednesday, February 8th**

Fellowship dinner; Choir practice;  
youth gathering; Confirmation class

**Sunday, February 12th**

**SERMON SERIES: WHAT WE BELIEVE**

*"The Path Of Grace"*

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD meeting

**Monday, February 13th**

Prayer shawl ministry

**Wednesday, February 15th**

Fellowship dinner; Choir practice;  
youth gathering; Confirmation class

**Thursday, February 16th**

United Methodist Women

**Sunday, February 19th**

**SERMON SERIES: WHAT WE BELIEVE**

*"The Heart Of Perfection"*

**Tuesday, February 21st**

AARP meeting

**Wednesday, February 22nd**

Fellowship dinner; Choir practice;  
youth gathering; Confirmation class

**Sunday, February 26th**

**Girl Scout Sunday**

*"In The Presence Of Greatness"*

**Monday, February 27th**

Prayer shawl ministry

**Tuesday, February 28th**

**LETTER OF REVELATION** Bible study  
resumes (Chapter 12)