

# The Grapevine

**Weekly Newsletter of  
La Plata United Methodist Church**

**January 2, 2020**

## **In This Issue**

Local Sight & Sound  
Experience

ASP Mile of Pennies  
Fundraiser

ASP Kick-Off Meeting

Leadership Training

Pastor's Monday Night  
Study

Let's Celebrate!

Let Us Pray

Another Year

Facebook Find

Holy Happenings

## **A Note from Pastor Susan**

Dear Ones,

There is a cute adage that says, "right before midnight on December 31, remember to lift your LEFT leg up...so you will be sure to start out the new year on the RIGHT foot!"

There is something very true about that. Here we are in the first days of 2020. A year so fresh and new with seemingly endless possibility and potential. It is a little exciting to think of this new year and wonder what will happen! Will I get married, will I get to retire, will my child graduate, will I get a grandchild, will my parents be in good health? Will my cancer go into remission? At this early date, any or all of these things can happen.

However, I hope you will take the truth of the adage I mentioned to heart, because whatever happens in this new year, good or bad, we have to start out on the right foot to handle it, and handle it well. As believers in the Lord Jesus, we know what the right foot is in this new year. Starting out on the right foot means drawing near to Christ. Making sure that relationship is healthy and close, listening for his voice in all things and trusting him as you do his will. In addition to being on the right foot for the important worldly things that will come our way, how about these as questions to ponder in the new year:

Who will God bring into my life so I can share my faith?

What lessons can I learn from the good and bad things of this life that will help me help others as they travel the same path?

How can I love God more and serve God better this year?

Dear Ones, start out on the right foot with Jesus. Let him direct our steps and light our paths. Then, we will be prepared for anything the world does TO us.....and everything God wants to do THROUGH us!

Happy New Year!  
His... and Yours,  
Pastor Susan



## Psalm 65:11

You crown the year with Your goodness,  
And Your paths drip with abundance.

### Local Sight & Sound Experience

Don't want to drive 3 hours to experience the magic of Lancaster's Sight & Sound Theater? Good News...You don't have to because Sight and Sound's "Jesus" is coming to the big screen this Easter! Fellowship is organizing an outing Easter Saturday to watch a filmed performance of "Jesus." The movie is playing at the Hoffman Theater in Alexandria on **Sat, April 11 at 12:55pm**. View the trailer at <https://youtu.be/Wrbpv7LRknE>

We've arranged for a bus and will be "pre-purchasing" tickets to this popular event the first week in January. Cost per person is \$25 which includes admission to the movie and bus transportation (payment is due by Jan 5th). The first 40 to sign up will be guaranteed seats and tickets, so don't delay! Reserve your spot by signing up on the attendance pads at church, email [laplataumc@gmail.com](mailto:laplataumc@gmail.com) or call the Church office at 301-934-2288.

Questions? Call Cheryl Smith at 301-752-1386 or email [jazzitshws@verizon.net](mailto:jazzitshws@verizon.net).

### ASP Mile of Pennies Fundraiser

Are you looking for a good home for that can or jug of pennies/coins you've been saving? Please help us in our drive to raise two miles of pennies (\$1,689.60) in support of our Appalachia Service Project (ASP) teams (over 50 folks total) that will be traveling to West Virginia and Virginia this summer to make several homes warmer, safer and drier; to develop and deepen relationships; and to be Christ's hands and feet for those in need. Just deposit your donations in the coffee cans in Fellowship Hall 2 or in the Narthex near the sanctuary. We'll keep you updated as we tally the donations. Cash and checks also accepted. Many thanks!

### ASP Kick-Off Meeting

ASP will be having a kick-off meeting, **Sun, Jan 12 at 6pm** in Fellowship Hall 1. If you have not already done so, please let John Carns know you will be attending at [carns@comcast.net](mailto:carns@comcast.net) or 301.848.0060. Snacks and drinks will be provided!

### Leadership Training

Dear Ones, as we begin 2020 here at La Plata UMC, we need to begin strong! We have had capable and talented folks step up to leadership in our church for the first time and we give thanks to those whose experience, talent, and willingness continue to help guide and support God's work in the world through our mission and ministries.

To place all of us on the same path for success, our Leadership Training Day will take place on **Jan 11 from 10am-12pm**. This training is mandatory for those assuming new positions and attendance is expected for ALL those in leadership. Please let the Church Office know if you have a conflict. Thanks!

### Pastor's Monday Night Study

The next Pastor's Monday Night Study begins on **Jan 13 at 7:30pm**. In his book, "All In", Mark Batterson will help you discover the radical act of dethroning yourself, enthroning Christ as King of your life, and taking the next step in your faith walk by surrendering everything to Christ. You can sign up by writing "All In" on the Attendance Pad, calling the church office, through sign up genius or on our website.

3 Port Tobacco Road  
La Plata, MD 20646  
301.934.2288  
laplataumc.org  
laplataumc@gmail.com

Senior Pastor:  
Rev. Dr. Susan E. Boehl

Sunday Worship Services:  
8:30am Café Worship  
11:00am Traditional Worship

## Worship Attendance

Dec 8	279
Dec 15	323
Dec 22	301
Dec 29	208

## Christmas Eve

4:00	181
7:00	282
11:00	107
Total	570

## Sunday, Dec 29

8:30	81
11:00	107
Others	20
Total	208

Facebook Views	111
Preacher's Pop Up Prayer	301

## Church Income

Dec 8 Income	\$ 15,247
Dec 8 La Plata Opoly	\$ 2,240
Dec 15 Income	\$ 15,230
Dec 15 La Plata Opoly	\$ 1,290
Dec 22 Income	\$ 10,464
Dec 22 La Plata Opoly	\$ 1,290
Dec 24/Dec 29	\$ 16,970
Dec 29 La Plata Opoly	\$ 210
Need/wk.	\$ 12,911
Dine Out Totals	\$ 8,779

The Grapevine  
Editor: Sherri Hastings  
Publisher: Karen Hamner  
Circulation: 750  
Weekly deadline for  
submitting articles is  
Wed. at 4pm.  
Submit articles to  
news@laplataumc.org

# Let's Celebrate! Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Thursday, January 2

Pete & Ann Schaecher-9  
Dean Howard

## Friday, January 3

Damon Cruz  
Sherrie Fisher

## Sunday, January 5

Anna Frank  
Lee Giannini

## Monday, January 6

Sue Carns

## Tuesday, January 7

Steve & Karen Hamner-26  
Sean Belmore

## Thursday, January 9

Eleanor Finisecy  
Amanda McKenzie  
Jim Roberts

## Sunday, January 12

Stuart Douglas  
Stephanie Robertson

## Let Us Pray

### For our friends and family who have medical issues:

Jeff Bennett  
Tom Berry  
Karyl Beverage  
Margaret Bowie  
Frank Brinson  
Patricia Buckler  
Sue Carns  
Jennifer Carpenter  
Jerome Church  
Cathy Compton  
Harolly Coombs  
Joyce Dean

Sandra Fykes  
Remy Zachary Gordon  
Carl Greene  
Christina Kingsbury  
Francis Lewis  
Donna McKenzie  
Ed McKenzie  
Renee Nash  
Carl Occhipinti  
Kitley Rainwater  
Melissa Faith Rollins  
Crystal Rupprecht

Sunny Rupprecht  
Donna Sarnacki  
Tabitha Schneider  
Charley Shaw  
Carol Sorenson  
Don Stapleson  
Michael Stewart  
Brian Thomason  
Jeanette Tull  
Sandy Tull  
Linda Valente  
Mike Williams

### For our friends and family who are living in nursing homes, and assisted living or home bound:

Ann Bergerstock  
Lennis Bridgett  
Iris Dickerson

Sharon Ferguson  
June Hanson  
Mike Merritt

Donald Rowe  
Helen Sullivan

### Continue to pray for:

Pastor Susan, our church, our denomination, our local, state and national leaders, our first responders, our armed forces and veterans.



## Another Year

By Moments with the Book

Another year is dawning!  
Dear Master, let it be,  
In working or in waiting,  
Another year with Thee.

Another year of leaning;  
Upon Thy loving breast,  
Of ever-deepening trustfulness—  
Of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of mercies,  
Of faithfulness and grace;  
Another year of gladness  
In the shining of Thy face.



## Facebook Find

A  
*New Year*  
IS GOD'S GIFT

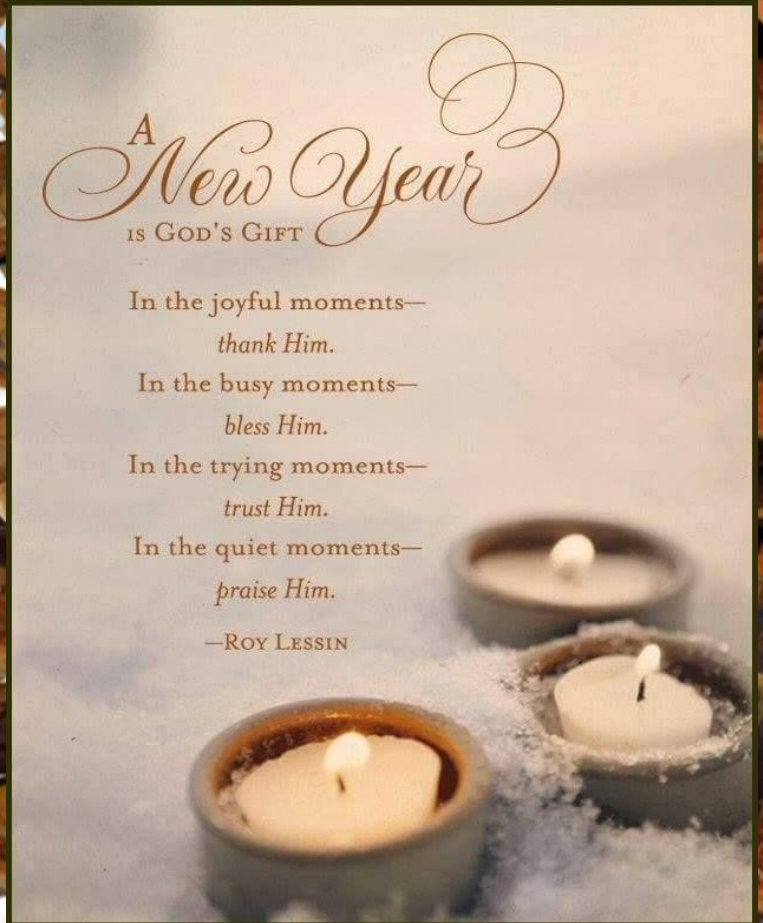
In the joyful moments—  
*thank Him.*

In the busy moments—  
*bless Him.*

In the trying moments—  
*trust Him.*

In the quiet moments—  
*praise Him.*

—ROY LESSIN



# Holy Happenings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> <b>8:30 AM Cafe Service</b> <b>11:00 AM Traditional Service</b> <b>2:00 PM Family Christmas Gathering</b>	<b>30</b> BLP closed <b>5:30 PM</b> 12 Step Home Group - AA <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Mtg - Warner Group	<b>31</b> BLP Closed <b>6:00 PM</b> Men's Emmaus Reunion Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Women's Emmaus Group <b>7:00 PM</b> WATCH NIGHT SERVICE	<b>1</b> BLP Closed Church Office Closed <b>New Year's Day</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> AA - Serenity Seekers	<b>2</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> ABR Circle <b>6:00 PM</b> Carillon Choir (Handbell Choir) Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM Preachers Pop Up Prayer</b>	<b>3</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Girl Scout Troop 12046 Mtg.	<b>4</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Pastor's Prayer Partners <b>1:00 PM</b> Birthday Party
<b>5</b> <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> <b>8:30 AM Cafe Service</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Meals & Hope Food Prep <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday school for all ages <b>11:00 AM Traditional Service</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Youth Group	<b>6</b> <b>Epiphany</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Meal & Hope Food Prep <b>11:00 AM</b> Church Staff Meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> 12 Step Home Group - AA <b>7:00 PM</b> BSA Troop 1814 Meeting <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Mtg - Warner Group	<b>7</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>6:00 PM</b> Men's Emmaus Reunion Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Women's Emmaus Group <b>6:30 PM</b> Country Clovers 4-H Club #1518 <b>6:30 PM</b> Mounted Wanderer's 4-H Club <b>7:00 PM</b> Evening Circle	<b>8</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Wednesday Morning Bible Study <b>12:00 PM</b> AA - Serenity Seekers <b>1:30 PM</b> BLP Staff Meeting <b>2:30 PM</b> FOOD PANTRY open from 2:30-4PM <b>6:30 PM</b> Southern Maryland Trail Riders Board Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Cherub Choir & Crimson Angels Practice <b>7:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir Practice	<b>9</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Carillon Choir (Handbell Choir) Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM Preachers Pop Up Prayer</b>	<b>10</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Scout Pack Meeting-Crossover <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Group Game Night	<b>11</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Leadership Training <b>12:30 PM</b> Communion Meeting
<b>12</b> <b>8:30 AM Cafe Service</b> <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday school for all ages <b>11:00 AM Traditional Service</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> Sagepoint Service <b>6:00 PM</b> ASP Kick-Off Meeting	<b>13</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> 12 Step Home Group - AA <b>6:00 PM</b> BLP WCBA (Preschool Board) Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> BSA Troop 1814 Court of Honor and Pot Luck Dinner <b>6:00 PM</b> Girl Scout Troop 1438 <b>7:30 PM</b> PMNS - All In <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Mtg - Warner Group	<b>14</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> UMW Book Club <b>12:30 PM</b> BLP 2's Team Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> Creative Circle Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> Men's Emmaus Reunion Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Women's Emmaus Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Tupperware Sales Rally <b>7:30 PM</b> FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING	<b>15</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Wednesday Morning Bible Study <b>12:00 PM</b> AA - Serenity Seekers <b>1:30 PM</b> BLP 4's Team Meeting <b>2:30 PM</b> FOOD PANTRY open from 2:30-4PM <b>6:00 PM</b> Horsemasters 4-H Club <b>7:00 PM</b> Cherub Choir & Crimson Angels Practice <b>7:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir Practice	<b>16</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> BLP 3's Team Meetings <b>6:00 PM</b> Carillon Choir (Handbell Choir) Rehearsal <b>6:30 PM</b> Cub Scout Pack 423 Den Meeting <b>7:00 PM Preachers Pop Up Prayer</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> SPRC Meeting	<b>17</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Girl Scout Troop 12046 Mtg.	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>8:30 AM Cafe Service</b> <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday school for all ages <b>11:00 AM Traditional Service</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Fellowship Ministries Meeting	<b>20</b> BLP Closed <b>Martin L. King, Jr. Day</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Church Staff Meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> 12 Step Home Group - AA <b>7:00 PM</b> BSA Troop 1814 Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> PMNS - All In <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Mtg - Warner Group	<b>21</b> BLP Closed <b>1:00 PM</b> UMW General Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> Men's Emmaus Reunion Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Women's Emmaus Group <b>7:30 PM</b> Trustees Meeting	<b>22</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Wednesday Morning Bible Study <b>12:00 PM</b> AA - Serenity Seekers <b>2:30 PM</b> FOOD PANTRY open from 2:30-4PM <b>7:00 PM</b> Cherub Choir & Crimson Angels Practice <b>7:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir Practice	<b>23</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> BLP 3's Parent Conferences <b>6:00 PM</b> Carillon Choir (Handbell Choir) Rehearsal <b>6:30 PM</b> Cub Scouts Leadership Meeting <b>7:00 PM Preachers Pop Up Prayer</b>	<b>24</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> BLP 4's Parent Conferences	<b>25</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Connectors Meeting <b>1:00 PM</b> Baby Shower

## Weekly Food Pantry Activity

- Mondays - 8:00 AM Food pick up at Southern MD Food Bank in Waldorf
- Tuesdays - 9:30 PM Food pick up at Panera Bread in La Plata at closing time
- Wednesdays - 8:30 AM Food pick up at Weis Market in La Plata  
 9:00 AM Bakery wrapping at the Annex  
 10:00 AM Food pick up or delivery from Next Step Produce in Newburg  
 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Food Pantry is open at the Annex
- Saturdays - 8:30 AM Food pick up at Weis Market in La Plata
- 3rd Tues or Wed of the month - 8:00 AM Food pick up at USDA in Benedict