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# MT. SYLVAN GRAPEVINE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### Dixon and Allen CD Release Concert

Please join us to celebrate the release of Kent Dixon and Neil Allen's new CD.



The concert will be held on Friday, January 24th from 7:00pm—9:00pm in the Mt. Sylvan Sanctuary.

Their new CD, "I Want to Hear Your Voice" will be available for purchase.

### Mt. Sylvan Superbowl Tailgate-Style

Wednesday Night Supper  
Wednesday January 29, 2020

You're Invited to come party with us!  
Dinner is \$6 per person or \$20 per family.



#### Menu:

- Pulled Pork BBQ
- Chicken Wings w/ Sauce
- Rolls to make BBQ sliders
- Carrots & Ranch Dip
- Fruit
- Coleslaw
- Chips

## Pastor Larry writes...

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The new year promises to be one of change for the United Methodist Church. It would be anyway; every four years the General Conference of the United Methodist Church meets and considers proposals to change our book of church law and rules, the Book of Discipline.

This year, the General Conference (to be held in Minneapolis in May) will deal with a number of proposals to change our church rules. Many of them call for a restructuring of the church bureaucracy and organization. A few of them call for dissolving the church altogether. One, in the news recently, provides a way for those who desire to walk a different path and seek a different expression of the United Methodist faith and doctrine to leave the Church and, in effect, start a new denomination.

We will wait patiently and prayerfully until General Conference meets and makes decisions. We will be prepared to respond faithfully and with great hope. I believe God raised up United Methodism for a purpose and God is not through with us yet. We don't all have to agree on everything, but we are called to love each other and work together.

We will be meeting together in a series of planned conversations prior to the General Conference to familiarize ourselves with the issues, and gain clarity as we discern what God's will for us is now, and will be in the future. We have time to come together and we have resources in place to sustain our ministry for the future. When those meetings are scheduled, I hope you will participate in them, to learn and share.

Thanks for your faithfulness, commitment and care.  
Peace,  
Pastor Larry

Attached are links from recent church emails that address and explain these matters in detail. If you need hard copies, we can make them available to you in the church office:

[Letter from Bishop Ward](#)

[About the new proposal for the future of the UMC](#)

[Official United Methodist News website](#)

[North Carolina Annual Conference website](#)

## Staff Parish Relations Committee

### **Welcome To Margaret Malone & Ann Dube!!!**

**Margaret Malone** is the new office administrator. She came onboard on November 18, 2019. She is a life-long United Methodist. While at East Carolina University, she was very active in the Wesley Foundation (Methodist Campus ministry). After college, she returned to her home church, Highland UMC, where she got to know the music director at that time, Jeff Whicker, very well. She has had an interesting work life. In addition to working at Staples and for a plumbing wholesaler, she has also worked for the Loudoun County (VA) government. She has always wanted to work in a United Methodist Church, and is really happy to be at Mt. Sylvan. Margaret has two sons, Caleb who is 7, and Logan who will be 6 next week. She loves to sing, listen to Contemporary Gospel & Christian music, and try new restaurants. She likes to read contemporary essays, and inspirational, self-help books. She also really enjoys traveling. She can be reached at the office (919) 471-0032 or through email at [margaret@mtsylvan.org](mailto:margaret@mtsylvan.org).

#### **Welcome, Margaret!!**

**Ann Dube** is the new Preschool Director and will begin working at the Mt. Sylvan Preschool on January 14, 2020. Ann is a native of upstate New York and has been married for 21 years to her husband, Michael. They have two sons, Jack, a junior at Northern High School, and Matthew, who is enrolled at Western Carolina. Michael is a physical therapist and works at Emerge. Ann is a long-time educator, with a degree in early childhood education, and has worked at Eno Valley Elementary and Northern High School. She has long been aware of the excellent reputation of the Mt. Sylvan Preschool, and is thrilled to have the opportunity to become the director. She knows many families in the church and North Durham community. Ann is a member of St. Matthew Catholic church. She likes to read non-fiction and historical novels, and loves to cook. **Welcome, Ann!!**

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### **Happy New Year From SPRC!!!**

Your Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) would like to extend a very Happy New Year to the Mt. Sylvan congregation. We look forward to serving you and to the challenges and celebrations ahead in 2020. As a reminder, you may reach SPRC at our email address [sprc@mtsylvan.org](mailto:sprc@mtsylvan.org). Feel free to reach out with any church staff concerns, staff recognitions, or any other topic you might have. If you prefer, you may also reach us by sending mail to the church or dropping your letter off in the office.

**Have a great 2020!**

*Thank You!*



# In Service

## Sunday, January 5th

### **8:30 Worship**

**Trustee to Lock/Unlock:** Tim Wilkinson  
**Greeters:** Priscilla Coleman, Joan Stubbs, Roy and Katy MacDonald  
**Acolyte:** John Paul Rodio and Faye Rodio  
**Cross Bearer:** Kistler Hunt  
**Ushers:** Jennifer Morton, Kris Ferrell, Cliff Flintom, Kate Flintom  
**8:30 Nursery:** Sandy Rowe and Sissel Jakobczyk  
**9:45 Nursery:** Yonica Rodio  
**Sound Technician:** Jim Davidson  
**Slide Operator:** Chandler Hair

### **11:00 Worship**

**Acolytes:** Madi White and Aubree Spreitzer  
**Greeters:** Fran Boroian and Tiffany Hendrikson  
**Infants Nursery:** Linda Stevens  
**Preschool Nursery:** Annetta Andrews  
**Sound Technician:** Tim Wilkinson  
**Slide Operator:** Richard Armour

## Sunday, January 12th

### **8:30 Worship**

**Trustee to Lock/Unlock:** Chandler Hair  
**Greeters:** Randall & Bobbie Clark and Larry & Nancy Smith  
**Acolyte:** John Paul Rodio and Faye Rodio  
**Cross Bearer:** Kate Flintom  
**Ushers:** Bob & Sandy Rowe, Rick & Kathy Ebersohl  
**8:30 Nursery:** Ruth Booth and Laurie Flintom  
**9:45 Nursery:** Kathy Powell  
**Sound Technician:** Jim Davidson  
**Slide Operator:** Chandler Hair

### **11:00 Worship**

**Acolytes:** Lyla York and Luke Rogers  
**Greeter:** Cindy & Jim Knapp  
**Infants Nursery:** Annetta Andrews  
**Preschool Nursery:** Katy MacDonald  
**Sound Technician:** Tim Wilkinson  
**Slide Operator:** Richard Armour

## Sunday, January 19th

### **8:30 Worship**

**Trustee to Lock/Unlock:** Kris Ferrell  
**Greeters:** Jane Watkins, Denise Rothman, Kit Chappell, Naida Upchurch  
**Acolyte:** John Paul Rodio and Luke Rogers  
**Cross Bearer:** Kistler Hunt  
**Ushers:** Jeff & Rhonda Dietz, Mike & Kathy Powell  
**8:30 Nursery:** Lori Givens and Priscilla Coleman  
**9:45 Nursery:** Deborah Goke  
**Sound Technician:** Jim Davidson  
**Slide Operator:** Bill Pinkerton

### **11:00 Worship**

**Acolytes:** Jordan Rogers and Aubree Spreitzer  
**Greeters:** Susan White, Darlene Lumpkin  
**Infants Nursery:** Jane Watkins  
**Preschool Nursery:** Carolyn Jackson  
**Sound Technician:** Tim Wilkinson  
**Slide Operator:** Richard Armour

## Sunday, January 26th

### **8:30 Worship**

**Trustee to Lock/Unlock:** Allen Andrews  
**Greeters:** Greg & Carolyn Jackson, Cooper Davidson, Sissel Jakobczyk  
**Acolytes:** TBA  
**Cross Bearer:** Kistler Hunt  
**Ushers:** Leo & Jane Watkins, Faye Rodio, and John Paul Rodio  
**8:30 Nursery:** Cooper Davidson and Hannah Horne  
**9:45 Nursery:** Carol Thompson  
**Sound Technician:** Jim Davidson  
**Slide Operator:** Chandler Hair

### **11:00 Worship**

**Acolyte:** Lyla York and Ginny Vincent  
**Greeters:** Jason & Carmen Harris  
**Infants Nursery:** Tricia Andrews  
**Preschool Nursery:** Cindy Knapp  
**Sound Technician:** Tim Wilkinson  
**Slide Operator:** Richard Armour

## Prayer Concerns

This is a great time to remember the members of our congregation who are in rehab or assisted living, and those who still live at home but are not able to get out and participate in church activities the way they did in the past. For copies of the list of homebound members and their addresses, contact Kathie Wilkinson or the church office.

### **Brian Center**

6000 Fayetteville Rd  
Durham, NC 27713

Carla Coltrane

### **Brookdale Durham**

4434 Ben Franklin Blvd.  
Durham, NC 27704

Sylvia Venturini Room 204

### **Croasdaile Retirement Community**

2600 Croasdaile Farms Parkway  
Durham, NC 27705

Norma Clements A231 Homestead  
Shirley Wollner Pavilion

### **Hillcrest Rehabilitation Center**

1417 W Pettigrew St.  
Durham, NC 27705

Sonja Bock	Room 2303
Rev. Bess Hunnings	Room 1302
Neda Hendrickson	Room 1533
Doris McBroom	Room 1304

### **Treyburn Rehabilitation Center**

2059 Torredge Road  
Durham NC 27712

Sue Van Rood Room 212

### **Remember in Prayer**

#### **Our Partners In Ministry**

Pastor Leon Dorleans and the  
Churches of Haiti Outreach

#### **Serving Our Country**

Dan Armour, Mike Armour,  
Nick Farlow, Jonathan Lecky,  
Thomas Lecky, Craig Taylor,  
Bryan Thompson, and  
Madison Thompson

### **Emergency Contact information**

In case of an emergency, who would you want us to contact? We realize that for some members and regular attendees, we would know exactly who to call and how to contact them; but for others, we wouldn't have a clue. Even if we know the names of other family members, we might have no idea how to get in touch with them. We are compiling a confidential database that would be available to Pastor Larry and Pastor Kathie and in the church office.

Please fill out one of the forms in the narthex or email a response to [office@mtsylvan.org](mailto:office@mtsylvan.org) with this information. (Please list in order that you would want us to contact them and include at least one that does not live at the same address as you.)



#### **Connectional Ministry**

Bishop Hope Morgan Ward,  
D.S. Rev. Mike Frese,  
A.D.S, Sarah Carter

#### **Church Staff:**

Jim Bock, Rev. Larry Bowden, Ann Dube  
Margaret Malone, Bobby Pettiford,  
Lindsey Spain, EB Tester, Jeff Whicker,  
Rev. Kathie Wilkinson, and Preschool Staff

## Mt Sylvania Music Ministry

Serving God through music ministry is a great way to become more involved with Mt. Sylvania. There are so many opportunities to share your musical gifts with the congregation and as school resumes it's a great time to join any of the wonderful musical groups here.

The Choir sings each week at the 8:30 service and we are always seeking voices! There is strength in numbers and even if you are terrified of singing alone you are welcome to join us in what the Greeks called "the conspiracy of the choir," the notion that many voices together will produce a powerful sound that is always greater than the sum of its parts! Rehearsals are Sundays at 6:00 PM.

Our wonderful Handbell Choir, Mt. Sylvania Ringers, directed by Kathie Wilkinson, meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 immediately following supper. They perform about 4 to 6 times per year and are always looking for ringers/substitutes. Ringers must read music but are typically only responsible for 2 to 4 bells. Even if you're rusty at note-reading, you'll learn your individual notes quickly. If you are interested, contact Kathie at [kathie@mtsylvan.org](mailto:kathie@mtsylvan.org).

Our Praise Band rehearses Wednesday evenings at 7:30 immediately following handbells. The Band is made up of our wonderful high school music interns from DSA but we always welcome additional players and sometimes need substitutes. The band rehearses Sunday mornings at 9:30 following the early service but vocalists rehearse Wednesday evenings. We love additional singers; just be prepared to sing into your own microphone!

We just started a children's choir and they have already performed a Christmas cantata on Christmas Eve at the 3:00 service. We are resuming rehearsals on Sunday afternoons at 4 and all children through 5th grade are welcome. And our wonderful youth choir, CREW, rehearses immediately following at 5:00. Middle and High school students are encouraged to come and then stay for Methodist Youth Fellowship.



We are blessed to have an abundance of musical talent here at Mt. Sylvania and we invite you to join in our fellowship and music-making! If you have questions, please contact Jeff Whicker at [jeff@mtsylvan.org](mailto:jeff@mtsylvan.org).



## Mt Sylvan Youth Ministry

### **Youth Ski Trip 2020 Registration**

It's that time again. Registration is open for this winter's annual Mt. Sylvan high school Youth ski trip! Here are the details:

What: A weekend of skiing and/or tubing, and winter fun, with some spiritual retreat as well!

Where: Sugar Mtn. Ski Resort. Lodging at 297 Forest Run Banner Elk, NC.

Who: High School Youth 9-12th grades

When: leaving Mt. Sylvan Friday, January 31 at 5 pm returning at roughly 3:00pm on February 2.

Cost: \$150 Ski, \$160 Snowboard, \$100 Tubing

\*Additional \$24 for ski school (strongly recommended for first time skiers) 2-Breakfasts & 1 dinner included in cost.

\*NOTE: Pumpkin Credits may only be used for \$75 lodging/gas/food. The remainder covers the ski/snowboard lift and rental.

Full Payment is due by January 20. It is non-refundable.

### What to Bring

- Clothes: warm clothes, coat, gloves, ski stuff. (If you need to rent a ski bib, please indicate on the registration)
- Towel
- Toiletries
- Pillow
- Bible, pen or pencil, & notepad
- Flashlight
- \$ traveling fast food meals—dinner on the road on Friday and lunch on Sunday (You may want to bring spending \$\$ for free time activities too)
- Camera, playing cards, book, games for free-time (No video games)
- Snacks to share
- Medical Release form

Click the link below to access the google form to register:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/18ma0LRrOvDLtrWdwh3VmBLpvFpG32YyY44CwNxmF5og/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/18ma0LRrOvDLtrWdwh3VmBLpvFpG32YyY44CwNxmF5og/viewform?edit_requested=true)

## Trustee's Update

There are only nine Trustees to manage this large campus, and we rely pretty heavily on volunteers. We call, and you respond, and we can't thank all of you enough. We appreciate you all so much!! Occasionally, we have helpers that we don't know about, and unfortunately, one person was left out of last month's update. Larry Smith also helped with the work at the White House.

**THANK YOU, Larry, and we are sorry we missed you in the update!**

As we welcome new members to the Board, we'd like to thank those who are rolling off. We thank Ginny Hall for many years serving as our faithful Secretary; we thank Robert White for his years of service and all his help on Work Days; we thank Walter Young for taking care of so many projects for us. You all will be greatly missed! We're looking forward to another great year in 2020! We can be reached at [trustees@mtsylvan.org](mailto:trustees@mtsylvan.org), and there is a link in the Constant Contact.

## News from the Kinder Garden



Did you know that there is a connection between kids gardening and literacy? Playing in the dirt and growing a garden with children helps generate inquiry and curiosity about nature and can encourage belief in the Creator. What a great opportunity to teach our young children about God's wonderful world and His great love for each of us.

During the cold winter months we can "plant seeds" in other ways. Join with us as we explore featured picture books each week along with 'digging deeper' devotions for parents from our Tiny Seeds Library collection. Visit our website at <http://www.mtsylvanumckkindergarden.com/>

IT'S ALWAYS A GOOD DAY TO PLANT A SEED  
INTO THE LIFE OF A CHILD.

## From the Mt Sylvan Garden Shed

### **The Mt. Sylvan Community Garden is Currently Resting**

We will return with updates in February. We will be meeting in January to plan our Spring plantings. Look for more information in the Constant Contacts. Remember, everyone is welcome; no special skills or physical abilities are required to support our garden.

## New Resolution for 2020

In 2019, the North Carolina Annual Conference passed two resolutions related to Creation Care: "Energy Efficiency in Churches" and "Care of Creation." Electronic copies of these resolutions may be found on the North Carolina Annual Conference website. Our Church Council has created a task force to develop proposals for how Mt. Sylvan UMC will respond to these resolutions locally in our own church and community. Our first meeting will be held January 15, 2020 at 6:30pm in the Armstrong Room. All who are interested are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Thomas Givens.





## Lay Leadership

### Mt. Sylvan's 2020 Church Council Officers

Below is the listing of Mt. Sylvan's 2020 Church Council Officers that represent and lead the committees and ministry teams of our church. Leadership contact info and a full list of committees and ministry teams can be found on the church website [mtsylvan.org](http://mtsylvan.org).

Office/ Position	2019 Officers
Church Council Chairperson	Ed Venable
Vice-Chairperson	To be named
Recording Secretary	Wendy Riley
<b>Church Council Officers</b>	
Church Treasurer	Mike Lumpkin
Assistant Treasurer	Jennifer Rogers
Financial Secretary	Naida Upchurch
SPRC Chairperson	Matt Whitnack
Finance Committee Chairperson	Lynn Van Scoyoc
Trustee Chairperson (Elected by Trustees)	Kris Ferrell
Lay Leaders	Rick & Kathy Ebersohl
Church Historian/ Membership Secretary	Sandra Jones
Assistant Church Historian	Cindy Bryant
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Kathy Ebersohl
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Rick Ebersohl
Youth (ACS) Representative	To be named
UMM President (Elected by UMM)	Everett Pace
UMW President (Elected by UMW)	Jane Sellars
Children's Council Chair	Heather Thompson
Pre-School Committee Co-Chair	Yonica Rodio
Pre-School Committee Co-Chair	Laurie Flintom
Evangelism Committee	Joe Morgan
Worship Chairperson	Linda Skinner
Missions Co-Chair	Katy MacDonald
Missions Co-Chair	Mary Ann Sellars
Adult Discipleship Co-Chair	Chris Givens
Fellowship (Food, Breakfast, Picnic)	Susan Dixon
Fellowship (Kitchen Inventory)	Sue Hall
Sylvan Seniors (elected by Sylvan Seniors)	Gail Duncan
Caregiving Ministries	Priscilla Coleman

## Available Chancel Area Flower Dates

- **January 19th, 2020**
- **January 26th, 2020**
- **February 2nd, 2020**
- **February 9th, 2020**
- **February 16th, 2020**
- **February 23rd, 2020**

To reserve one of these or other available dates, please refer to the UPDATED Flower Calendar Book in the church Narthex. For more details contact the church office at 919-471-0032.

## Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire

Please join us for a six week study of the book *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire* by Jim Cymbala. You will discover how God uses us when we begin to think differently about the Holy Spirit and how prayer can change our Church and our lives. We will meet on Tuesdays in the Chapel from January 21—February 25. There will be a prayer time from 1:00-1:30 pm. You may come for a time of personal prayer or have someone pray with you. Our book discussion will start at 1:30 and end at 2:30. We will use our study guide to lead us into discussion.



*"This book will drive you to your knees. Be prepared to be provoked but also greatly challenged. You can be sure reading this book will change you forever."*

*-David Wilkerson*

If you are interested, contact the church office, Nancy Smith or Kit Chappell. You should purchase a book before the class meeting and read the first two chapters.

## Prayer Team

A group has organized a prayer team and meets on Monday nights from 6:30 to 7:30 in the church parlor. They would like to pray for your concerns. There are two ways you can share your concerns with the prayer team:

You can email your prayer concerns to [prayerteam@mtsylvan.org](mailto:prayerteam@mtsylvan.org)

On the connection card, you may list prayer concerns with the options of staff only, prayer team, or share with congregation. Only those listed as "share with congregation" will be sent out in our constant contact. Please be sure you have permission from the person before you ask that their name be published.

Confidential prayer concerns may always be shared with Pastor Larry or Pastor Kathie by calling or emailing them directly and as requested, these will not be shared with others.

## Emergency Response Team News

### Restoring Hope - Fast Facts

Long-Term Recovery Continues after  
Storms Impact Eastern NC

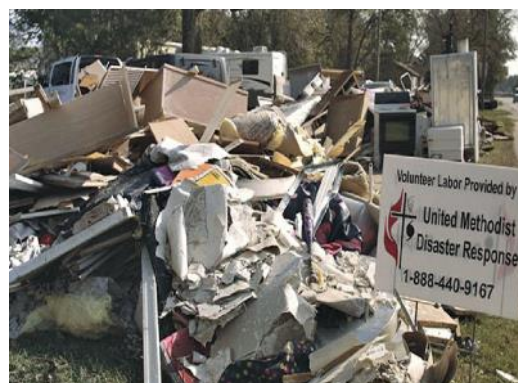
Hurricane Matthew – October 8, 2016

Hurricane Florence – September 14, 2018

Hurricane Dorian – September 6, 2019

As of September 2019, 1,669 Teams of  
21,825 Volunteers offering 723,128 hours  
valued at \$18,389,145 686 completed

homes; 157 in-progress homes; +722 waiting repairs homes for a total of  
1,565 homes of which +45% are awaiting repairs.



### Spring 2020 Team Schedule

January 17-18; January 31-February 1;

ST CROIX (February 22—March 7, 2020);

March 20 -21 ; April 17-18; May 15-16

June 12-13 2020.



We have no specific locations identified. If we miss a day due to weather, we will reschedule. The work as we all know is fulfilling and the Team has the skill sets to meet most challenges. The North Carolina UMC Disaster Recovery Centers always accommodate our skill set to help our neighbors get closer to moving into their homes. I prayerfully ask you to consider one or more of these dates. Come join us as the Hands and Feet of Christ helping those survivors impacted by disasters. Questions ? Contact Jim Polhamus — 919-479-2021,c: 919-210-4938; jpolhamus@nc.rr.com



The Team is grateful for your generosity, spiritual and physical strength, and prayers as we move forward into 2020 doing the work of healing and rebuilding. As we enter the new year, let us remember our displaced neighbors who are still in need as those who were displaced by Hurricane Matthew have not been out of their homes more than three years.

## Thank You Notes

Mt. Sylvan Congregation,

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the generous Love Offering that was given by the wonderful congregation we serve. It is our humble privilege to do the work we do for the Mt. Sylvan church body. We are also blessed that God has provided us with the opportunity to use the gifts we have been given to help glorify the Lord. We are so blessed to be appreciated. Thank you again to Mt. Sylvan's congregation and to the Staff-Parish Relation's Committee for your overwhelming generosity.

Sincerely, Mt. Sylvan Staff

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Mt. Sylvan,

As the year of 2019 begins to change into another beginning, Frances and myself are so in awe of how God has used your hears to touch ours in "so many ways" during this past year. WE THANK GOD FOR ALL OF YOU AND PRAY God's blessings on each of you.

David and Frances Robertson

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Dear Mt. Sylvan Church,

Thank you so much for the goodies sent to help as a snack and a destressor during Finals week. It was incredible and I was blown away and blessed to receive that wonderful surprise!

Love, Tori Rothman

Mt. Sylvan Congregation,

We appreciate the time & prayers of the cross and shawl.

Sincerely, Jo Anne Janes

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Mt. Sylvan United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for the prayer blanket and cross. It was a very thoughtful gift and is much appreciated.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Robert Hagan

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Dear Mt. Sylvan Family:

We are so grateful for the warm welcome that we have received since coming to Mt. Sylvan a few months ago. Your embrace has been an extension of God's grace to us. Courtney has enjoyed meeting new friends through her circle, and we have enjoyed participating in Sunday School and Wednesday night activities. In particular, we were sincerely touched by your generosity this past Wednesday night when the church, under the direction of Rev. Kathie Wilkinson, provided us with a cake for our recent wedding. Thank you so much for honoring us and making us feel at home.

Gratefully,  
Rev. Dr. Thad and Courtney Austin

## Fellowship Meals

### Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners at Mt. Sylvan

Join us every Wednesday night for our Mt. Sylvan Fellowship dinners from 5:30 -7:00pm. \$6 per person, \$20 per family. Sign up sheets will be available for helping with set up/clean up/providing desserts. See below information of what is needed during these times. These dinners are a fun time of fellowship, good food, and provide an easy and inexpensive for your family to dine out.

The Fellowship Hall makes for a laid back atmosphere for your kids to be themselves and for you to get to know other people from the congregation and community you've not yet gotten to know. Signup sheets to help with setup,

greeter/sign-in, desserts, and cleanup are available in the Narthex.

Here are the upcoming menus:

#### January 15

-Baked Chicken      -Scalloped potatoes  
-Corn                      -Rolls/Bread

#### January 22:

-Beef Chili w/ Beans  
-Baked Potato Bar w/ shredded cheese, butter, sour cream, bacon bits & chives

#### January 29: Special Tailgate Dinner

-Pulled Pork BBQ                      -Fruit  
-Chicken Wings w/ Sauce              -Coleslaw  
-Chips    -Rolls  
-Carrots & Ranch

## Core Values of Mt Sylvan

**Tradition:** As a church founded in 1885, with descendants of the original founding families still an active part of the church family, tradition emerged as a value underlying everything else we are and do.

**Generosity:** Mt. Sylvan is filled with generous people, who give of their money and time to serve God and neighbor. One has only to ask, and the generous people of Mt. Sylvan respond.

**Care:** Care for each other, and for the community, is expressed many concrete ways at Mt. Sylvan.

**Outreach:** Mt. Sylvan reaches outside the church to offer ministries of real help and hope in the community.

**Growth:** Mt. Sylvan has a deep commitment to a way of discipleship that encourages everyone to grow in the knowledge and love of God.



# January 2020 at Mt. Sylvan Church

Sun	Mon	Tue
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31 New Year's Eve</b>
<b>5</b> 7:30a Breakfast 8:30a Traditional Worship 9:30a Free Blood Pressure Screening 9:45a Confirmation Class 9:45a Sunday School 11 Contemporary Worship 4p Children's Choir 5p Youth Choir 6p Choir Rehearsal 6p Youth Gathering	<b>6</b> 8a Serve at Urban Ministries 6:30p Prayer Time 8p AA Meeting	<b>7</b> 11a Sylvan Seniors 1p Staff Meeting 6:30p AL-Anon 7p Missions Meeting
<b>12</b> 7:30a Breakfast 8:30a Traditional Worship 9:45a Confirmation Class 9:45a Sunday School 11a Contemporary Worship <b>4p UMW Executive Committee</b> 4p Children's Choir 5p Youth Choir 6p Choir Rehearsal 6p Youth Gathering	<b>13</b> 8a Serve at Urban Ministries 5:45p G.S. Troop 2010 6:30p Prayer Time <b>7p Staff-Parish Meeting</b> 7:30p Stephen Minister Meeting 8p AA Meeting	<b>14</b> 9:45a Seniors Bible Study 11a Sylvan Seniors 1p Staff Meeting 6:30p AL-Anon
<b>19 Peace With Justice Sunday</b> 7:30a Breakfast 8:30a Traditional Worship Service 9:45a Confirmation Class 9:45a Sunday School 11a Contemporary Worship 4p Children's Choir 5:30p Youth Gathering 6p Choir Rehearsal	<b>20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> 8a Serve at Urban Ministries 10a McKay Circle 6:30p Prayer Time <b>7p Preschool Meeting</b> 8p AA Meeting	<b>21</b> 6:30a UMD Breakfast Team 9:45a Seniors Bible Study 11a Sylvan Seniors 1p Staff Meeting 6:30p AL-Anon <b>7p Finance Committee Meeting</b>
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	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1 New Year's Day</b> Church Office Closed	<b>2</b> 8a Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30p G.S. Troop 3799 <b>7p Precinct 25 Meeting</b>	<b>3</b> 10a Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>4</b> <b>8a Faye Watkins /</b> <b>Luster Gold Smith Circle</b> 5p AA Meeting
	<b>8</b> 7:30a Habitat Building Crew 9a Food Bank Pickup <b>10a Beulah Cole Circle</b> 11a Preschool Chapel 4:30p Pack Backpacks 5:30p Weekly Fellowship Dinner 6:30p Handbell Practice 7:30p Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 7:30a Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30a Youth Bible Study 9a Free Fitness Class 10:30a 4C's Bible Study <b>6p Ruth Cook Circle</b> 6:15p G.S. Troop 810	<b>10</b> 6:30a Serve Breakfast at Urban Ministries 10a Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>11</b> <b>9:30a Lay Leadership</b> <b>Training</b> 5p AA Meeting
	<b>15</b> 7:30a Habitat Building Crew 9a Food Bank 11a Preschool Chapel 4:30p Pack Backpacks 5:30p Weekly Fellowship Dinners <b>6:30p Creation Care Meeting</b> 6:30p Mt. Sylvan Ringers 7:30p Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 7:30a Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30a Youth Bible Study 9a Free Fitness Class <b>9:45a Mildred Cook Circle</b> 10:30a 4C's Bible Study 6:30p G.S. Troop 3799	<b>17</b> <b>ERT Trip</b> 10a Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>18</b> <b>ERT Trip</b> 5p AA Meeting
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## Monthly Missions Calendar

Urban Ministries of Durham

**2nd Friday of the month**

Help serve breakfast 7 am - 9 am  
Contact Terry Rhodes (919-477-8593)

**3rd Tuesday of the month**

Help serve breakfast 7 am - 9 am  
Contact Jim & Phyllis Polhamus  
(919-479-2021)

**4th Sunday at 10 am**

Youth Serve lunch  
Contact Susan White at sbwhite04@yahoo.com



**Habitat House Projects**

Habitat work teams go out each Wednesday morning  
Contact Herb Cimburke at (919-477-9298)

**Backpack Program**

Help pack or deliver backpacks Wednesday evenings or during the school year on Friday mornings. Contact Katy MacDonald (katymac0615@gmail.com) to volunteer



**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Each Friday from 10 am-12 pm in the Children's Center  
Contact Nancy Smith (ncsmith2155@gmail.com)



## Sylvan Seniors January Calendar

**January 14: Soup Day**

**January 21: Tribute to the 50's—Yvonne Wilkins**

**January 28: Prison Ministry—Joe Massey**

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