



Happy New Year! There have been many calendars around the world and throughout history. Some follow the position of the Sun, others the Moon's, and so on. Even though many Asian countries still use the Lunar calendar, the Gregorian calendar is the most popular calendar that the vast majority of the world uses today.

But no matter what kind of calendar you use, we have years, months, and weeks on our calendar that give us new beginnings. Imagine if there was no timeframe, and we only knew the sunrise and sunset as the beginning and the end. Then, our life might have been so boring and disorganized. I am so thankful that we have the chunks of time that have the opening and the closing and the beginning and the end so that we can refresh our minds and plan things accordingly.

It would be nice for us to always have a strong will to do things as planned without being tired or bored. But as time goes by, we get used to what we do, often losing interest or enthusiasm. However, as we start again at new beginnings, we try to refresh our minds. In my opinion, we have to try to renew our mindset whenever we have a new start. Otherwise, it will not be easy for us to maintain passion for what we need to do.

No matter what you've been through last year, you did a great job. You tried, did your best, and made it. Even though things did not go as you planned, that's ok. We are given another year as another opportunity. What kind of projects or duties are before you? Let us take this new year as God's gift for us to fulfill what He wants us to do and to be. As a church, let us grow together, doing things that will last forever, rather than temporarily, in the world. I am happy to walk in this journey with you! Again, Happy New Year!

In Christ,

Pastor Kim

### *Happy Birthday*



1 Donna Flinn, Tommy Simpson, Bill Whim	5 Doug Weis	6 Quinn Bailey
7 Coby Morton	9 Kim Bedford	11 Linda Patton
14 Noah Anderson	14 Terri Hooper	15 Andrew Asher
25 Gladys Bowlin	30 Ann Dee Tucker, Loran Truitt	31 Scott Seymour

### *Happy Anniversary*

1 Larry & Rosie Inman	16 Larry & Carol Coffman
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# Worship in January

Sunday Mornings at 10:00 am. In person: 8760 Kill Creek Road, De Soto, KS 66018

Online, Facebook Live—[www.facebook.com/desotounitedmethodist/](https://www.facebook.com/desotounitedmethodist/) and later on Facebook

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## People Who Met Jesus

7th	<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	John 1:29	"John the Baptist"
14th	<i>2nd Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	Luke 8:2	"Mary Magdalene"
21st	<i>3rd Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	John 3:1-2	"Nicodemus"
28th	<i>4th Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	Luke 9:5-6	"Zaccheus"

## 2024—FULL OF BLESSINGS AND GRACE

### JANUARY

1	Mon	HAPPY NEW YEAR!	16	Tue	11:00 am	Reading Circle
3	Wed	10:00 am Coffee @ McDonalds			6:30 pm	CYFM Meeting
5	Fri	7:00 am Rotary	17	Wed	10:00 am	Coffee @ Cause Coffee
7	SUN	9:00 am Sunday School			6:00 pm	Choir rehearsal
		10:00 am Worship	18	Thu	6:30 pm	Administrative Council
		4:00 pm Bible Explorers	19	Fri	7:00 am	Rotary
		4:00 pm Youth Group	20	Sat	8:00 am	United Methodist Men
9	Tue	5:30 pm D. A. R.	21	SUN	9:00 am	Sunday School
10	Wed	10:00 am Coffee @ Cause Coffee			10:00 am	Worship
		1:30 pm Hillside Village service			4:00 pm	Youth Group
		6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	22	Mon	7:00 pm	Finance & Trustees
13	Sat	2:00 pm Girl Scout Troops	24	Wed	10:00 am	Coffee @ Cause Coffee
14	SUN	8:30 am CYFM Breakfast			6:00 pm	Choir rehearsal
		9:00 am Sunday School	28	SUN	9:00 am	Sunday School
		10:00 am Worship			10:00 am	Worship
15	Mon	<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b>	31	Wed	10:00 am	Coffee @ Cause Coffee
					6:00 pm	Choir rehearsal

Save These Dates: February 3 Family Fun

# Children, Youth, & Family Ministry NEWS

## 9:00 am Sunday School Resumes, January 7

Children, teen/youth, and adult classes will all resume regular gatherings.



## Bible Explorers for Upper Elementary

Hey 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders—Bible Explorers is for YOU! Join us 4:00-5:30 pm once a month on a Sunday, October through May for a light meal and fun, explorative ways to learn about the Bible and what it teaches us as we grow as disciples of Jesus. Our meeting dates for 2023-2024 are:

October 1,	February 4,
November 5,	March 3,
December 3,	April 7,
January 7,	May 5.



## Youth/Teen Activities January

Every Sunday, 9:00 am Sunday School with Marsha Miller & Eric Young.  
*Faith, friends, & fellowship.*

**January 7**, Youth Group, 4:00-5:30 pm at DUMC. Let's kick-off the new year with some special activities, and plan together activities for upcoming Youth Group gatherings.

**January 21**, Youth Group, 4:00-5:30 pm.

*Friends are always welcome at all activities.*



**All Middle School and High School students are invited to Youth Activities**

## CYFM Team Gathering, Jan. 16, 6:30 pm

The Children, Youth, & Family Ministry Team will gather this month. New team members always welcome in this group that plans regular and special activities for these ministry areas. Contact Sabrina: [youthfamily@desotoumc.org](mailto:youthfamily@desotoumc.org) to learn more.



**Get Involved**

## SAVE the DATE: Family Fun Event, Feb. 3, 3:00 pm



**Family Fun Event, Feb. 3 at 3:00 pm.** Mark your calendar and join us as we welcome DJ CX4, Sandi Meo, for a musical family fun event. Invite a friend to join you for this interactive and entertaining show for the young and young at heart.



## De Soto United Methodist Church

### Sundays

9:00am Groups for All Ages

10:00am Worship

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