

Emmaus of the Midlands Messenger

January 2008

NOTE – *The location of the January gather has been changed: the new location is Bethel UMC. The directions to Bethel are given below.*

January Gather

January 25, 2008 7:00 pm Meal~8:00 pm Worship

Bethel UMC – Columbia

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Some New Year's Resolutions for the Emmaus Community

The following New Year's Resolutions are offered by various members of the Emmaus of the Midlands Community.

New Year's Resolution No. 1 – I Shall Not Rush (Psalm 23).

The Lord is my pace setter ... I shall not rush.

He makes me stop for quiet intervals

He provides me with images of stillness which restore my serenity

He leads me in the way of efficiency through calmness of mind and his guidance is peace

Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day, I will not fret, for his presence is here

His timelessness, his all importance will keep me in balance

He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity by anointing my mind with his oils of tranquility

My cup of joyous energy overflows

Truly harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours for I shall walk in the Pace of my Lord and dwell in his house for ever.

(A version of Psalm 23 from Japan, as reprinted in Mother Teresa, *Life in the Spirit: Reflections, Meditations, Prayers*, ed. Kathryn Spink (San Francisco, Harper & Row, 1983), 76-77.)

Commit yourself to taking time to appreciate "the day that the Lord has made." You just might find that if you take time to hear God speaking, you will not only find more contentment and joy, but will also be more productive.

New Year's Resolution 2 – I will not prioritize God out of my life. The following was submitted by Jeff Snow:

Time Keeps on Slipping

I knelt to pray but not for long,
I had too much to do.
I had to hurry and get to work
for bills would soon be due.
So I knelt and said a hurried prayer,
And jumped up off my knees.
My Christian duty was now done
My soul could rest at ease.
All day long I had no time
No time to speak of Christ to friends,
They'd laugh at me I'd fear.
No time, no time, too much to do,
That was my constant cry,
No time to give to souls in need
But at last the time, the time to die.
I went before the Lord,
I came, I stood with downcast eyes.
For in his hands God held a book;
it was the book of life.
God looked into his book and said
"Your name I cannot find.
I once was going to write it down ...
but never found the time."

New Year's Resolution 3 – I will read the entire Bible during 2008.

Each newsletter for 2008 will contain the readings for that month. The old and new testaments are read concurrently. At the end of the year, you will have read the entire Bible.

Bible readings for the month of January:

- 1 Gen. 1, 2; Luke 1
- 2 Gen. 3-5; Luke 2
- 3 Gen. 6-8; Luke 3
- 4 Gen. 9-11; Luke 4
- 5 Gen. 12-14; Luke 5
- 6 Gen. 15-17; Luke 6
- 7 Gen. 18, 19; Ps. 3; Luke 7
- 8 Gen. 20-22; Luke 8
- 9 Gen. 23, 24; Luke 9
- 10 Gen. 25, 26; Ps. 6; Luke 10
- 11 Gen. 27, 28; Ps. 4; Luke 11

- 12 Gen. 29, 30; Luke 12
- 13 Gen. 31-33; Luke 13
- 14 Gen. 34-36; Luke 14
- 15 Gen. 37, 38; Ps. 7; Luke 15
- 16 Gen. 39-41; Luke 16
- 17 Gen. 42, 43; Ps. 5; Luke 17
- 18 Gen. 44-46; Luke 18
- 19 Gen. 47, 48; Ps. 10; Luke 19
- 20 Gen. 49, 50; Ps. 8; Luke 20
- 21 Ex 1, 2; Ps. 88; Luke 21
- 22 Ex 3-5; Luke 22
- 23 Ex 6-8; Luke 23
- 24 Ex. 9-11; Luke 24
- 25 Ex. 12, 13; Ps. 21; Acts 1
- 26 Ex. 14-16; Acts 2
- 27 Ex. 17-20; Acts 3
- 28 Ex. 21, 22; Ps. 12; Acts 4
- 29 Ex. 23, 24; Ps. 14; Acts 5
- 30 Ex. 25-27; Acts 6
- 31 Ex. 28-29; Acts 7

New Year's Resolution 4 – I will be less judgmental

There are a very large number of passages in the Bible that condemn judgmental behavior. Few are more direct than the Prophet Micah in Micah 6:8:

*He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you but
to do justice, and to love kindness, and to
walk humbly with your God?*

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English Bible Translation Comparison

The table below and the accompanying figure list the major English translations of the Bible and compare them as to type of translation, giving a perspective on the intent of the translators. The source of the material is the web page of the International Bible Society (ibs.org

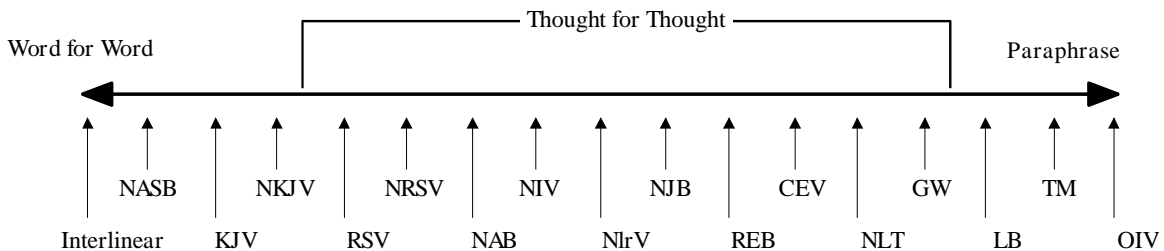
ABBREVIATION	SELECTED ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS
CEV	Contemporary English Version
GW	God's Word
KJV	King James Version
LB	The Living Bible
NAB	New American Bible
NASB	New American Standard Bible
Nlrv	New International Reader's Version
NIV	New International Version
JB	Jerusalem Bible
NKJV	New King James Version
NLT	The New Living Translation
NRSV	New Revised Standard Version
OIV	Oxford's Inclusive Language Version
REB	Revised English Bible
RSV	Revised Standard Version
TM	The Message

January 2007 Praises & Announcements

We don't have any prayer requests since there was no gather in December and the material from the Christmas party went into the December newsletter; however, we do have one praise and one FYI item.

Praises – Gary Hartman has lost over 100 pounds – congratulations Gary!

FYI – The following is from Frank Hill. "I am embarking on a music ministry program of a very different nature. Our pianist at Windsor UMC and I have formed a group named "ARENEFF". We perform a blend of traditional and contemporary songs in a soft jazz setting. Our first CD, "Songs of our Faith" has been selling well as a fund-raiser for the Windsor UMC music ministry. As a result, we have decided to do public performances. I can be



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Upcoming Events

January 19 – 21	Girl's Flight 3
January 25	Gathering – Bethel UMC
January 25, 26	EOM Team Training Walk 31
February 16-18	Boy's Flight 3
March 28	Gathering – Windsor UMC

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