

*Winner Methodist  
Church*  
*THE VISION*  
*January*  
*2026*



## **Leadership Council**

The Leadership Council convened on December 21, 2025. Members present included Pastor Tony Coffman, Malon Burtz, Donna Duffy, Diane Durrin, Liz Farley, Vanessa Goodell, Dan Patmore, Mick Rowe, Lori Schaeffer, Clint Vanneman, Clint Woods, and Judy Mills.

The meeting was called to order and began with an opening prayer led by Clint Vanneman.

Liz Farley made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, which was seconded by Mick Rowe. The motion was approved unanimously. Mick Rowe then moved to approve the treasurer's report, with Vanessa Goodell seconding. This motion was also approved.

Pastor Tony Coffman provided an update on recent activities. To maintain confidentiality, names were omitted from his report. The council expressed their intent to ensure Pastor Tony is fully reimbursed for his travel expenses.

GPS will begin again on January 7. The Christmas program was a success and Pastor Tony received numerous calls praising the event. Diane Durrin reported that most confirmation students are currently behind on requirements. She emphasized that confirmation is a crucial period for teaching children how to build a relationship with Jesus and the church, and that it helps foster positive habits for their futures.

Liz Farley noted that the Outreach Committee has welcomed new members who bring fresh ideas. Funds raised through the recent silent auction will be donated to the Salvation Army. The Cares Committee is scheduled for a fresh start in January.

The SPR Committee will meet in January. The Worship Committee did not convene this month.

The Finance Committee will welcome new members starting in January.

The Trustees Committee reported on a few ongoing projects. Pastor Tony noted that several shingles were blown off due to wind. The installation of a security camera and door remains pending. Additionally, a new television was delivered to the Abbas family.

The Audio-Visual (AV) Committee has been addressing sound issues in the basement. The Mission's Committee is scheduled to deliver meals after Christmas.

Pastor Tony introduced the concept of the Dream Team, expressing his desire for each member of the Leadership Council to participate actively on the committee.

The meeting concluded at 11:00 AM with a closing prayer led by Pastor Tony Coffman. The next Leadership Council meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Mills, Recording Secretary

## Pastor's Corner

January 2026

It's Time!

Something exciting is happening at Winner Methodist Church, and you've probably noticed it—our pews are fuller, our children's ministries are bursting with energy, and the parking lot is busier than it's been in years. In just the last two years, we've grown from a weekly attendance of around 100 to 180. God is doing something special among us!

But here's the thing about growth: it requires us to think differently about our future. That's why we're putting together our "Dream Team," a team that will meet to pray over and develop a ten-year vision for our church—a roadmap that keeps us faithful to Scripture while positioning us to reach even more people for Christ.

I know what some of you might be thinking: "Change? In *our* church?" Maybe you've heard the old joke: "How many church members does it take to change a lightbulb?" "CHANGE?!"

But here's the good news—**change doesn't mean compromise**. Our theological convictions and our love for all people aren't up for negotiation. The Gospel doesn't need updating. But *how* we share that unchanging truth? That needs to stay fresh and relevant for each generation.

Think about it: the early church didn't cling to the temple system. Paul didn't insist everyone speak Aramaic. They adapted their *methods* while protecting their *message*—the world's need for Jesus Christ, and the world was transformed.

This planning team will explore many possibilities. These might include adding an associate pastor or additional staff, beginning a small groups ministry, and even planting a new church. Some ideas we'll embrace, others we'll shelve. But we won't know unless we prayerfully ask: "What does God want us to become?"

The churches around the country that are thriving aren't the ones saying, "We've always done it this way." They're the ones asking, "How can we best serve *this* community in *this* moment?"

We're not changing because we're bored or trendy. We're changing because more people need Jesus, and we want to be ready to welcome them when God brings them through our doors.

We need you to be part of this change planning. If you're interested in being part of this vision team, please talk to me, let the office know, or sign up on our website. Let's dream together in 2026 and see what God has in store for us!

Blessings,

Pastor Tony

# Birthday Blessings!



Beth Dice	Jan. 1
Zach Pederson	Jan. 1
Cody Kartak	Jan. 2
Doug Nelson	Jan. 4
Carol Brown	Jan. 5
Kodi Blotsky	Jan. 6
Leslie Bachmann	Jan. 7
Katlyn Nelson	Jan. 11
Rusty Heenan	Jan. 13
Kim Vanneman	Jan. 13
Vanessa Goodell	Jan. 15
Rhonda Gilchrist	Jan. 16
Brent Taggart	Jan. 16
Mel Lee	Jan. 17
Tiffany Nelson	Jan. 18
Hayley Halverson-Johnson	Jan. 21
Marlene Frantz	Jan. 22
Cheryl Juracek	Jan. 23
Wayne Bolton	Jan. 24
Bailey Fairbanks	Jan. 24
Korie Pravecek	Jan. 24
Carley Fisher	Jan. 25
Olivia Swedlund	Jan. 29
Kathy Nielsen	Jan. 31
Tom Schramm	Jan. 31

HAPPY Anniversary

Randy & Roxanne Farley	Jan. 13
John & Tammy Harter	Jan. 23
Jack & Marlene Frantz	Jan. 31

NEW DAY.  
NEW YEAR.  
SAME GOD.  
SAME GRACE.

# JANUARY 2026 BIBLE READING PLAN

**Sun**   **Mon**   **Tue**   **Wed**   **Thu**   **Fri**   **Sat**

				1 Genesis 1-3	2 Genesis 4-6	3 Genesis 7-9
4 Genesis 10-12	5 Genesis 13-15	6 Genesis 16-18	7 Genesis 19-21	8 Genesis 22-24	9 Genesis 25-27	10 Genesis 28-30
11 Genesis 31-33	12 Genesis 34-36	13 Genesis 37-39	14 Genesis 40-42	15 Genesis 43-46	16 Genesis 47-50	17 Exodus 1-3
18 Exodus 4-6	19 Exodus 7-9	20 Exodus 10-12	21 Exodus 13-15	22 Exodus 16-18	23 Exodus 19-21	24 Exodus 22-24
25 Exodus 25-27	26 Exodus 28-30	27 Exodus 31-33	28 Exodus 34-36	29 Exodus 37-40	30 Leviticus 1-3	31 Leviticus 4-6



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*Service Time 9:00 AM*

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May this New  
Year be a time of  
fresh beginnings  
and renewed  
spirit.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Office Closed	2	3
4 9:00 AM Worship Service Undecorate the Church	5	6 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 6:15 PM AV Ministry 7:00 PM Trustees Ministry	7 6:00 PM GPS, MYF, Confirmation 7:15 PM Women's Bible Study	8 6:30 PM Missions Ministry 7:00 PM SPR Ministry	9	10
11 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Daniel Study 5:30 PM Soup Supper 6:30 PM Dream Team	12	13 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Finance Ministry	14 6:00 PM GPS, MYF, Confirmation 7:15 PM Women's Bible Study	15	16	17
18 9:00 AM Worship Service Communion 10:30 Leadership Meeting	19	20 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study	21 6:00 PM GPS, MYF, Confirmation 7:15 PM Women's Bible Study	22	23	24
25 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Daniel Study	26	27 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study	28 6:00 PM GPS, MYF, Confirmation 7:15 PM Women's Book Club	29	30	31