



... from the Editor's Desk:

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Dear Friend:

Advent grace and peace to you and yours. Before Christmas Eve, prepare for the return of our Lord—in whatever way the Father will send Him!

Thank you for being a part of the Lifewatch community. Your reading of the quarterly Lifewatch newsletter and your follow-up comments (that is, calls, emails, and letters) are always most encouraging.

The last quarter of 2024 has brought significant changes to Lifewatch. Earlier Lifewatch Administrators—Mrs. Ruth Brown and Mrs. Cindy Evans—have “crossed the Jordan” and retired, respectively. We thank God for Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Evans, and for their faithful service!

In this time of transition, Lifewatch remains committed to witness to the Gospel of Life—especially, that the Church is Christ's Church, that marriage is a gift to be celebrated, and that children are a gift to be welcomed—among Methodists (United, Global, and others).

Lifewatch exists so that Methodists—laity and clergy and bishops, newcomers and long-time members, men and women, those in the West and those beyond the West—can read Lifewatch, can find Gospel truths that transform their hearts and minds, and can be empowered to take those truths to others in their churches and in the world.

Proposing this witness requires financial resources. Over the years, perhaps you have supported the ministry of Lifewatch. If you have indeed given to Lifewatch, my heartfelt thanks to you. If you have not contributed to Lifewatch, please make your first gift to this ministry of outreach and empowerment.

As the editor and president (and now administrator) of Lifewatch, I do not receive financial compensation. (Some office expenses and travel are reimbursed.) Why? I consider my ministry with Lifewatch to be a labor of love. The Apostle Paul might have called it a “living sacrifice.”

Please support the ministry of Lifewatch as you are called and enabled. This witness for the Gospel of Life will joyfully continue as you fortify it with your gifts and prayers.

A blessed and glorious Christmas to you and yours. And continue faithful, to Christ and His Church, for the sake of the world.

In Christ,

(The Rev.) Paul T. Stallsworth, Editor