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"Our mission as a congregation is to strengthen
our personal and group relationship with Christ
and to reach out to all people through faith in action."

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Pastor's Corner

Pastor Terry Hall

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH

Dec. 1 **Peace**
Romans 13:11-14

Dec. 8 **Hope**
Romans 15:4-13

Dec. 15 **Love**
Matthew 1:18-25

Dec. 22 **Joy**
Matthew 13:1-12

Dec. 29
Matthew 2:13-23



Enlivening one another in a changing world

We all know there are major changes going on all around us, in nearly every aspect of life. In addition to all the ways technology is impacting our lives, from how we make phone calls to how we keep track of everyone and thing that is important to us, our shared language and even the norms of interactions, relationships and acceptable public behavior have been changing so rapidly it's hard to keep up with them, if we even want to. Church norms have tended to be slower to change, in large part because the major shift related to religion has been towards less participation, but that is not to say today's church looks, sounds or defines itself in the ways long-time members are used to. We all know about the 'music wars' that started in the 1970's and continue to this day, with some congregations preferring classic hymns led by an organ or at least a piano, while others more commonly use 'praise music' that eliminates organs in favor of guitars, drums and other instruments. But without doubt, the largest change we in the expansive Body of Christ have faced and are still facing has to do with who we are willing to recognize and acknowledge are called and enlivened by the Holy Spirit, as demonstrated by the fruits they bear.

I want to set your mind at ease: this is NOT an article about that particular change! I want to talk about how we can live and work together even in the midst of **all** these changes, with the intention of holding onto our friendships and shared commitments to fulfill our baptismal vows here. Anyone who has participated in congregational life for a decade or more knows change is the rule, not the exception, to life together. That is even more obvious within Methodism, with our 'itinerant' clergy system in which congregations have tended to receive a new pastor every 3-7 years. When we encounter differences of opinion or belief, whether they are about who should be allowed to use the kitchen, to use a projection screen or not during worship, the type of music that we are accustomed to or find most inspiring, or even how we understand the Bible, we have several choices. We can gather with those who share our ideas and prepare for a direct or behind the scenes battle for control or we can become curious, engaging with others to discover what their perspective offers. Engagement is not surrender or acquiescence, but acknowledgement that none of us has a lock on truth or understanding. Even when we are very comfortable in our 'knowing' and believe that veering from it would amount to abandoning our faith, we can still listen with an open mind, even if only to learn more about the person with whom we are interacting to deepen and expand our relationship and mutual understanding. Sadly, we now live in a time of dramatic and rigid divisions that increasingly are presented as essential aspects of one's identity. But the primary factor in our identity as Christ-followers is to be like Jesus, the ultimate human expression of Christ-ness. We know from

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our gospel stories that he was a change-maker, not a change-avoider, and focused his efforts on engaging people from all walks of life and social standing. He showed a preference for those who society pushed to the margins, while challenging the religious leadership to move beyond rule enforcement to get into the deep end of faith, the place of heart-change and mind-change. His general modus operandi was invitation and engagement, often initiating and deepening relationships around a meal.

May we, individually and as a congregation, accept the Divine Invitation to enliven one another and the world around us even when we recognize we bring a wide variety of faith backgrounds, teachings and understandings of the Bible and its revelatory stories. May we accept and live toward, above all other teachings contained within the 66 books within The Book, Jesus' teaching about Kingdom living found in Luke 10:25-37. It begins with a perhaps less-than-sincere question about the essential factor of a properly aligned life, leads into the quintessential parable illustrating neighborliness and concludes with the simple but emphatic instruction to "Go and do likewise."

Pastor Terry

A Note From Your Finance Team

First of all, thank you, thank you, thank you to those of you who responded to our concerns about our financial situation as we headed into the end of 2019. Some of you gave a little extra, some of you caught up on your pledge, and some of you got that end-of-the-year gift in a little early. All of that will really help. Hopefully, we can keep this up, finishing the year in the black, and maybe even having some funds to carry over into the new year to help us get off to a good start!

Secondly, thank you to those who took the time to attend one of the finance informational meetings regarding our proposed 2020 budget. (The largest group was the one on November 3rd. Was that due to it being scheduled right after church, & you were already there? Or was it the promise of a free potato bar luncheon? We may never know!) Some excellent questions were asked, & hopefully answered. We again stressed the importance of pledges in terms of giving us some idea what financial resources we will have to work with in 2020. Adjustments may need to be made to the proposed budget once we have as much information as possible.

Sunday, November 17th was Dedication Sunday. All of our pledges turned in thus far were placed on the altar and lifted up to God. Prayers of gratitude were expressed to God for all he has given us, and the privilege of giving a part of that back in service to his kingdom. Now, that doesn't mean if you weren't able to get your pledge in by that date that you are out of luck. We will continue to accept pledges right up until December 31st, although the sooner we have them, the quicker we can make some decisions. We were delighted to see such a strong response to the challenges presented for the coming year. If any of you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact me or Lori Flores at any time. We will keep you updated as we know more. Again, thank you so much for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Barbara del Bosque
Finance Chair



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ONE HOUR OF MUSIC AND SCRIPTURE

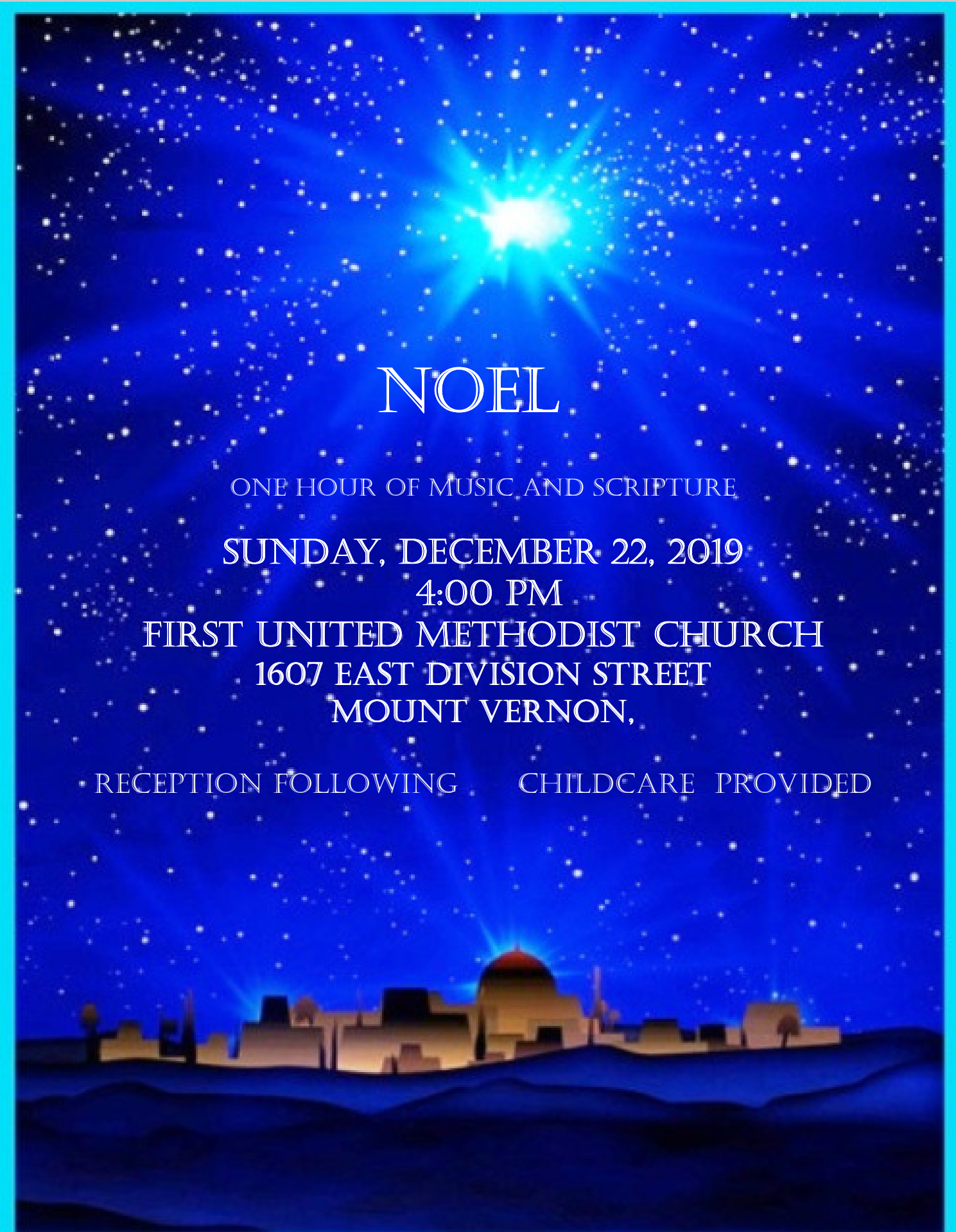
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Shauna Flores receives Merit Award



On November 14th, Shauna was recognized as the Rotary Girl of the Month for October for Sedro Woolley High School. Shauna was chosen by the teachers and administration at SWHS for this award based on her academic record, commitment to school and community service, and recognized by the Rotary Club for her exemplary achievement in our schools and community. Here at MVFUMC Shauna serves on church council, co-leader of the confirmation class, enjoys youth group and being a vacation bible school leader. Proud parents Lori and Chris are pictured here with Shauna at the monthly Rotary luncheon. Your church family is very proud of you, Shauna!



Veterans Recognized for service

On Sunday, November 10th, we recognized the veterans in our church family during both services. We were able to share our gratitude with over 25 veterans, and each person who chose to be recognized shared which branch of service, how long they served, and where they were stationed. Our youth and confirmands delivered individual cookie packets to each veteran or their surviving family member. To all who served our country - and the families who supported them - we thank you for your service.

Mountain Glen Outreach

- Knitting and Crocheting on Wednesday, 12/4/19, 12/11/19, 12/18/19 from 10am to 11:30am Not meeting on 12/25/19.
- Bible Study on Tuesdays 12/3/19, 12/10/19, 12/17/19 and 12/31/19) from 1:30pm to 2:15pm. No study on December 24.

Congregational Care Team

Congregational Care Ministry Team will meet Monday, December 9, 2019 from 1:30pm to 2:30pm If you are interested in visiting, calling or sending cards please contact Mary Downing 360-770-1113 or mt.downing@comcast.net

Sisters of the Heart

Sisters of the Heart will meet Tuesday, 12/3, 12/17, and 12/31 at 10am in the church conference room; Tuesday, 12/10/19 at 11am out for tea and will not be meeting on Tuesday, 12/24/19 If you are interested please contact Donna Freiman 360-757-8014 or dfreiman@comcast.net.



GIVING TREE 2019



The Giving Tree will be up in the narthex on Sunday, December 1st. We will again be collecting gifts and monetary donations for families within our congregation. The envelopes on the tree will have age and gender information for each recipient, and the card inside will have a few gift ideas on their wish lists. **We need the wrapped gifts with tags firmly attached returned to the church no later than Sunday, December 15th.**

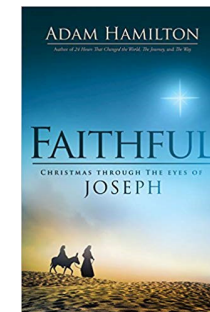
We also plan to provide each family with a gift card to purchase additional items (food or gifts) for their Christmas celebration. If you'd like to donate funds toward these gift cards, please write your check to MVFUMC and put "GIVING TREE" on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your generosity. If you have any questions about this program or would like to help sort/deliver the gifts, please contact Debbie Grant at debbie@mvfumc.org or 360/770-9298.

Advent Devotional Materials

Advent Devotional materials are out on the table in the Narthex. Advent is the perfect time of year to begin a new spiritual practice... add some devotional time to each of your days. We have daily devotional booklets as well as Advent calendars for the children. Feel free to pick up some materials for yourself and maybe for your friends and neighbors too!

New Advent Study

Lori Flores and Sue Erickson are teaming up again to hold an Advent study. We will meet on **Tuesdays at 1:30 pm beginning this week, on Nov. 26.** This year we will study Adam Hamilton's book *Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph*.



We're not that different from Joseph. True, we may not be part of a story that will be remembered for all time, but like Joseph, we encounter circumstances that we'd never choose for ourselves. At times, it can be tempting just to walk away, but Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don't understand, faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides. The story of Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don't understand and faithfully moving forward in the

strength that God provides.

Holiday Worship Schedule

Looking ahead to our worship schedule for the Christmas season...

Sunday, Dec. 22nd—One worship service at 10:30 am. No early service or Sunday School.

Sunday, Dec. 22nd—Christmas Candlelight Service at 4 pm with reception afterward.

Tuesday, Dec. 24th—Family Friendly Christmas worship & candlelight service at 5:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 29th —One worship service at 10:30 am. No Early service or Sunday School

We hope that you will join us in worship on these special Sundays!



FINANCIAL REPORT

October 2019

	Income	Expense
Regular Account	\$16,638.85	\$20,562.78
Special Accounts	\$ 4,451.01	\$ 5,659.66
Memorials	\$ -0-	\$ 161.90

We have paid all of our bills and our Conference Apportionments to date. Thank you again for your continued support of the ministries of our church.

“We thought Pastor Terry was retiring – what happened?”

It is clear that some people were surprised – some pleasantly, others not so much – to learn at the All Church Conference that I will most likely be reappointed to serve with this congregation for at least one more year (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021). When I came to MVFUMC in 2016, I openly shared the possibility that I might retire in 2020, in part because when I started my first appointment in 2000, the mandatory retirement age for Elders was 70. However, not long thereafter, that age was extended to 72, I discovered mandatory retirement happens at the end of the appointment year in which the age is reached (I will turn 70 in July, 2020), and I witnessed several colleagues over the years who ‘retired in place’, meaning they began to receive their retirement and their churches no longer paid into those funds, but their work and appointment continued in all other ways. I checked in with our conference benefits officer annually to keep up with what it would mean and require to retire, with or without continuing under appointment, and began to share with our leadership that my decision would be based in large part on what we were working on and toward.

Our denominational conflicts over control of our substantial financial resources and the authority to define our corporate theology and identity, having emerged immediately after we became the United Methodist Church in 1968 by merging the Methodist Church with the United Brethren, became more openly contentious in the 1980’s and finally overwhelmed the 2016 General Conference, bringing it to a standstill/standoff that led our Bishops to begin planning a Special General Conference to deal only with the language regarding sexual identity, ordination and the freedom of clergy to carry out their ordination vows. As you all know, instead of guiding us to a ‘Way Forward’ toward unity without mandated conformity, that gathering solidified the divisions by enacting even more draconian rules and mandated punishments slated to become official on January 1, 2020. The impact on both our denomination and this congregation weighed heavily on my retirement plans and I continued to press our leadership to clarify their vision for how we would respond to these challenges so I could firm up my own plans.

While the appointment of pastors is ultimately the presiding Bishop’s decision, both the Staff-Parish Relations Team (SPRT), acting on behalf of the congregation, and the clergyperson, must declare their hope regarding that decision by Charge/Church Conference. Membership of the congregation is always invited to share their concerns, desires, delights, etc. with their pastor and SPRT as they arise, but have no direct vote in this matter, as they do in Congregational churches. Apparently, some of you had feelings, even strong feelings, about my leadership, but were convinced I’d retire at the end of 2020 so did not think it was worthwhile to discuss them with me. With the SPRT being resurrected only in the late summer, their effort to provide my evaluation was completed just prior to our Church Conference and even I was not informed of their recommendation until after that meeting. The options given the SPRT and me ranged from “Strongly recommend continuing current appointment” to “Strongly recommend a pastoral change,” with a neutral position of “Will accept either a continuation or a change.” Both the SPRT and I chose the strongest option for continuance.

For my part, I am encouraged by the number of new people who are demonstrating leadership, the newly reformed SPRT, and the reinvigorated visioning and leadership of our Church Council. As I prayerfully considered my path, I was persistently disturbed by the notion of leaving while our denominational identity is so unclear, especially knowing that this congregation faces a MAJOR turnover next year when Lori and Chris Flores plan to retire and relocate. I am excited to have the chance to move forward with those who still trust God remains at work in this place and invites us to be as well. I am saddened by the departure of some long-time members who contributed a great deal to our shared efforts – they have been and will be missed! I am energized by those who have joined us for worship over the past two years and are living out their baptismal and membership vows in a variety of ways. We are no longer the congregation we once were, and are not yet the congregation we will be, but the Spirit still moves among us, and for that I give thanks!

Pastor Terry

Thank You

Linda and I wish to express our thankfulness for our faith community’s response to the medical challenges we are undergoing. From providing meals, caring for pets, cutting firewood, sending cards, caring calls, and so many other things, it has been a real blessing to us these past months. Special thanks to Ellen Anderson and Kent Turner for coordinating so much of this. Your prayers sustain us and the need for prayers continues. - Al Steiner

I'd like to thank those who donated cash toward the "From Candy to Community Outreach" on Sunday, Nov 17th during Fellowship Hour. The full-size candy bars were left over Halloween candy and I wanted to put the candy to good use! The minimum donation was \$1 per bar. Your donation will provide one Care Kit for homeless outreach through Welcome Home Skagit. The Care Kits include: a waterproof tarp, a waterproof blanket, one pair of wool socks all in a good quality duffel bag. Added to each kit is a hand knitted hat provided by ladies from MVFUMC and Mountain Glen. If you want more information about the Care Kits or Welcome Home Skagit, please see me on Sunday. - Blessings, Ellen Anderson

Introducing: Debbie Grant, Faith in Action Coordinator - debbie@mvfumc.org



Debbie joins our staff as Faith in Action Coordinator with 20+ years of membership and love for our church family. She served as a volunteer with Girls’ and Boys’ fellowship groups and Family Ministries, later joining the staff as Youth Coordinator with arguably the best youth group in the history of youth groups! With a strong commitment to service, she has volunteered with Skagit Literacy, the Conway and La Conner school districts, and most recently with Hospice of the Northwest. In her current role, she looks forward to building relationships and creating opportunities for our church family to put their faith into action both within our congregation and out in our local and greater community.

Debbie and her husband Eric have lived in Skagit county for the past 25 years and have raised their children, Amanda and Mitchell, in this beautiful valley. In her free time, Debbie enjoys dark chocolate, traveling, cooking, and reading.

You Are Wanted!

Think of the WW II poster of Uncle Sam pointing his finger at you. :)

This church building is very large and takes lots of effort to keep clean. Our custodian, Chris Flores, is hired to work 20 hours a week but in reality it would take 1 fulltime person and a halftime one to keep up the church building properly. The Cleaning Crew of volunteers was formed to help Chris out with this momentous job. The Cleaning Crew will be working on 12/5/19, 12/12/19, 12/19/19 and 12/26/19 from 9am to 12Noon. Please see Chris Flores if you are willing to join the crew and help out.



United Methodist Women's News

Annual Cookie Extravaganza!!

It's that time of year... The United Methodist Women are holding their annual Cookie Extravaganza Dec 7 from 10:00 a.m. to noon (or until we run out of cookies!). We are asking all of you folks that love to bake Christmas Cookies to consider making a few dozen for our cookie sale. This is our one big fundraiser for the year that funds our mission pledges. Thanks for your support!

This year it is more than just a cookie sale! The quilters have been hard at work making potholders and other quilted items and will be selling them at the Cookie Extravaganza, we will have an Attic Treasures sale and Tyler and Nema will have items from Tanzania to sell to benefit the Mawingu Project. Check with the church office or Lori Flores for more information.

United Methodist Women's Annual Christmas Tea

All women of the church are invited to join together on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 1:30 pm in the Fireside Room for our annual Christmas Tea. We will have a short program, some carol singing, and of course delicious cookies and tea! We hope that you will join us!



Kids' Advent Party!

Hey Kids...Join us on Sunday, Dec. 1st for a day of celebrating! Following the 10:30 am worship we will have lunch and all sorts of fun!! We will be making some Christmas decorations for our homes and gifts to give to our families and friends. If you would like to help with this party... maybe help the children make a present that they can give to someone, please contact Lori Flores. Parents: this is your chance for a 2 hour break, so sign up today!

Coming Soon!

Dinners for Eight are coming soon! In January a sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex for those who wish to participate. If you are not familiar with our church's Dinners for Eight, here's how it works. Folks sign up to participate in two dinners, one in February to mid-March and one the second half of March thru April. Those who have a home that can accommodate a group and are willing, indicate that they can host one of the dinners. After the cutoff for sign-ups, everyone is placed in a group with a designated host and notified of their group members. The host works out a date that is agreeable to all in their group, provides the house and the main course, and assigns the other guest to bring the rest of the meal. It's not about having a gourmet dinner. If you're not a great cook, there is always the deli for a salad or the bakery for a dozen rolls. It's about the fun of getting together and getting to know more about others in our church family. Even transportation can be arranged if you are hesitant to drive. We really encourage everyone to take part in this fun time of fellowship.



Church Council News

Your Church Council works to assess the ministry direction and needs of the church and to put policies in place which enable our ministry and mission to move forward.

One goal this year has been to encourage effective leadership in all areas of ministry. To address this issue, a Calling Team is now working to fill vacant positions. In addition, the Council is planning leadership workshops in 2020 utilizing staff from our Conference who are experienced in helping churches to grow and thrive.

A concern in the coming year is the future of our Hispanic ministry. As the Conference withdraws its financial support, we look to find other sources of support for this important ministry. A team has been formed to seek out possibilities. It may be that this is an opportunity to work with our neighboring United Methodist churches in a cooperative ministry.

The church council has responsibility for authorizing disbursements from our Endowment Fund. For a review of the history of the Fund and current thinking of the Council of use of these funds, please pick up a copy of *Council Corner in the narthex*.

Finally, we have spent a great deal of time both individually and as a group wrestling with the implications of the events unfolding in the world-wide United Methodist Church and within our own Western Jurisdiction. We have talked at length and prayed at length. We know that many of you have agonized over this as well, some to the point of needing to step away from this congregation after many years with this church family. In the end, we believe that Christ professed love of one another as of most importance, and included all as Children of God. We prepared the following statement to be included in the values of our congregation of believers:

At First United Methodist Church, we aspire to welcome all to our fellowship and communion. We do not limit participation in activities or leadership according to age, race, gender, age, sexual orientation/identity, or nation of origin.

If you have concerns or questions about the work of the Council, feel free to talk with any Council Member. *Editor note: If you don't know who your church council members are, look on the picture wall by Sprague Hall*

Staff-Parish Relations Team (SPRT)

The SPRT is the UMC version of an HR department. They are responsible for developing and reviewing job descriptions for all paid positions, posting job openings, interviewing candidates for open positions, hiring and, when necessary, releasing staff via either a layoff or firing. They also are required to meet with the District Superintendent (DS) each year prior to our All Church Conference to provide feedback on the Pastor's work and make a recommendation about continuing the current pastoral appointment or seeking a change. (see related article "We thought Pastor Terry was retiring – what happened?"). Our Team was very busy in the year before and after the last change in pastoral appointment, with 3 people filling the position of Faith in Action Coordinator within the first 2 years of its creation, 2 others who filled the also new position of Director of Music Ministries within a similar time period, and led the extensive process of that change in pastors. Once all that important work was completed, the Team began to dissipate, and we have done our best to carry on without this essential group for the past 2 years, with the Church Council and Pastor Terry picking up much their work.

We are excited to share that several people have now accepted the invitation to serve in this important way, and have been meeting regularly for the past 2 months. **The Team now includes Larry Frieman, Kent Turner, Barb Granger, Lynnette Gerhard, Kerry Keeler and Linda Steiner**, who is taking a Leave of Absence as she and Al deal with his critical health concerns. As the name of the Team implies, this group also provides annual staff evaluations, including for the Pastor, and serve as a sort of liaison between the congregation and staff. If you have questions, concerns or commendations related to staff, they welcome your input. As we all strive to practice our Christian values, please understand anonymous complaints are not useful, and the Team will work to promote healthy processes of complaint resolution when needed. They are currently meeting every other month, with the next meeting planned for January 2020.

Pastor Terry

BIRTHDAYS

12/3 Georgia Taylor-Owen

12/4 Sue Monty

12/6 Cheri Nieshe
Deb Haley

12/8 Kelly O'Donnell
Sue Rindal

12/13 Alyssa Romanelli

12/14 Jackie Buchholz
Diane Southworth

12/18 Sharon Waldschmidt

12/19 Jeff Romanelli

12/20 Emily Eastman
Leonard Eliason
Alex Pirkle

12/21 Judy Jerman
Z Morris

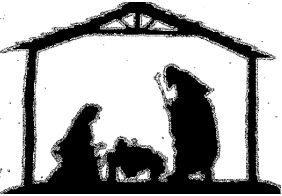
12/22 Raechel Almvig

12/25 John McGee

12/27 Tyler Satterlund
Jim Finkbeiner
Elizabeth Neidzwski

12/31 Andrew Hansen

DECEMBER

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1 8:30 am Early Worship 9:30 am Hispanic Ministry 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Hour 11:30 am Kid's Advent Party	2 2:30 pm BodyMindSpirit 6:30 pm Universal Christ Book Study 6:45 pm Skagit Symphony Chorale	3 9:30 am MOPS 10:00 am Sisters of the Heart 1:30 pm Advent Study 1:30 pm Mountain Glen Bible Study 6:00 pm Boy Scouts & Den Meetings	4 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Re- hearsal 7:00 pm Finance Meeting	5 8:30 am Men's Morning Ministry 9:30 am Quilters 11:30 am Universal Christ Book Study 2:30 pm BodyMindSpirit 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 42259 7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	6	7 10:00 am UMW Cookie Ex- travaganza 1:00 pm Girl Scout Christ- mas Craft Event
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ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

12/5 Bill and Bridget Perez

12/17 Loren and Sara Pirkle

12/19 Dave and Nancy Edwards

12/27 Mario and Donna Perez

12/31 Jim and Bev Collins

