

The Circuit Crier

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From the Desk of Jin Ming

Dear families in Christ,

Another Christian Calendar year begins when we enter Advent Season; as Christ the King Sunday always marks our Christians' New Year. When Shosho and I decided to move out of the parsonage, a new chapter of life unfolded for us in September. The experience of our first (and last) House Warming really touched our hearts by your love and support. So we want to express our gratitude through the Crier.



We wish you the healthiest, holiest and happiest Christmas possible, and we thank you for your ministry with understanding and commitment as faithful disciples.

Christmas comes and goes like a whirl wind; however, the celebration of the greatest gift from God in Spirit never leaves us. We pray that Jesus will dwell inside of you as you share your gifts and love with others, as well as with your neighbors and strangers.

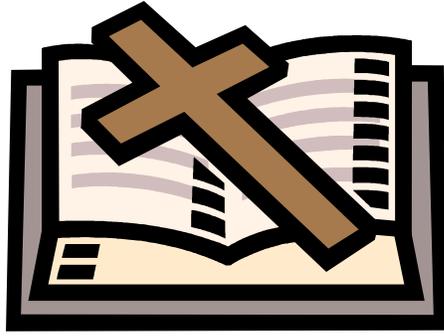
We hope you and your family will embrace each other closer with the “true gift” of Christmas in God's amazing, unconditional love.

Again, thank you for your ministry in many different settings. May your days of Christmas lead you to a joyful faith journey in the new year.

May God's love abundantly bless you and your family. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Shalom,

Pastor, Jin Ming



From Jin Ming's Desk: NOV & DEC Scripture Readings

November 4th: Ruth 1:1-18; Ps. 146 (UMH 858);
Heb. 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

November 11th: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Ps. 127 (UMH 777);
Heb. 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

November 18th: 1 Sam. 1:4-20; Ps. 113 (UMH 834);
Heb. 10:11-14 (15-) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

November 25th: 2 Sam. 23:1-7; Ps. 132:1-12 (UMH 849);
Rev. 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

December 2nd: Jer. 33:14-16; Ps. 25:1-10 (UMH 756);
1 Thess. 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

December 9th: Mal. 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79 (UMH 208);
Phil. 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

December 16th: Zeph. 3:14-20; Isa. 12:2-6; Phil. 4:4-7;
Luke 3:7-18

December 23rd: Mic. 5:2-5a; Luke 1:46b-55 (UMH 199);
Heb. 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

December 30th: 1 Sam. 2:18-20, 26; Ps. 148 (UMH 861);
Col. 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52



Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night (yes, THIS Saturday, the 3rd!) before you go to bed, and enjoy an extra hour of sleep! See you on Sunday!



The Administrative Council will meet in the church library at 7 PM on Monday, November 5th. All committee chairpersons are expected to attend.



Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

This year's church Thanksgiving potluck dinner will be held on November 18th, immediately following the 11 AM service. A sign-up sheet for side dishes and desserts will be available soon in the Narthex, so start thinking about what goodies you want to share!



AARP Smart Driver Course

The next AARP Smart Driver Course is on Friday, November 16 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. For more information, please contact the class coordinator Maddie Rose at 360-632-1752 or icmystique@comcast.net.



Annual Christmas Bazaar and Lunch!!!

Our annual UMW Christmas Bazaar is *Saturday, December 1*, 9:30 AM – 2 PM. Lunch is served from 11 AM until 1 PM. We will serve chicken casserole with cranberry jello salad, a roll and a piece of pie for \$7.00.

We will be making wreathes on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 25 at 1:00. We will work at Craig Anderson's house (2661 Robert's Pond Lane—off Zylstra Road). If you would like to help make our beautiful wreathes, please give Kathleen Anderson a call (678-4074). We welcome all helping hands.

Our sewing group and others have been busy all year making quilts and other beautiful crafts for your Christmas giving. As usual, we offer the attic treasures that all of you have contributed, but also enjoy browsing through. The last stop on your time with us should be the bakery, filled with goodies to eat now or put in the freezer for another day. We hope to see you December 2 as we begin the holiday season in Coupeville.

Pricing of Bazaar items will take place here on 11/19 at 9 AM! Please leave items to be priced in the office or in the library.

Baked Goods Needed for Christmas Bazaar!!!

The bakery section of the UMW Christmas Bazaar features homemade breads, pastries, cookies, and fruit and nut pies. If you like to bake and would like to support the bazaar, you are invited to donate some of your homemade baked goods to be sold at the bazaar. Foods that are traditionally served at Christmas, such as Christmas breads and cookies, are always popular.

Deliver your baked goods to the church library on Friday afternoon (11/30) or prior to 9 am on Saturday. Please bring the foods packaged for the sale, but do not put a price on the item.

If you have any questions, contact Val Hillers at 360-678-5201 or hillersjv@gmail.com.



EVERGREEN CUTTINGS NEEDED FOR WREATHS

At 1:00 PM on Sunday, November 25th, our UMW members and helpers will be making wreaths for our annual Christmas bazaar. We need decorative evergreen cuttings! Please leave them at the basement door of the church in a bag or a box before Friday, November 23rd. **If you have questions, please call Kathleen Anderson at 678-4074.**



Date: November 13th

Time: 1:00 PM

Program: Experiences while coming to America” by Thomas Chau

Hostesses: Jodi Burcham and Anne Colligan.

The business meeting will be held at Noon.



UMW Christmas Party!!!

All women of our Church are invited to Kathleen Anderson's home on Tuesday, December 11 at 1PM to share this special season with each other. Jodi Burcham and Kathleen Anderson will present "Why Do We Celebrate Christmas on December 25?". Suzann Hauff, Nancy Wilson and Darlene Sherman will once again share one of their special holiday desserts with us. Kathleen's address is 352 Marine Drive (at Long Point). Parking is available.



Christmas Season Worship Services & Events

December 2nd: First Sunday of Advent

December 16th: Christmas Cantata

December 24th: 5 PM: Come to the Manger Service

7 PM: Candlelight Service



The CUMC Handbell Ministry

Our Handbell ministry continues to thrive! We will ring on:

November 25 - Christ the King Sunday
December 9 - Second Sunday of Advent



We recently celebrated the retirement of Lidabeth Hicks who rang Handbells for over forty years and we greatly miss her presence at rehearsals. We are pleased to welcome two new ringers, Charlie Calvert and Terry Magnuson to our group. We now have five octaves of Handchimes and almost five octaves of bells. It is a great joy to prepare and ring for worship at CUMC and we appreciate your ongoing support.

Birthdays!!!

November

1st Will Jones

4th Amy Foss

6th Bryan Sherman

7th Penny Barville & Lee Palo

8th Shirley Yunker

9th Jill Usher

12th Betty Shafer

13th Shannon Hutchinson, Barbara Kosbab & Julie Clark

14th Darrel Berg

16th Connie Johnson & Kathleen Flower

17th Jan Martin

19th Bill Johnson

23rd Debbie Sherman

December

3rd Marshall Bronson

4th Cheryl Waide

5th Bob Boyden

6th Kelsey Miranda

13th Lenita Graves

14th Jake Mitten & Nevin Miranda

18th Harold Hertlein

21st Doug Kelly

24th Peggy Morris

25th Barbara Clark

29th Kay Foss



ADVENT GIVING

Advent is a time to think of giving to others. When you make your Christmas giving list, the Missions Committee suggests that you include one or both of the following agencies. If you donate by check, make checks out to CUMC and indicate the recipient of the donation on the memo line. Put cash donations into an envelope and indicate how you wish the donation to be allocated.

The suggested recipients are UMCOR and Gifts from the Heart. One advantage of giving to either of these agencies is that 100% of your donation goes to the program you specify. [UMCOR's administrative costs are covered by a yearly UMCOR Sunday Offering. Gifts from the Heart is a volunteer run agency.]

United Methodist Committee of Relief (UMCOR) - U.S. Disaster Response UMCOR is working in the southeast to assist in recovery from the recent hurricanes, including financial assistance, disaster-response expertise, trained volunteer teams, and networking with other agencies to help communities recover from disasters.

Gifts from the Heart:

The food bank serves about 120 families at each distribution. The users of the food bank are very appreciative when the food bank distributes personal items such as toilet paper, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, toothbrushes and toothpaste. At this time of the year many groups donate food to the food banks, so the CUMC contributions will be sent to the food bank with a request to use the funds to purchase personal items most needed by clientele.

If you make a donation as a Christmas gift, we have some beautiful gift cards for you, designed by Emily Cavell. The cards will be available in December.

Questions? Contact Val Hillers at 360-678-5021.



“Sing We Now of Christmas”

Love, Joy, and Peace

December 16, 11:00 AM

***Coupeville United
Methodist Church***

*Featuring Carols Old, Carols New From
Madrigal to Modern*

The CUMC Thirty-Voice Sanctuary Choir

Teresa Ellis - Director

Brian Haight - Violin

Duo-Pianists - Beth Haight and Cheryl Waide

The CUMC Handbells

Please join us for this inspiring Christmas service.



New Piano Arrives at CUMC!

On September 27, a new Schimmel upright piano was delivered to our church! This was culmination of many months of visioning and planning through the Worship and Music committee. Funds for the purchase of the piano came from memorials made over several years. The new piano is a special and permanent reminder of those who have served in our church.

It took five movers to deliver the piano safely to the loft and to take the present piano to the Fellowship Hall.



Dedication of the piano was held on October 28, with church pianists and organists participating. The piano was also part of the Children's Moment as they came to the loft to be a part of the dedication.

