

THIS WEEK AT GOLDEN HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, February 16, 2020
~ 6th Sunday after the Epiphany ~

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20, Matthew 5:21-37

GHUMC'S Vision Statement:

"We are called to connect all people with Jesus in loving, faithful, and authentic relationships."

GRACE NOTES

COFFEE HOUR: Coffee Hour is generally held in the Parlor following the 10:45 a.m. service.

COFFEE HOUR HOST TODAY: Phyllis Jackson

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CHAPEL LAY SERVANT LEADER & LITURGIST: Byron B. Crosdale

CHAPEL USHER: Pam Kurimai

CHAPEL FLOWERS: Given to the Glory of God

GREETERS: Joseph and Jovonn Sokolovic

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Given by the Anderson/Gregorio family in memory of Robert Anderson.

SANCTUARY LAY SERVANT LEADER & LITURGIST: Byron B. Crosdale

YOUTH READER: Isaiah Moore

USHERS: Opal Crosdale and Jimmie Floyd

TELLERS: Vinnette Fisher and Roland Wright

NURSERY CARE ASSISTANT: BJ Francis, Nursery care is led by Donna Green

Worship Attendance for Last Sunday, February 9th: 75

February 9th: 8:30 am Chapel Service: 20, 10:45 am Sanctuary Service: 55

February 9th: Children Sunday school: Students: 8, Teachers: 2

February 9th: Nursery Class: 1, Teachers: 3

February 9th: Adult Bible Class: 7, Teacher: 1

February 9th: UMYF: Youth: 1, Adults: 2

February 12th: Showers: 12, Community Supper: 66

Today we welcome as our guest preacher, the Rev. David Gilmore, Director of Congregational Development and Revitalization at the New York Annual Conference. Rev. Gilmore served at the Centennial United Methodist Church in Kansas City, MO – a congregation that has added more than 300 new members under his pastoral leadership. He is a graduate of Ottawa University, St. Paul's School of Theology, both in Kansas City, and a doctor of ministry candidate at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in Rochester, NY. In his position at the Conference he provides passionate visionary leadership for new congregation and church revitalization across the conference, including Golden Hill. We are appreciative of his presence with us today to give the message.

The Golden Hill congregation congratulates Rev. Gilmore on his appointment as District Superintendent with the Missouri Annual Conference Heartland's District, effective July 1, 2020. We wish him God's richest blessings in his new position.

February 23rd - Pastor Tisha's cousin, Rev. Cyril T. Jermin will lead a special service to celebrate Black History month. Rev. Walter Barton will officiate communion at the Chapel service.

February 26th and March 1st - Rev. Walter Barton will lead the Ash Wednesday services at 12 Noon, and 6:30 PM; and also be our guest preacher on March 1st, the first Sunday in Lent.

Discipleship and Congregational Growth Plan Update - On Saturday, February 8th, 22 members of Golden Hill UMC gathered for a workshop (10 am – 3 pm) on Congregational Growth. The workshop was led by Rev. Dr. Cedrick Bridgeforth, a Methodist pastor and professional coach for Pastor Tisha Branch from the Los Angeles, CA area.

Pastor Cedrick explained a healthy and growing congregation has three key elements. A Discipleship Plan, a Financial/Stewardship Plan and a Congregational Growth plan. A Discipleship Plan is an intentional way to walk with people in their faith journey. It puts us on a pathway - helps us know where people are in their faith journey so we can help direct them. A Financial Stewardship Plan is caring for what God has given us - time, talents and dollars. A Congregational Growth Plan is moving an agenda to fulfill the mission and vision of the church. Please see the separate insert for more details on the workshop and next steps. **“Where your attention, investment and inspiration meet is where you find joy and vitality.”**

Help Us Build Our Ministry: Thank you to all who have used the suggestion box to share their ideas and provide feedback. The church leadership has reviewed them and will look at ways in which we can implement your ideas to improve our ministry. Please continue to use the suggestion box located in the Narthex and Chapel. Your thoughtful feedback is welcomed and will help us as a congregation look at things we can do better.

The Shower Ministry: Items needed now are: Toothbrushes, Men's Briefs – Medium and XLarge, Men and Women's deodorant and Body Powder – travel size. Thank you for all your support of this ministry!

Weekenders Backpack Program: Donations needed in church by Sunday, February 23 for packing on Tuesday, February 25: Vienna sausages, juice boxes, individual pasta, applesauce, chocolate milk, canned pasta, microwave popcorn, hot cereal, cereal bars, hot cocoa packs, individual peanut butter, cheese sandwich crackers and chunky soup. Thanks so much!

Coffee Hour Hosts are needed! If you are able to host Coffee Hour on any Sunday or a number of Sundays throughout the year, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the Sanctuary. A \$20 snack reimbursement is available for each hosting event. If you have any questions, please speak with Phyllis Jackson or Hazel Dalmage.

Covenant Groups: Are continuing to meet regularly. Please consider joining a group to explore and develop your spirituality. We realize that no one can attend a session every week, but if you can commit to 2 or 3 sessions per month, you and the other members of the group will benefit from your participation.

Groups meet:

Saturdays	8:30 a.m. in the Parlor	Leader Beth Collins
	10:00 a.m. in the Library	Leader Pam Hoffman
Tuesdays	7:30 p.m. Virtual group	Leader Jane Wakeman

Lenten Study: Our 2020 Lenten Study book, Three Simple Rules is a six week session study. Join us as we consider and discuss the three simple rules to mutual respect, unity and a deeper daily relationship with God. You can choose from either Sundays at 9:45 a.m. or Mondays at 7:30 p.m. If you are not able to attend all sessions, plan to participate as often as you are able. Pam Kurimai and Sonya Green will lead the Sunday morning group beginning February 23rd at 9:45 a.m. in the church parlor. Beth Collins will lead the Monday night Study at 7:30 pm at her home in Fairfield beginning March 2nd. Please contact the group leaders or provide your name and contact information to the church office at (203)336-0152 to reserve your study materials. This is a great opportunity for you to invite others to attend the study with you.

Greetings my Golden Hill Church Family! The family of Esau Aldophus Anderson acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. We appreciate your lovely expressions and prayers; we thank God for your loving care. Peace and blessings, Roena Littlejohn.

NOTE THESE DATES FOR UPCOMING BUILDING USE, EVENTS & MEETINGS

Meetings that happen weekly at Golden Hill UM Church:

- Every Sun.** **Nursery class in the Nursery** (*every Sunday when dismissed from 10:45 am service*)
Children's Sunday School
9:45 am Adult Sunday School in the Parlor
6:30 pm United Methodist Youth (UMYF)
- Every Tues.** **7:30 pm Virtual Covenant Group**
7:30 pm N.A. (*Narcotics Anonymous*) in Locke Hall
- Every Wed.** **2:00 pm Shower Ministry in the Lounge & showers**
5:00 pm Community Supper in Locke Hall
6:30 pm Prayer Group in the chapel
6-9 pm Boy Scouts in Locke Hall & Library
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal in Wesley Suite
- Every Thurs.** 7:00 pm N.A. (*Narcotics Anonymous*) in Locke Hall
- Every Fri.** 7:00 pm C.M.A. (*Crystal Meth Anonymous*) in Library
- Every Sat.** **8:30 am Covenant Groups**
10:00 am Covenant Groups

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK February 16th – February 22nd:

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| Sun., 2/16 | 6:30 p.m. MYF |
| Wed., 2/19 | 6:30 p.m. Shekinah Prayer Group |
| Thurs., 2/20 | 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting |

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Office hours: Tuesday, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm
Wednesday, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm
Thursday, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm
Friday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm