

THIS WEEK AT GOLDEN HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, February 9, 2020

Celebrating Scouting ~ 5th Sunday After The Epiphany

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 58: 1-12, 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, Matthew 5:13-20

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: Sonya Green

CHAPEL USHER: Pam Kurimai

CHAPEL FLOWERS: Given by Bill & Janice Brown in honor of Love & Marriage

GREETERS: Jay and Lisa Bennett

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Given to the Glory of God

SANCTUARY LAY SERVANT LEADER & LITURGIST: Byron B. Crosdale

YOUTH READER: Thomas Kaine

USHERS: Opal Crosdale and Jimmie Floyd

TELLERS: Vinnette Fisher and Roland Wright

NURSERY CARE ASSISTANT: Stephen Kaine, Nursery care is led by Donna Green

Worship Attendance for Last Sunday, February 2th: 83

February 2nd: 8:30 am Chapel Service: 18, 10:45 am Sanctuary Service: 65

February 2nd: Children Sunday school: Students: 8, Teachers: 2

February 2nd: Nursery Class: 1, Teachers: 2

February 2nd: Adult Bible Class: 5, Teacher: 1

February 2nd: UMYF: NO UMYF

February 3rd: Confirmation Class: Will Resume In Fall

February 5th: Showers: 13, Community Supper: 68

Today we welcome our own Lay Servant, Beth Collins to the pulpit. On Sunday February 16th, the preacher will be the Rev. David Gilmore, Director of Congregational Growth and Development from the New York Annual Conference; on February 23rd we will have a Black History Celebration with Rev. Cyril T. Jermin - Pastor Tisha's cousin and Rev. Walter Barton will officiate at the Chapel service.

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: Men's Briefs – Medium, Men and Women's deodorant, Body Powder – travel size, Men and Women Razors. Thank you for all your support of this ministry!

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.

Reminder from Finance Committee Year-end statements have been mailed out and you will receive them shortly. Colder temperatures result in higher heating bills for our building, so your support will be greatly appreciated during the winter months. If you have any questions in regards to your financial contribution for 2019 please contact Ben or the Church office.

Health Team Survey The Health Team is interested in learning of any barriers to participation in worship services at GHUMC. If you are aware of anything which makes it difficult for individuals with either cognitive or physical disabilities to participate fully in worship, please speak to a member of the Health Team or leave a note in the Suggestion Box to the attention of the Health Team.

After the 10:45 AM service today - Sunday February 9th, there will be a diabetes and blood pressure check performed by one of our wonderful volunteer nurses – **Veda Carr**. This will take place in private in the room on the right going down the hallway to the nursery. Anyone is welcome to take advantage of this opportunity.

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 (use lower lot)	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.

Thanks for Supporting 2020 Souper Bowl of Caring: We received \$433 in cash and check donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 2nd which will go to support Golden Hill's Community Suppers. There were also 455 food items for the Weekenders Backpack Program. We thank each and every one of you for your donations to this ministry. For more information on this national food drive, talk to Becki Anderson, or go to www.souperbowl.org.

Weekenders Backpack Program: Thank you to all of you who so faithfully contribute to the weekender program at Golden Hill. Anything you are able to contribute, whether one item or many, is much appreciated. We are looking for the following items to be donated by **Sunday, February 16** for packing on Tuesday, February 18: Vienna sausages, juice boxes, individual pasta, applesauce, chocolate milk, boxes of mac and cheese, canned pasta, microwave popcorn and condensed soup. Thanks so much!

PLEASE 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 (*every Sunday when dismissed from 10:45 service*)
9:45 am Adult Sunday School in the Parlor-
6:30 pm United Methodist Youth (UMYF)
- Every Mon.** **5:30 pm Confirmation Class in the Parlor**
- Every Tues.** 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

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK February 9th – February 15th:

Sun., 2/9 6:30 p.m. MYF

Mon., 2/10 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Tue., 2/11 7:00 p.m. Committee on Lay Leadership

Wed., 2/12 6:30 p.m. Shekinah Prayer Group

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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