

THIS WEEK AT GOLDEN HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 15, 2019

~ 3rd Sunday of Advent ~

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10, Luke 1:46-55

GHUMC'S Vision Statement:

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

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

COFFEE HOUR HOST TODAY: Judith McKenzie

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CHAPEL LAY SERVANT LEADER & LITURGIST: Melodye Merola

CHAPEL USHER: Pam Kurimai

CHAPEL FLOWERS: Given by Sonya Green in memory of her parents, Clarence and Rachel Green.

GREETERS: Jay and Lisa Bennett

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Given to the Glory of God

SANCTUARY LAY SERVANT LEADER & LITURGIST: Melodye Merola

USHERS: Becki Anderson, Pauline Mendez, Stephen Kaine, Thomas Kaine

YOUTH READER: Kendall Crosdale

TELLERS: Roland Wright, Alan Offeney

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

Worship Attendance for Last Sunday, December 8th: 80

December 8th: 8:30 am Chapel Service: 15, 10:45 am Sanctuary Service: 65

December 8th: Children Sunday school: Students: 5, Teachers: 2

December 8th: Nursery Class: 1, Teacher: 2

December 8th: Adult Bible Class: 8, Teacher: 1

December 8th: UMYF: Youth: 3, Adults: 2

December 11th: Showers: 7, Community Supper: 70

Help Us Build our Ministry: The leadership and Pastor would truly like to know your suggestions for expanding and improving our ministry. Beginning this Sunday, you will find a suggestion box in the back of the sanctuary and chapel. Please, share your

thoughts and questions. We will check the box regularly and work intentionally to respond. Thank you!

Weekenders Backpack Program: Donations needed in church by Sunday, December 15th for packing on Tuesday, December 17th: cold cereal, condensed soup, fruit cups, individual pasta and individual peanut butter. Thanks so much!

Church Council Minutes – The minutes of the Church Council meetings will be posted to keep our congregation informed of discussions at the meetings and actions that need to be taken to carry out the ministries of the church. This way you will be apprised of the work each ministry team is doing and how it contributes to the overall ministry and vision of Golden Hill. The Church Council, as you know, is the administrative leadership group that organizes and coordinates the ministry of the church. The meetings are generally held on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. A copy of the minutes, (starting with the meeting of October 3rd), may be found on the notice board outside the Chapel area, the Parlor or in the Narthex (the welcome area before you enter the Sanctuary).

If you have any questions, please speak with Opal Crosdale, or any of the ministry team leaders as stated in the minutes.

Christmas Baskets: Thank you so much for all of the donations you have contributed to Christmas baskets this year! Now we would like to share with you opportunities to volunteer your time for the program:

- Monday, December 16. 7 pm: **Wrapping gifts**--bring your scissors and tape and come to a giant wrapping party to get all of the gifts ready for the children.
- Monday-Thursday: **Food shopping**--if you are able to help shop for food items that are needed to fill in the baskets, please be in touch with Sonya Green.
- Friday, December 20: **Food sorting and packing**--Starting at 9 am, we will be organizing and packing the food for the baskets. Please be in touch with Sonya if you can help with any part of this.
- Saturday, December 21: **Delivery Day**--Starting at 9am, we will be delivering all of the baskets. There are many ways to help out for an hour or two or all day if you like. Please be in touch with Becki Anderson, Phyllis Machledt or Sonya Green. Come share in the joy of the season!

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 a.m. in the Library (use lower parking lot)	Leader Pam Hoffman
Tuesdays	7:30 p.m. Virtual group	Leader Jane Wakeman

Advent Study: Plan to join this year's Advent Study, "All I want for Christmas, Opening the Gifts of God's Grace" by James W. Moore. Choose between Sunday 9:45 am or a

Monday 7:30 p.m. class. Please consider inviting someone to participate with you in this four week Advent Study. Study books will be provided. Contact the leaders or the church office to register.

The Monday Advent study began was on - Nov. 25 at 7:30 p.m. and will meet at the home of Beth Collins who will lead the study. The Sunday Advent Study began on Dec. 1, and will meet in the church parlor at 9:45 a.m. Mize Johnson is the group leader.

The Shower Ministry: Items needed now are: Men and Women's deodorant, Men's Briefs – Medium, Women's Briefs – size 6 and 10. Thank you for all your support of this ministry!

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.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE - Since Pastor Tisha asked us to chair the Historical Committee earlier this year we have tried to continue the work of organizing the contents of the history room that was started by Jane Wakeman.

Last February we were made aware of a matching grant of up to \$1,000.00 being offered by the Conference and so applied for it. We were awarded a grant of \$500.00 for supplies and equipment for the history room. This amount is to be matched by Golden Hill. We have started to make purchases of supplies and have plans for more storage units.

The history room contains records which go back to the mid 18 hundreds and includes those from 5 different congregations. In 1931 the Southport Methodist church merged with First Methodist, then First, Trinity and Washington Park merged to become Golden Hill followed by the merger with Newfield church.

If you would like to make a matching contribution, please make your check payable to Golden Hill, and write "Historical" on the memo line. Thanks! Howard and Janet Van Iderstine

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

Mon., 12/16 No Confirmation Class

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK December 15th – 21st

- Sun., 12/15** 1:00pm Health Team Lunch and Learn
Mon., 12/16 7:00pm Christmas Basket-Wrapping Gifts

Save the Date

- Sun., 12/22 10:45am One Service Only**
Tues., 12/24 10:00pm Candlelight Service

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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