

THIS WEEK AT GOLDEN HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Advent 1: "Make Ready a People"

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:5-25, 57-80 *Adapted from The Voice translation*

Ministry of Music: "Angels' Carol"

~ The Chancel Choir ~

TODAY AT GOLDEN HILL

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS! THANK YOU!

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

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CHAPEL LAY SERVANT LEADER & LITURGIST: Sonya Green

CHAPEL USHER: Bill Brown

CHAPEL FLOWERS: *Given to the Glory of God.*

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COMMUNION STEWARD: Indira Reddy

COMMUNION SERVERS: Pastor Tisha, Melody Merola, & Isabel Trudeau

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Thomas Kaine & Stephen Kaine

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: *Given to the Glory of God.*

USHERS: Becki Anderson, Opal Crosdale, Pauline Mendez, and Patrine Tracey

SANCTUARY LAY SERVANT LEADER & LITURGIST: Sharon Offeney

YOUTH READER: Stephen Kaine

TELLERS: Roland Wright, Vinette Fisher, and Pat Longway

NURSERY CARE ASSIST: Kyleigh Curtin *Nursery Care is led by Donna Green*

ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS WEEK:

Altar Flowers needed for: Sunday, December 10th in both the Chapel and the Sanctuary. Please call the church office 203-336-0152 or Janice Brown 203-384-6232, if you would like to sponsor either of these open Altar Flower spot.

The Shower Ministry Items needed right now Women & Men's deodorant, Men's underwear size L ONLY, and travel size body powder. We will keep you posted as the inventory fluctuates. Thank you for all your support of this ministry.

Weekender Back Pack Grocery Needs: Donations needed in church by Sunday, December 3 for packing on Monday, December 4: 5-6 oz. tuna, hot cereal, boxes of mac and cheese and condensed soup. Thanks so much!

Christmas Baskets: Thank you so much for all you have started to donate for this year's Christmas basket program. We are reaching the end of highlighting various food items we will need to include in the baskets of food and gifts Golden Hill be delivering to 110 families at Christmas this year. **This next week we are hoping that when you are at the grocery store you will pick up canned fruit, canned vegetables and cookies.** Also, please know we welcome all gifts of toys for children ages 0-13, as well as \$10 Target gift cards for the older children and gifts for homebound seniors. Cash or check donations are of course always welcome. Checks should be made out to "Golden Hill UMC" with "Christmas Baskets" in the memo. **Together** we will be helping **110 families** have a happier holiday season.

From the Sunday School Team -We have decided not to hold Sunday School the following Sundays:

December 24 (Christmas Eve) and December 31 (New Years' Eve)

Advent Study – As we prepare for the coming of the Messiah, **please join us this Advent season for a five-session Bible Study starting on Sunday, December 3rd at 9:30-10:30 am in the Parlor**, with subsequent studies on 12/10, 12/17. More information will follow on the final two sessions. We will be studying ***The Lord is our Light*** that challenges us to cultivate faithful lives here and now. For more information, please contact Byron Crosdale at (203) 878-7371 or email: crosdale@optonline.net. You may also register for this study by contacting the church office at (203)336-0152. Thank you.

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**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN A NEW MINISTRY TEAM AT GOLDEN HILL....
PRAYER WALKS IN THE CITY**

Jesus commissioned his disciples to “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation” (Mark 16:15)

Those of us who have attended sessions with Rev. Ewoodzie and Rev. Gilmore know that we are charged to bring the gospel out into the community surrounding the church, our neighborhood. We are planning ministry teams who will walk around the downtown area, stopping at government buildings, housing complexes and businesses to pray for the people there and their concerns. To accommodate individuals’ schedules, we are planning a rotating schedule of different days and times each week of the month. Each session will last one hour. Come when you can!

There will be a designated leader for each session, but all are welcome to participate in prayer. We will gather in the lounge at the Elm Street entrance 5 minutes before the scheduled time. If you own a garment with GHUMC insignia, you are encouraged to wear it. You should definitely wear good walking shoes! Those who would like to participate but don’t feel they can walk the whole distance are welcome to carpool to each prayer site.

COME PRAY WITH US on... **Thu. 12/7** 10 a.m.
 Wed. 12/13 12 N–1 p.m.
 Thu. 12/ 21 5 pm

Questions: Please call Pam Hoffman 203-372-6552 or pamela_b_hoffman@hotmail.com

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FUNDRAISER FOR GOLDEN HILL UMC - Can you volunteer **just 2 hours** of your time to help raise much-needed money in support of our outreach programs? We will be doing **gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble** at 1076 Post Road in Westport on 2 different days in December. Barnes and Noble will provide all the necessary supplies for wrapping. **All donations will go to support the outreach programs at Golden Hill, including the current expense costs.** We need to provide a *minimum of 3 volunteers* per time slot. The dates and times are: **FRIDAY, DEC. 15 from 12pm to 9pm** and **SUNDAY, DEC.17 between 1pm and 7pm**. Volunteers need to commit to at least 2 hours to wrap packages and speak to customers and potential donors about what Golden Hill does in the Bridgeport community. **If you can participate, please email Melodye your preferred time slot at Outreach@goldenhill.org.** If you don’t have access to a computer, please call Melodye Merola at 203-336-0152 to sign up. You can also contact Phyllis Machledt at 203-268-8737 with your preferred date and time. Help Golden Hill raise money to support the expenses of our community outreach in Bridgeport by wrapping packages (and perhaps do some Christmas shopping of your own)!

~~IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED~~, please list your church affiliation as Golden Hill United Methodist and notify the church office

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK Dec. 3– Dec. 10

Sunday	1st Sunday of Advent–	
	8:30 am	Chapel Worship Service
	9:30 am	Advent Bible Study in the Parlor
	9:45 am	Choir Warm-up
	10:45 am	Sanctuary Worship Service with Communion
	6:30 pm	UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship)
	7:30 pm	Roots Bible Study Class
Monday	10:00 am	C. Churches Culinary Workshop 10 am – 1 p.m.
	5:30 pm	Back Packers
	7:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 am	Chrismon Tree set-up
	10:00 am	C. Churches Culinary Class 10 am – 2 pm
	6:30 pm	NYAC Event with the Bishop in Locke Hall
	7:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous (N.A.)
Wednesday	2:00 pm	Shower Ministry
	5:00 pm	Community Supper
	6:00 pm	C. Churches Women’s Bus. Development in Parlor 6-9 pm
	6:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Prayer Group in the Chapel
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10:00 am	C. Churches Culinary Class 10 am – 2 pm
	10:00 am	Prayer Walk
	7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous (N.A.)
	7:30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Friday	7:00 pm	Crystal Meth Anonymous (C.M.A.) in the Library
Saturday	10:00 am	Liturgical Dance Rehearsal



A HOLIDAY SALE THANK YOU!!!!

Thank you for the many contributions of mittens, gloves, scarves, tools, etc.

Thank you to the many hands who worked the event and helped organize and set up. Thank you to the staff for your support throughout the planning of this event.

It is a wonderful feeling to accomplish such a big undertaking and raise the much needed funds to support the Current Budget of Golden Hill!

We thank you again, all for your support!

We realize that some of you went away for the Thanksgiving Holiday so we have planned to give you the opportunity to enjoy the sale also.

Everyone is invited to this sale! Our **Closing Sale will be in the Parlor after the Coffee Hour today, Sunday, December 3rd.**

We will have some great deals for you on Christmas Decorations. We also have the rest of the nuts for sale and YES, we have a lot of jewelry for you to buy as well. So... come on down!!!

Gerí Floyd & the Holiday Sale Committee



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POINSETTIA & HOLIDAY GREENS AT GOLDEN HILL



Deck the Halls at Advent to Honor or in Memory of Family & Friends

Counting down the days to the start of Advent and Christmas, we remind you that we want to adorn our church with beautiful poinsettia, wreaths and greens for the season. If you would like to be part of this, please complete the form below with the name(s), in memory or in honor of someone you know and return it to the church office with the specified amount you want to give by **Dec. 3rd**. The suggested donation is \$30, however, any amount (more or less) will be accepted.

Christmas Flowers & Greens Donation Deadline: December 3, 2017

In Memory / In Honor of (circle one)

(Name of person(s) remembered or honored)

Donated by _____

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Please CLEARLY print all information exactly as you wish it to appear in the church bulletin and return to the church office by Dec. 3rd.

Checks may be made out to: Golden Hill United Methodist Church, (with Christmas flowers in the memo line.)





Boy Scout Troop 34
A Scout Is Reverent
Boy Scout Introduction Sunday
Sunday, December 10, 2017
10:45 am Church Service at Golden Hill

Please come and meet the Adult Leaders, Scouts and Parents of Troop 34 immediately following the service.

Light refreshments will be served by the Boy Scout troop.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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**GOLDEN HILL PARISH STAFF E-Mail**

**The Reverend Tisha Branch, Senior Pastor – [PastorT@goldenhill.org](mailto:PastorT@goldenhill.org)**  
**Melodye Merola, Director of Outreach Ministry – [Outreach@goldenhill.org](mailto:Outreach@goldenhill.org)**  
**Daniel Pettit, Director of Music Ministries – [Dpettit@goldenhill.org](mailto:Dpettit@goldenhill.org)**  
**Brenda Hogue, Administrative Assistant – [Office@goldenhill.org](mailto:Office@goldenhill.org)**  
**Jorge Moreno, Church Sexton – [Sexton@goldenhill.org](mailto:Sexton@goldenhill.org)**  
**Bergeau Pierre, Parking Attendant**

**Office hours: Tuesday thru Thursday, 9:00 to 2:45 o'clock**

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The Rev. Dean Amelung, Clergy-in-Residence
The Rev. Sara Lamar-Sterling, Clergy-in-Residence
The Rev. James A. Stinson, Clergy-in-Residence

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