

THIS WEEK AT GOLDEN HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Worship, Meditation & Praise
Second Sunday After Christmas Day ~ Epiphany
January 5, 2025**

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Our Vision Statement:

**“We are called to connect all people with Jesus
in loving, faithful, and authentic relationships”**

Online Worship Information

Zoom Webinar Link and Log-In Information

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87318253668?pwd=ZEllS1lhTnVlaUg3NDJ6cGJhUUxZdz09>

Webinar ID: 873 1825 3668

Passcode: 210

Phone Dial In: (646) 931-3860

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@GoldenHillWorship/streams>.

~Grace Notes~

Worship Attendance for last Sunday's Service, December 29th: 69

December 28th: Covenant Group 8:30: 3

December 28th: Covenant Group 10:30: 0

December 29th: Adult Bible Study: 4

December 29th: In-Person Attendance: 52

December 29th: Online Attendance: 17

January 1st: - Community Supper: 23

Worship Resource for January 5th – Second Sunday After Christmas Day:

Opening Prayer *Written by T. Anne Daniel, The Africana Worship Book, Year B (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2007), 129*

Call to Worship - *Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2024.*

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon - *Written by Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, Pastor at First Church Congregational, Rochester, NH, on <http://sermonizing.wordpress.com/>. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/12/prayer-of-confession-matthew-2-1-18.html>*

Benediction - *Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2024*

Lectionary Scriptures for the Week of 1/5/25:

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-11, *Ephesians 3: 1-12; *Matthew 2: 1-12

***Used in Order of Worship**

This Sunday at Golden Hill

10:30 A.M. Worship Experience ~ Sanctuary

Hospitality Team: John Machledt, Phyllis Machledt & Joseph Sokolovich

Sanctuary Liturgists: Sonya Green & Isaiah Moore

Tech Team: Daniel Pettit, Diana Moore & Jasmine McLaughlin

Weekenders: Thanks so much for your help in providing 24 bags of food each weekend for students who are food insecure. Whether you can contribute one item or many, it is all much appreciated. We are currently looking for the following items: individual pasta, cold cereal, white milk, mac and cheese cups, Vienna sausage, mac and cheese boxes, canned pasta and 5-6 ounce tuna. Thank you so much!

From the Health Team:

Seasonal Affective Disorder:

Some people experience an unusual amount of sadness and symptoms of depression this time of year that are not typical during the rest of the year. If this is happening to you, you are not alone. You may be experiencing Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). Symptoms can vary from mild, to more serious that could require professional support. These symptoms can include persistent low mood, a lack of interest in activities once enjoyed, increased sleep and appetite, difficulty concentrating, and feelings of hopelessness.

While the reasons for this condition are not totally understood, it seems to be caused by the lower amount of sunlight available during the winter months. While serious concerns should be shared with your physician for treatment, milder symptoms may be helped by lifestyle changes, such as spending more time outdoors in sunlight, getting regular sleep and increasing exercise. Light therapy (exposure to light that mimics sunlight) is often used as a simple way of incorporating what is lacking in our natural environment.

Jane Wakeman

THIS WEEK'S HAPPENINGS ~ Jan 5th – Jan 11th

Tue. 1/7– 7:00 PM - Church Council Meeting

Thur. 1/9– 6:00 PM - SPPRC Meeting

Meetings that happen weekly at Golden Hill UMC

Every Sun. 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday Bible Study is held in the Parlor (Unless in Summer Hours)

Every Monday thru Friday – Daily Inspiration

You are invited to join us daily at 7:30 a.m. and 12 noon to listen to a brief devotional message, scripture reading and prayer from the Upper Room series.

Call from any phone (605) 475-4756; listen for the instructions to enter the Access Code: 899169 and then the pound # sign. To ensure a clear audio experience for everyone, please put your phone on mute. If you do not have a mute feature, please call from a quiet location with no background noise like pets, TV or people talking. You can conference call in if you are interested in being a reader, please contact Beth Federici at (203) 521-1467.

Every Wed. 5:00 p.m. Community Supper (Take Out)
6-9 p.m. Boy Scouts in Locke Hall & Library
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir – all who love to sing are welcome!

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. (605) 475-4756 Access Code: 899169
Leader Beth Federici

Saturdays 10:30 a.m. (Church Library) Leader Pam Hoffman

Last Week's Service can be found in date order at :

<https://www.youtube.com/@GoldenHillWorship/pastlivestreams>.



Please Remember in Prayer...

Homebound: Harry Clauss, Jean Curtin, Wally Hurd Jr., Sandra Ericson, Mildred Fuller, Bruce Hunter, Carlton & Dorrette Johnson, Gordon & Julie Lewis, Picardy Marshall, George & Barbara Nelson, Cynthia Smith.

Healing Prayers: Bateman Harris, Brenda (Co-worker and Friend to Rene Reed), Carol Ferris, Diane Severance, Shirley Kerr, Rev. Jim & Barbara Stinson, Dick & Linda Deible. Rev. Les Pettit (Dan's dad). Bernice Small (friend of Orrieon Cowes III) recovering from hip surgery and going through chemotherapy.

Health Concerns: Please lift up in prayer Montego (Hazel Dalmage's friend – Pat Seon's nephew), who was diagnosed with cancer. Also give his mother – Jean Estes prayers for strength as she goes through this journey with Montego. Please keep Pat Longway in your prayers. As well as prayers for Ina Rockhead (Louise Crosbie's friend).

Under Doctors Care: Christine (Sonya Green's Sister).

The Prayer Chain: The Prayer Chain is available to all who would like specific prayers said for a particular person or issue. Your request will be held in strict confidence by the members of the chain. By policy, members of the Prayer Chain will pray daily for two weeks or until told that the issue is resolved. Requests may be sent to: jane.edla.52@gmail.com. (This ministry is separate from the Prayer Requests listed in the weekly bulletin.)

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Wednesday, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

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