

December 2021

GoodNews

Love God · Welcome All · Serve Everyone

Cookie Drive~Thru

Did you bake?
We need your cookies!
Drop off is Friday 12/3
8:00am-noon and Friday 5:30pm during set up.

The Wesley Cookie Drive-Thru is
Saturday, December 4th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Happy Baking!
Mary Brehm - Cookie Walk Chair



GRACE NOTE

Small Church, Big God!

Believe it or not, there are more small churches than big churches everywhere. In the Wisconsin United Methodist Conference, 87% of the United Methodist churches in Wisconsin are small. There is nothing wrong about that. We, as a society, would like things to be bigger! The bigger, the better, the more successful we think the church will be.

But the reality is that it isn't numbers that will make a church effective. Unlike metrics we use to gauge success in this world, a church is effective and impactful when people feel connection and have a sense of belonging in a community. A church is doing its job when people feel welcomed and empowered to thrive—offering their gifts—be it spiritual, talents, money, resources, presence, service, and witness—for the world to see and experience God through us—our life, our attitude, our generosity, our out-pouring of love and grace in every moment, be it in an event of joy or sorrow. That is what our small church is called to—to serve a big God! A God of many names, of many images, of many wonders.

As we learn about our own stewardship these coming Sundays, and planning on gifts for Christ this season, Jane Marshall's hymn "What Gift Can We Bring" comes to mind when she asks:


What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
What song can we offer in honor and praise?

And right away, I sing the last verse of "In the Bleak Midwinter":

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet
What I can I give him: give my heart.

The invitation of living God's grace is to reflect on how we give our hearts through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Together, we can serve and proclaim the goodness of our Big God! Together, we can feed the hungry, offer water to the thirsty, be present with each other and our neighbors in love.

Pastor Grace



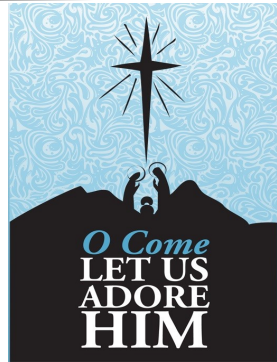


*Prayer
Requests*

*Remember
in
Prayer*

Ruth Callan
Rosemary Steele
Ellen Shuemate
Virginia Roders

To keep our list updated, we will remove names after 30 days. Please notify the office to place/re-place a name on the list. Thank you for your help with this ministry.



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

**Friday, December 24
5:00 pm**

**We will send out a link to the
worship service.**



Come to our Christmas concert.

December 11 at 5:00 pm.

Please join us as we celebrate our Savior's birth with Carols, Scripture and Candlelight.

*Merry
Christmas*

WOODMAN'S SCRIP CARDS

As participants in the Woodman's gift card program, I am excited to acquaint you with news of how your support is aiding the local community. One of Living Waters missions is to assist people who are able to finally be in their own house. Living Waters support of the Shalom to Home Kits continues. The generosity of the people of Wesley has shown in your donations of towels, sheets, paper products and the like. We also continue to provide financial aid to young people who are involved in Christian camps and retreats. As you can see, your participation in the Woodman's gift card program is having many, positive effects. Thank you, again, for your generous support.

Ann Bradshaw

December

Sun

Mon

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Wed

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5 Communion Sunday	6	7 UMW 9:30 am	8
12 Last Scrip Sunday for 2021	13 UMW 6:30 pm	14	15
19	20	21	22
26	27	28	29

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Thu

Fri

Sat

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	Office Closed Knit/Crochet 6:30 pm	Cookie Sale Set up 5:30	Cookie Drive-thru 9—11 am
	9	10	11 Christmas Concert 5:00 pm 
	16	17	18
	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 5:00 pm	<i>Merry Christmas</i>
	30	31	



SHALOM FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Thank you for your donations!

You may drop off items at the church from 8-noon, Monday through Friday or on Sunday morning .

As always, thank you for your generosity!



United Methodist Women

December offers you two opportunities to go to a UMW meeting:

Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 9:30a.m.

And/or

Monday, Dec 13 at 6:30 pm.

All are Welcome . Please join us.

Don't forget about your Advent Packet .

Your *Signs of the Sacred* booklet is an invaluable tool for guiding you through a prayerful Advent. Your coin boxes can fill with your daily commitment to focus on what's truly important as we walk toward the birth of Christ. Each day should find you reflecting on everything that Advent means for you. Please use the tools you have been given to help you.



DECEMBER

- 1 Marge Pellizzi
- 5 Patti Sloca
- 6 Margie Kugler
- 9 Jen Bara
- 10 Alicia Holliday
- 14 Tammy Branca
- 14 Maria Dugan
- 16 Kingston Gaines
- 16 Sapphira Holliday



- 3 Joyce Dreyer
- 3 Joan Hall
- 5 Kim O'Brien
- 9 RJ Barrientos
- 10 James O'Brien
- 12 Bill Ricchio
- 14 Deon Frieri
- 14 Kathy Mulroy
- 15 Sid Brooks
- 18 Mary Brehm
- 18 Bill Peche
- 23 Christie Hansen
- 25 Lauren Kugler
- 25 Leigh Kugler

WINTER OUTERWEAR COLLECTION FOR CURTIS STRANGE

Curtis Strange winter wear collection- We really need mittens, boots, and snow pants. Mittens in particular, as they have a habit of separating from one another once people start wearing them. A child can start the year with a new pair of mittens, and by New Years' eve, one has gone into hiding. Snow pants are important as children are not allowed to play in the snow at school unless they have snow pants, and boots are always needed, to keep socks and feet dry. Have you ever tried to concentrate on studying with wet feet?

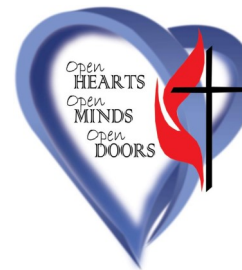
Deadline for drop-off is December 12th.

Christmas gifts- Here is a list of some ideas for people who wish to shop for the families at Curtis Strange. Play-Doh, Legos, Barbie, Matchbox sets, superhero figures or toys, games. Crafting kits and Multi-Cultural dolls. If you have children or grandchildren, there's a good chance that if they like something, then somebody at Curtis Strange will, too. Please have the items at the church no later than December 12th. As families will start 'shopping' on Dec 13. Please also remember that we want to provide for the whole family, including mom, dad, older siblings (teens), and younger (preschoolers and infants), so again, if there's something that your family or loved ones enjoy, it will probably be appreciated by somebody there.



UMW is sponsoring a Non-Perishable Food Drive for their members. They are helping support the Curtis Strange families who will be struggling to provide meals during the winter break. The boxes are in church, but we don't want confusion with the Shalom Center food donations. The boxes for the food drive for the United Methodist Women are under the UMW bulletin board. Shalom Center food will continue to be in the coat room. Donations can be brought in by UMW members until Dec. 12. We will distribute them on Saturday, Dec. 18.

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**The People of the
United Methodist
Church**

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Sunday School: 9:30 --10:30
Sunday Adult Studies: 8:00
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