

Canby United Methodist Church

"The whole life learning place"

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January 6

Epiphany of the Lord

Scriptures: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

January 13

First Sunday after the Epiphany, Baptism of the Lord

Scriptures: Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 20

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Scriptures: Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 36:5-10

I Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

January 27

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Scriptures: Nehemiah

8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm 19

I Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

From the Pastor:

A New Year! Another chance to evaluate, change behavior, clean the garage, sort and pare down belongings, lose weight, find a new direction, set a new goal. We have a clean slate which is both freeing and unsettling. I recently ran across this quote:



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this quote:

...all humans face an uncertain future, and we must live into it by the decisions we make. We are creatures whose deepest self-realization comes from moving into God's dynamic future with all the life and skill we have been given, within the concrete situations of our particular and finite lives. Our fulfillment, then, lies in becoming the deepest, most alive persons that we can be and that our concrete situations will allow, and simultaneously contributing to the flourishing of those we touch." (Elizabeth Liebert, The Soul of Discernment. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2015) 21.

While we may have goals and intentions for this coming year, the truth is that all we have is today. God holds each tomorrow and we are called to live fully into each day with the skills and the life circumstances we have been given. And we live fully not only for ourselves, but in order to facilitate the "flourishing" of those around us.

Flourishing. That's not an everyday word for most of us. Its uniqueness invites us to pause. Do I live my connection to God in such a way that my life causes others to flourish? To grow, to bloom, to reach for new life themselves? Perhaps if that is the basis of my New Year's resolution, the other actions I want in my life will come.

This year we will be living into the *why* of church: that all we do is sourced in **loving God, loving others, and making disciples of Jesus**. I think the first step is for each of us to "become the deepest most alive persons that we can be." What are you doing in your life to become deeply alive?

SPRC

- * \$1400 was collected towards staff gifts. Thank you for your generosity!
- * Gary Burgin and Judy Cooley are the new co-chairs of SPRC for 2019.
- * SPRC submitted the Pastor appointment form to the district with a vote to prefer re-appointment for Pastor Karen for the next assignment year.
- * Big thanks to Sarah Seale for her dedication to the newsletter for the past 10+ years!

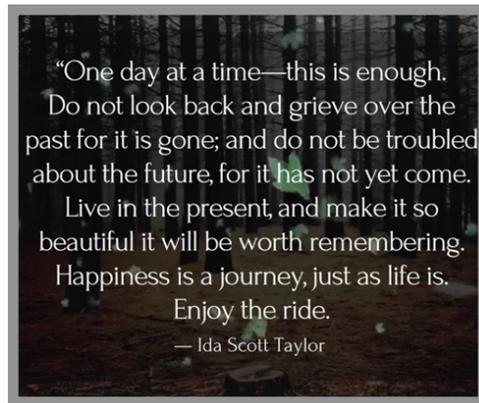
(submitted by Audrey Oldenkamp, SPRC Chair)

And how does that depth and life affect those around you? Or does it? That will be the way to be a disciple maker. When you cause those around you to “flourish.”

It is certainly something to ponder. But as we know, pondering is only the first step. Can you launch into this new year, no matter how many New Years you have lived already with a fresh reconnect with God and a brave step into the unknown future?

Boldly stepping with you into this new adventure called 2019!

Pastor Karen



CUMC Officers for 2019

Thank you to the leaders who served in 2018 (and prior years):

Church Council: Heidi Laitinen, Sharon Trimble

Communications Coordinator: Sarah Seale (since 2008)

SPRC: Audrey Oldenkamp, Chair, Ron Parsons, Bob Cambra

Trustees: Ken Johnson

Lay Leadership: Phyllis Stuart Meyer

Welcome to the following folks who have agreed to lead in an area of our community of faith. These are the people new to committees this year, or those taking new roles. Those continuing from last year are listed on the board near the office.

- **Church Council:** Jil Kahle, Chair; Shelly Parsons, Gail Hildreth, Diana Trujillo, Shirley Wright, Karen Joy, Janet Groat, Gerri Ballas.
- **Communication Coordinators:** Marilyn Gatica, Janet Groat
- **Finance:** Mark Oldenkamp, chair
- **SPRC:** Gary Burgin and Judy Cooley, co-chairs, Peggy Yeats, Gail Hildreth, Janet Groat
- **Trustees:** Marilyn Gatica, Tom Groat
- **Lay Leadership/Nominations:** Gerri Ballas

Thank you to all who continue to serve the kingdom as you take part in visioning and acting for the future of our community together. And a huge thank you to all who have given of time and energy in prior years.

God bless you!
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United Methodist Women
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- * 1/10 at 1:00 p.m. Wesleyan Circle meets at Geni Pittlekau's, 1441 S. Ivy, #307, Canby
- * 1/12 at 1:00 p.m. UMW meeting in the Fellowship Hall for program on Martin Luther King

UMW

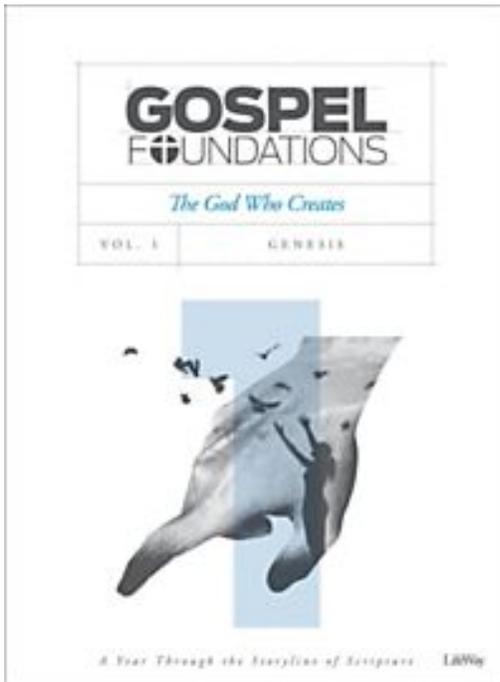
- * At the December Tea on 12/15 hostesses received guests at 7 tables. Girls from the high school and The International Order of Bethel Girls #81 were volunteer servers. Michael O'Rear provided music during lunch.
- * Monies collected went to: CASA, The Canby Center, The Children's Center and Share the Warmth. Thank you for your generosity!

The Care Team

- * We remembered our "shut-ins" this season by delivering Christmas Stockings. Thank you to all who sent along a card.
- * We sent out 116 cards this month to church members.

(submitted by Sharon Perez, Deanna Johnson and Gerri Ballas)

Adult Sunday School class begins new series January 27



From cover to cover, the Bible is the story of God's plan to redeem sinners through Jesus—the gospel. *Gospel Foundations* tells that story. From the creators of The Gospel Project, this six-volume resource is comprehensive in scope yet concise enough to be completed in just one year. Each seven-session volume is video-enhanced to help your group engage in discussion with a clear understanding of how each text fits into the storyline of Scripture. (www.lifeway.com)

We meet Sunday mornings at 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Corner Room. All are welcome. If interested in joining us for this study, please notify the office so we can purchase enough study books. Thank you.

A SHIFT IN PERSPECTIVE

Values, Narratives and Behaviors – How Do Ours Line Up?



Imagine a bullseye. In the center, the target space, are one's values. What character practices help keep us focused and intent on our mission to be "the whole life learning place" and the place where people learn and practice loving God, loving others, and making disciples who know and follow Jesus?

The Church Council came up with these "values" for CUMC:

Hospitality
Generosity
Spiritual Awareness
Flexibility
Communication
Responsible use of time, energy, and finances

In the next ring of the bullseye, we find the Narrative or how we talk about the things we value. These are the stories we tell ourselves and others about the way things are at CUMC (or in our families, or in other organizations). Sometimes we are surprised to find that our stories don't match up with our values, either in our individual lives or in our collective life as a congregation.

Behaviors are represented by the outside ring of the bullseye. We act out of what we value and our choices for action are formed by the stories we tell ourselves. When those stories are aligned with our values, our behaviors also line up with what we value, what we think is important.

This target model keeps us on target in our function and growth as individuals and as a community of faith. We can ask ourselves the following questions:

- **Is our behavior (the things we do) in alignment with what we value?**
- **If so, how can we tell stories to reinforce this connection?**
- **If not, what do we have to change about our stories or our behavior to bring all three into line?**

Church culture is shifting continually. Sometimes in an effort to find peace, we hold on to behaviors and stories and sometimes even values that are no longer serving us. As we look further at our values, narratives and behaviors, may we find the courage to embrace what is before us and let go of what no longer serves our life as a community of faith.

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Finance: End of Year Report

(Submitted by Mark Oldenkamp, Finance Chair)

- \$2,500 from contingency funds, \$500 from regular giving and \$189 from our Christmas Eve offering will go to Shared Ministry. From this \$400 will be allocated toward Hispanic Ministry.
- We finished 2018 having paid about 85% of the Shared Ministry budget. (Pretty amazing- considering the records from prior years.
- Pledge drive indicates 2019 expected income remains the same.
- Thank you to all who submitted pledges or made verbal commitments to be included. We had some new pledges with almost half of our regular contributors increasing their pledge.
- Our expense budget is about \$10,000 higher for 2019. Your faithful giving has made many things possible at CUMC and with your continued support we can continue.
- Annual giving statements should be available around mid-January. Please review them and if you find errors please notify the office.
- Recycling Fund received a little over \$100 in December. Presently, this fund will be used to purchase new computers. Thank you!
- At the request of Church Council and Trustees, Jill Kahle, Diana Trujillo and Karen Joy are researching options for new floor covering for the narthex and hallways. Once we have details and cost, you will be able to be a more active part of the process as we raise funds to cover the floor!



Happy Birthday

1/06 Ari Laitinen

1/09 Nori Zieg

1/14 Chi Cambra

Trustees

Tim Vanderkamp kindly met Judy Z at the church in December and walked her through shutting down and draining of external irrigation lines as well as turning off the well pump properly.

A procedure will be placed in the trustee files to capture the information.

Thanks Tim!

(submitted by Judy Zettergren, Trustees)

Fellowship Hour

Date	Coffee Hour	Greeters
Jan. 6	Sheila Brown Bob Camera	Peggy Yeats & Leta Bunnell
Jan 13	Judy Cooley Deanna Johnson	Mark & Laura Oldenkamp
Jan. 20	Karen Joy Sharon Perez	Phyllis Thompson & Shirley Wright
Jan 27	Sheila Brown Marilyn Gatica	Tom & Janet Groat

January 2019 Calendar

Please visit the CUMC website calendar for the latest updates: www.canbyumc.com

Weekly Recurring Events

Sundays

- * 9:00 a.m. **Adult Sunday School**, Corner Room
- * 10:15 a.m. **Worship**, Sanctuary
Children's Church, Red Room
- * 11:30 a.m. **Fellowship Hour**, Fellowship Hall
- * 1:00-4:00 p.m. Iglesia Apostolica
Sunday School/Fellowship Hour/
Worship, Fellowship Hall/ Sanctuary

Mondays

- * 9:30- 11:00 a.m. Zumba, Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
- * 10:00-1:00 p.m. **Church Office Hours**
- * 5:30-6:30 p.m. FOTS, Corner Room
- * 5:45-7:00 p.m. Yoga, Fellowship Hall

Tuesdays

- * 9:30-11:00 a.m. Zumba, Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
- * 10:00-1:00 p.m. **Church Office Hours**
- * 1:00-2:00 p.m. **Prayer Meeting, Amy Ackerman's**
- * 2:00-3:00 p.m. **Tea on Tuesday, Cutsforth's**
- * 5:30-6:30 p.m. CoDA, Corner Room
- * 7:00-8:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays

- * 9:30-11:00 a.m. Zumba, Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
- * 2:00-3:00 p.m. Al-Alon, Corner Room
- * 5:30-6:30 p.m. FOTS, Corner Room

Thursdays

- * 9:30-11:00 a.m. Zumba, Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
- * 10:00-1:00 p.m. **Church Office Hours**
(Pastor Karen by appointment)
- * 10:00-11:00 a.m. **Care Team, Welcome Room**
(Third Thursday only)
- * 1:00-4:00 p.m. **Quilters, Fellowship Hall**
(First & Third Thursdays only)
- * 7:30-9:00 p.m. Canby Thursday Night, Corner Room

Fridays

- * 5:30-6:30 p.m. FOTS, Corner Room
- * 7:00-9:00 p.m. Iglesia Apostolica Worship, Sanctuary

Please pray for these groups as they use our building.

Monthly Events and Meetings

January 3, 2019 (Thursday)

- * 1:00 p.m. **Quilters**, Fellowship Hall

January 10, 2019 (Thursday)

- * 1:00 p.m. **Wesleyan Circle**, Geni Pittellkau's,
1441 S. Ivy #307, Canby, OR

January 12, 2019 (Saturday)

- * 1:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Amy Kraus's father, Sanctuary/Corner Room
- * 1:00 p.m. **UMW, The Welcome Room**
- * 4:30-9:00 p.m. Saturday Breakfast Meeting, Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

January 17, 2019 (Thursday)

- * 10:00-11:00 a.m. **Care Team Meeting**,
Welcome Rm.
- * 1:00-4:00 p.m. **Quilters**, Fellowship Hall

January 19, 2019 (Saturday)

- * 12:00-5:00 p.m. Carolyn Misterek's Memorial,
Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

January 21, 2019 (Monday)

- * 7:00-8:00 p.m. **Finance Committee**,
Welcome Rm.

January 24, 2019 (Thursday)

- * 6:00-9:00 p.m. Aurora Colony
Handspinnners, Fellowship Hall/
Kitchen

January 28, 2019 (Monday)

- * 6:00-8:00 p.m. **Church Council**, Welcome
Room

All bold underlined events refer to our Canby United Methodist Church programs.