

# Good Shepherd United Methodist Church News!

January, 2022

## *From the Pastor's Desk*



*Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. - Lamentations 3:22-23*

God is faithful through it all. God is faithful when we are not. There is no expiration date on God's mercy toward us. His mercies are new every

morning it is always available to whomever, whenever, one is in need of that mercy, of that love, of that comfort, hope and grace.

God's compassion is poured out infinitely; His mercies will never run out. Some mornings we get up on the wrong side of the bed, but even there we find God's mercies awaiting us.

There is so much uncertainty in this world but one thing that is certain is the sun will rise every morning and if the sun rises every morning, you can trust and know that God's strong love and faithfulness will greet you again and again each day. Let's bring in this new year of 2022 with gladness and joy, with singing and dancing. Let's be more hopeful, more gracious, more loving, and more faithful.

Let's take accountability, responsibility and make sure we are consciously aware that life is full of ups and downs, twists, and turns. We are human, we live, and we learn, we make mistakes and become better Christians by continuing to align ourselves, our ways, and thinking with God always.

No matter what your history is, no matter what you did, or what happens. No matter where we go or where we end up, God is always with us, loving us the way we need to be loved! It isn't about who we were 5 years ago, 1 year ago a month ago, or yesterday, it is about who we are today and who we want to be tomorrow with God. Make a new commitment in this new year with God and make sure this time this year it sticks! Amen!



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## Church Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday  
9:00am-1:00pm  
Friday: 1:30pm -

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# What's Happening at Good Shepherd



**Coffee Hour**

Coffee hour in fellowship hall Sunday mornings. Stop by and catch up!



**FOOD PANTRY**




**Bible STUDY**  
Join us!

Every Thursday  
10 am – 12 pm  
To volunteer or if you have questions, contact Becky Van House  
beckyvanhouse@gmail.com

EVERY MONDAY @6:30PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM  
CONTACT PERSON: SHIRLEY GREENER  
[Shirleymgreener@gmail.com](mailto:Shirleymgreener@gmail.com)

## FAITHFUL GATHERING



Every Wednesday  
on ZOOM at 7pm  
**ZOOM Link**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86748935215?pwd=aThRNTBaTi9GTlpZTkhtIT1YxRW5tQT09>  
Dial: +16699006833  
Meeting ID: 867 4893 5215  
Passcode: 806752



### A cup of conversation with the Pastor

Sign up for a visit in the Pastor's Corner or you may contact the office or send Loraine an email (719) 392-5782  
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## SERMON SERIES: RESET

God's mercies are new every morning! But sometimes it is easy for us to get stuck in the same old routine. This New Year let's hit the "reset button," so we can claim the fresh start God makes available to us. As we rediscover our true identity in the love of God, we will discover new purpose and, guided by the compass of God's values, head off in an exciting God-given direction!

### **Week 1: Soul Reset | Luke 3:21-23**

Resetting your soul begins with remembering who you are. In baptism, God calls us beloved.

### **Week 2: Reset Purpose | Mark 1:32-39**

Spending time with God enables us to start our year with intention. Centered living comes from understanding God's purpose in this season.

### **Week 3: Reset Values | Galatians 5:24-6:10**

What does it mean to live by God's Spirit and not our own, to live according to God's values and not those of the world?

### **Week 4: Reset Direction | Acts 9:1-15**

Whether we've been in the church for a long time or are exploring the faith, Jesus sometimes calls us to move in a new direction, even when we think we are already heading in the right direction.



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

Our local unit of United Methodist Women will meet at 9 a.m. on January 8 in Cooper Hall.

Why the picture of the bare tree? Well, it is winter, after all—a time when the trees are bare, without leaves. Yet, unseen by us, the trees are already preparing to burst forth with **new** growth, and **new** leaves, in the springtime.

In the days following Christmas, some of us have a feeling of let down. After the family has been together, after we've sung our beloved Christmas carols, after feelings of goodwill have been put away with the ornaments, we look upon the cold, barren landscape and realize that we feel the same—cold and barren. Nevertheless, in our hearts, we long to burst forth in **new** growth.

Debbie is hostess for this meeting. Pat will bring devotions for this meeting and introduce us to the **new** Program Book, *Healing and Joy On Our Journey to God*, and the **new** *Daily Prayer Guide*. Mary Ann will share notes of interest from the *response Magazine*, and review a book from our **new** revised reading list. Wow, we're starting a **new** year with **new** offerings from our national office. Come and join us. *Mary Ann Tabor*



**UMWomen will be serving soup at the Fountain UMChurch on February 11.**

**They serve to the community from 4-6. Free to the community.**

**If you are interested in helping to serve or bring soup, please let me know. Thanks for all your help. Shirley Greener-719-964-1950**



Happy New Year friends and members of Good Shepherd! I hope you are looking forward to 2022 with blessings in your heart from the renewal of our faith through the birth of Jesus and Christmas worship and family celebrations.

As I write this, we do not know the final financial information for 2021, although not much has changed in the last two months. We do know you have been faithful in your generosity and support of the church. I believe most pledges and commitments for 2022 have been returned, but it is not too late if you still wish to complete a commitment card. You may bring or send it to the church. Our financial secretary, Barbara Lewis, will be sending statements of giving after all entries have been completed and reconciled later in January. Thank you for your continued support, I cannot properly express how grateful we are in these few words. Maybe emoji's (you know – hearts, happy faces, exclamations) would better state it in this world of texting and quick messages, but please know this is very heartfelt and deep gratitude from all of the leadership.

We have been blessed with worship in our beloved Bruce Chapel during the time we are without heat in the sanctuary due to the failure of our old, tired furnace. I know many of you are anxious for a return to our beautiful sanctuary. It will take time to receive bids or proposals for the replacement, then time to discern how we will pay for or finance, and finally how we will put it all in motion. Many unknown pieces remain for us but remember God is faithful and in control. Continue your prayers for this situation and I believe we will find a solution.

Blessings,  
Elaine Johnsen,  
Chair, Finance Committee



## UMCOR HYGIENE KITS



We are continuing our commitment to supply United Methodist Committee On Relief hygiene kits, the most-often requested emergency supply items provided by UMCOR.

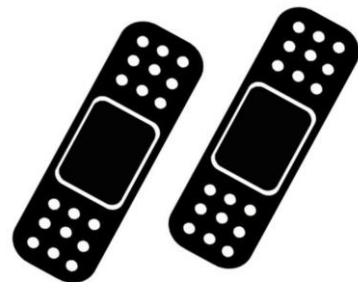
In 2021, with your help, we sent 96 kits to the Sager Brown Depot, the lone hub of UMCOR's relief-supply operations, since the closure of UMCOR West in Salt Lake City, Utah, at the end of 2020.

We'll be collecting items for the first three months of 2022. We do have some things on hand, but we need these items:

- Hand towels (15 X 25 up to 17 X 27) any color
- Washcloths any color
- Comb with at least 6 inches of teeth
- Bar of soap (3 ounces or larger) (NO Ivory or Jergen's brand)
- Regular-sized band-aids

We have a goodly supply of the other items, but really need these that I've listed.

If you'd like to help the United Methodist Women support UMCOR in this way, just bring your supplies to the church and leave them in Cooper Hall. I'll pick them up from there. Thank you all! *Mary Ann Tabor*





# UPDATES



## Short Term Prayer Concerns

Janet, Tara DeJesus, Ray, Mike, Wyatt and Tiffany Johnson, The Hazel Taylor Family, Finley VanHouse, The Carol Kautz Family, Hilde Mankowski, The Juli Gill Family, The Burl Kreps Family, “Rhonda”, “Kenny”, “Abby”, Jim Landram, The Hogan/Stock Families, Matt Randquist, Kevin Floyd, The Michelle Gilham Family, Willow McVale, “Uncle Doug”, “Gail”, The Powell-Wackowski Family, Don Cohu, The Karen Cooper Family, The Larry Martin Family, The Ben Trujillo Family, The Suzanne Royer Family, Tony Pressel, Jake Kovenko, The Melody Ragains Family, Dennis Johnson, Doris Hogue, The Donna Mayer Family, The Fred Shaw Family, The Burke and Young Family, Stuart Morrison, “Lisa”, Ralph Young, Pru White, Sam and Rob Lauricia, Jennifer, Mike and Kristi Palmer, Finley and Angela Van House, Arne Koski, Don, Rena Emrick, Delton Ledeboer, Annette, Marty and Sandy Celano, Pam, Ginny and Jeff Hampton, A.J. Johnsen, Clint and Connie Langdon, Mary Moberly, The Amy Rosette Family, Evelyn Bowers, Justin Wagner

The Sheri Bell Family, George Clayton, Heather Dillard, Rick Gilham, The Haney Family, Candy Hatton, Bob Hill, Mary Humphreys, Irene Lambert, The Riley Langdon Family, Conner Peck, Letha Phillips, Marketa Protzy, Carrington Seay, Vanda Skadden, Barbara Sterry, Josh Trent-Murray, Sonya Wentworth, The Robert Young Family

## Loved Ones

The Johnnie Quinn Family, The Chris Pino Family, The Kim O'Donnell Family, The Pat Nyborg Family

# Looking Ahead



## Birthdays



Are you curious about the Old Testament? Would you be surprised to discover that Jesus often quoted the Hebrew Scriptures, what we now think of as the Old Testament? Did you know there are hymns in the Bible, and not just in our hymnals? Do your kids ever think that you are older than Methuselah? That might be older than they think!

Join the Insights discussion group on Sunday mornings (about 11) after worship in the conference room as we explore the Old Testament and discover anew its significance to us here and now. Mary Ann Tabor

Stephen Smith	4
Amanda Cribbett	6
Maria King	9
Vanda Skadden	10
Barbara Sterry	11
Mary Jean Ciemiewicz	13
Jim DeRubis	20
Judy Hodges	21
A.J. Johnsen	21
Ben Wentworth	21
Beverly Weinert	23
Bob Rickard	31

## VOLUNTEER



Interested in serving in a small group? Look out for a two-minute announcement every Sunday about small groups here at GSUMC. If you feel called to volunteer or serve in any group at Good Shepherd, contact the office or any of the lay leaders.



Do you have stories, joys, celebrations, anniversaries, or moments you want to share with our Good Shepherd Family? Send them to Loraine at [office@gsumc-cs.org](mailto:office@gsumc-cs.org)

