



The Gift

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*Making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world
through Knowing God, Transforming Lives, Serving Others*

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10:30 a.m. in person
Online on Facebook and/or
our YouTube Channel
Elementary Sunday School
10:45 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. - Noon

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Pastor's Note

As we say goodbye to 2021 and welcome in 2022, hopeful for what it may bring, our thoughts often turn to what changes we need to make. Some of us make New Year's resolutions, resolving to eat better, exercise more, lose weight, or we attempt to quit some destructive habit. Have you made a resolution?



Unfortunately, something like 80% of our resolutions fail. Many of us will have fallen off the wagon and back into old habits by Valentine's Day. Our resolutions fail for a variety of reasons. Often resolutions are too broad, with an ill-defined plan of action. Most often, we fail because we try to make changes to our lives on our own, without community to support us, or hold us accountable to our commitments.

But there is something good about New Year's resolutions. It is our attempt to press into a healthier lifestyle and better habits. In Christian Spirituality, this is like repentance. Repentance is more than just remorse for our bad behavior, but it is the resolve to make changes. It is making an about-face, from the direction we are headed, and it is a determination to live differently. John the Baptizer baptized the people into a baptism of repentance. Jesus himself began his early ministry calling his would-be-followers to repentance, "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 3:2).

Jesus came to transform the way we live and act. We will not get very far in the way of Jesus before we ourselves are called to repentance. But I wonder, does 80% of our attempts to repent fail, the way New Years' resolutions often fail? Perhaps. Like with New Year's resolutions, we often repent in *general* without a clear plan. What sort of changes should we make to our daily routines? What wrongs need to be made right by us? What reparations are required of us? How ought we to live instead? How can we support one another?

The Christian story tells us that real life change is possible because we don't do it alone. The Spirit of Christ is at work in each of us, convicting us of sin and calling us to repentance (John 16:8). And that our daily devotional practices, gives us a deeper sense of the life God is calling us to. "*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.*" (Romans 12:2, NRSV) And the community we call church is a resource for us as we each seek to follow Christ's call together.

My hope for us as a church in 2022 is that we support one another in our quest to live out the spirituality of Jesus: loving God with all our heart, soul and strength and loving our neighbor as ourselves. This may require some self-examination on our part, and it will require us to lean on one another as we make specific changes to our lives which will allow us to love God and others more fully. But together we can press into the sort of lifestyle-transformation Jesus is calling us toward. *Happy New Year!*

Pastor James



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

06 - Don Dumbeck
 08 - Charles Charles
 09 - Ginger Morris
 14 - Royal Wise
 24 - Kathy Versteeg
 26 - Hope Moore
 28 - Deanne Inman
 Bill Watson
 29 - James Matichuk

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

24 - Vic & Kathy Versteeg..... 1959



Human Relations Day Special Offering - January 16

On Human Relations Day, we participate with other UMC congregations in a special offering to support neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program. Our gifts work together for the common good, building community and sharing God's love. The Human Relations Day offering supports programs like those started in New York City during the COVID-19 pandemic for churches to provide food to their neighbors.

For example, First United Methodist Church in Flushing, Queens, NY, a predominantly Korean congregation with the Rev. Chongho James Kim as senior pastor, started outreach into the community by making a thousand cotton masks. Mina Yoo, the English language minister for the church, says that small act, distributing to senior home residences, nursing homes and family shelters beyond the Korean community, sparked a good energy in the congregation.

Members decided to share whatever they could to help day laborers with no work – one family bringing 100 bags of rice and another 100 frozen chickens to

Directory Updates:

(For this information,
please contact the church office)

Please inform the office when you have a change of address, phone number, or e-mail.

2022 Directory

A new directory will be available soon. If you have had a change of address, phone number, or email, please let the church office know.

distribute 100 bags of food one day a week. Those first weeks they distributed food to about 50 Korean families, but also to 100 mostly Hispanic families in the community. Later, an influx of Chinese families lengthened the line.

First UMC continues to serve 250-300 people each week. The congregation is dreaming of future projects, like a food coop that will not only supply fresh food but also job training and nutritional education for the whole community.

We know how systemic inequality affects those most vulnerable. When neighbors experience poverty and live in communities that have limited access to resources, as a denomination, our gifts on Human Relations Day work together to empower faith-based volunteer programs, community developers and programs that work with at-risk teens.

HOW TO GIVE:

Write a check to your local church and write "Human Relations Day offering" in the memo line.

To give online or set up monthly giving, go to [UMC.org/SSGive](https://umc.org/SSGive).

January Worship

Date	Preacher	Lectionary Scriptures*
January 2 Communion	Pastor James	Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-18
January 9 Epiphany	David Glidden	Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12
January 16 Human Relations Day	Byron Beach	Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11
January 23	Pastor James	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, 30; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21
January 30	Pastor James	Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

*Most preachers will use one or two scriptures from the lectionary.

The Worship Team

What is the Worship Team? What does the Worship Team do?

- Work out our worship schedule:
 - ◊ Who is preaching
 - ◊ Who the liturgist will be
 - ◊ Who will be our accompanist if needed
 - ◊ Who will do Children's Time
 - ◊ Anything else that is needed such as Advent Wreath Lighters
- Determine what protocols we have to follow regarding COVID based on our County numbers and what is required by our Episcopal Area:
 - ◊ Some members of the Team receive a weekly update from the Episcopal Area
 - ◊ Some check www.covidactnow.org regularly and receive alerts to changes in status
- Work on special events and services such as Christmas Eve, Holy Week, etc.

The Worship Team formed when Pastor James became our pastor in 2020. Jean Freeman is the Chair of the Worship Team. The Team meets once a month on Wednesday at 10 am, generally the third Wednesday. If you are interested in being on this Team, please contact the church office or Jean Freeman.

Worship Team Members:

Jean Freeman - Chair
 Pastor James Matichuk
 Byron Beach
 Jeannie Boese
 Fred Freeman
 Dave Glidden
 Marie Maestas

Be an Active Online Worship Participant

Even if you're worshipping with a pre-recorded [or live online] service, try to experience it like worship rather than another Netflix show. When the candles are lit, light one at home, too. When there's a hymn on-screen, sing along. If you're at home, you don't have to wait for a hymn, but you can freely sing along with every soloist, too—and add your vocal embellishments if you're so inclined!

From Greater Northwest Episcopal Area News, December 8, 2021

Reaching Out and Helping Others

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

What is this fund?

- It is a fund used by the pastor to assist people in our community and our congregation with emergency needs not provided by other sources. We often partner with community services such as Klamath Basin Behavioral Health and Lutheran Community Services.
- Checks are made out to the business rather than the person requesting funds; i.e., Avista Utilities.

How is it funded?

- It is funded through our birthday offerings and special donations, outside of our operating budget.
- If you wish to make a donation to this fund, please mark it "Discretionary Fund" or "Outreach Fund."

Thank you for helping us to be ready to assist people in need!

Between November 30 and December 30, we have given:

8 households 9 bags of food
5 households some financial assistance

In 2021 we gave:

72 bags of food to 66 households, 16 bus tokens, and \$2,492.89 to 44 households. We gave the most financial assistance for housing, utilities, and ID cards.

Food Pantry Needs:

- Canned vegetables (no pumpkin, please)
 - Canned fruits
- Pop tops are appreciated if possible

Please - no opened or unsealed food items

PALM Dinners Served

From November 28-December 28 : 758

Year of 2021: 8,097

Average Meals Served: 79

PALM (Provide A Loving Meal) is a free dinner every Tuesday and Sunday from 5:00 to 6:30. It is located in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, which is the lower level door closest to 9th and High Streets.

PALM is a volunteer program. It is funded by your donations. The Klamath Falls First United Methodist Church provides the Fellowship Hall, some maintenance, and utilities.

PALM provides from 85 to 257 plates of food each meal. Families, neighborhood residents, and even people who simply want the social interaction of a meal come in. Most people walk.

Volunteers from the Methodist Church, colleges, other churches, and many others come together to help.

Please come and visit, eat, help in the kitchen, or donate.

PALM Dinners Served in 2021

Week of the Month	Number of Meals	Total Meals Served	Average
1st Week	24	1,783	74.29
2nd Week	24	1,551	64.63
3rd Week	24	1,984	82.67
4th Week	24	2,089	87.04
5th Week	8	690	86.25
Sundays	52	4,219	81.13
Tuesdays	52	3,878	74.58

Financial Report

MEMBERS and FRIENDS

December 2021 has closed. All bills and taxes have been paid. The monthly payroll was made. Operating income for the month totaled \$9,434.17 . Operating expenses totaled \$10,481.05. Income lagged expenses by \$1,046.88. Operating expenses included: a payout of \$3,600.00 for local missions including: BOOTLEG FIRE VICTIMS (\$350.00), GIRL SCOUTS (\$150.00), KLAMATH/LAKE COUNTY FOOD BANK (\$1,100.00), CASA (\$400.00), KLAMATH CRISIS CENTER (\$400.00), INTEGRAL YOUTH SERVICES (\$400.00), YMCA (\$400.00), DISABLED AMERICAN VETS (\$400.00) , and a budgeted payment of \$875.00 for Conference Apportionments. We have now completed our apportionment payments for 2021, totaling \$13,525.00. The 2022 payments have been reduced and will total: \$12,422.00.

As we enter January 2022 we have an Operating Fund balance of \$140,576.88. However, a portion of these monies are contained in outside or side pocket funds which have nothing to do with budgeted operating monies. As of the first of January, six (6) such funds existed. The funds and their respective balances:

Youth Group: \$576.86

Organ: \$4,348.51

PALM dinners: \$12,292.24

Camperships: \$150.00

Memorial Fund: \$14,505.47

Special Needs Fund: \$45,645.20*

*Please note the new “SPECIAL NEEDS” FUND. Recently, a long-time member generously contributed over \$45,000.00 to be used for Council approved expenditures. While there are “no strings attached,” the fund is intended to be directed toward “special needs” of the church building as well as the community at large.

After subtracting out the total of the 6 funds (\$77,518.28) there is a carryover to January 2022 of actual OPERATING monies totaling \$63, 058.60. Financially, for the near term outlook (2-5 years), we are in a weak position, treading water at best. We entered 2021 with a carryover from 2020 totaling \$80,643.40. At the end of 12 months, the carryover has eroded \$17, 584.80. This means that, ON AVERAGE for the year 2021, our spending has exceeded our income by \$1,465.40 per month, each month. In other words, we operated at a deficit during 2021 and 2022 will most likely be no different. The only reason we can “make do” is because of the previous generosity of a church member who has contributed large gifts which resulted in a high level of carryover during each of the last three (3) years. Financially speaking, however, our long term outlook (5-10 years) is troubling.

As of January 2022 the Capital (Trustee) Fund Balance is \$3,965.66. A monthly payment of \$200.00 was made to Libby Security Services. This completes our 12 month contractual obligation for security services. We will now “test the waters” and see whether or not it will be necessary to resume such service.

Peace & Grace for us all,

Byron Beach, Treasurer

2021 OPERATING SNAPSHOT vs YEAR AGO

December, income:	\$9,434.17	(-) \$599.65
2021 YTD income:	\$72,255.12	(-) \$32,244.74
2020 carryover:	\$80,643.40	+ \$15,736.73
Operating Total:	\$152,898.52	(-) \$16,508.01
2021 YTD Expenses:	\$89,839.92	+ \$1,076.79
Carryover to January:	\$63,058.60	(-) \$17,584.80

Thanks and Prayers

Thank you to...

Joe and Marie Maestas for heading up our Snowflake Parade entry, decorating the trucks, and providing the trucks.

The Worship Team for their work on our Advent and Christmas services.

The Church Council for their work during 2021.

In Our Prayers...

Fred Freeman is recovering from surgery.

Bridget Honan's friend, Madaline Lapp from Roseburg, has stage 4 pancreatic cancer which has metastasized.

Judy Armstrong's friend, Ron Murphy, has a son with leukemia who just had stem-cell surgery.



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open minds,
open doors.

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United Methodist Women's News

Fellowship Gathering January 13 @ Noon

Bring a sandwich. Salad and dessert will be provided.
If COVID numbers increase significantly, this will be cancelled.

Program: Looking to Our future. If you would like to read from the Prayer Calendar or give devotions, please let Jeannie Boese know.



UMW Nut Sales

Link to our Terri Lynn Webstore:

<https://klamath-falls-umw.terrilynn.com>.



*Marta's
House*

**This month's
suggested item for
Marta's House:**

**Hats, scarves,
mittens, gloves**



United
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United Methodist Women's Purpose:

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the Global Ministries of the church.

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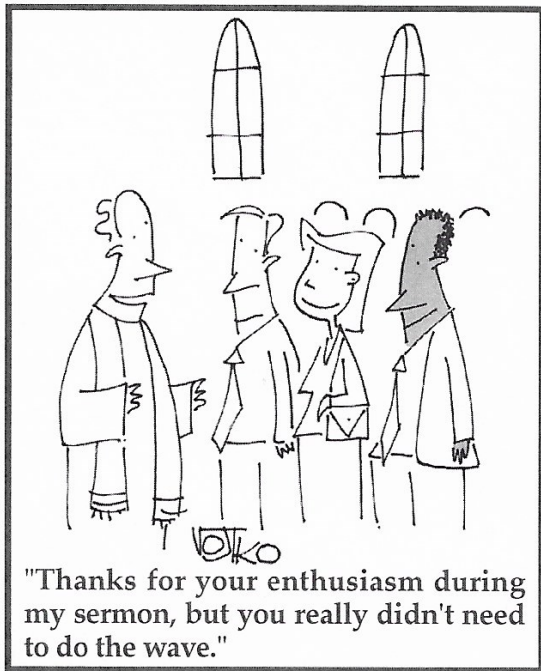
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
2 Holy Communion 8 am Breakfast @ Klamath Grill 9:15 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship 10:45 Elementary Sunday School 5:00-6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	3	4 5:00 - 6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	5 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead)	6 Epiphany	7	1 Happy New Year!
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Upcoming Events:

January 6
Epiphany

Human Relations Sunday
January 16

Martin Luther King Day
January 17
Church Office Closed

The Champoege Declaration

We, the Klamath Falls First United Methodist Church, together with other congregations of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, declare that persons of all ages, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, economic conditions, marital status, mental or physical abilities are welcome to attend, join, and participate fully in the life of our congregation.