



# The Gift

February 2022

Klamath Falls First United Methodist Church  
230 North 10th Street  
Klamath Falls, OR 97601



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

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## Sunday Worship

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

## Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - Noon

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## Health Group

Beginning February 2, 2022

Meeting times and format (online or in-person)  
will be decided at the first  
meeting.

Please contact Jean Freeman  
if you are interested in being a  
part of this group.



*See page 4 for more information*

A food  
collection will  
be taken by  
our church  
children on  
Super Bowl  
Sunday,  
February 13



*See page 3 for more information*

# *Pastor's Note*

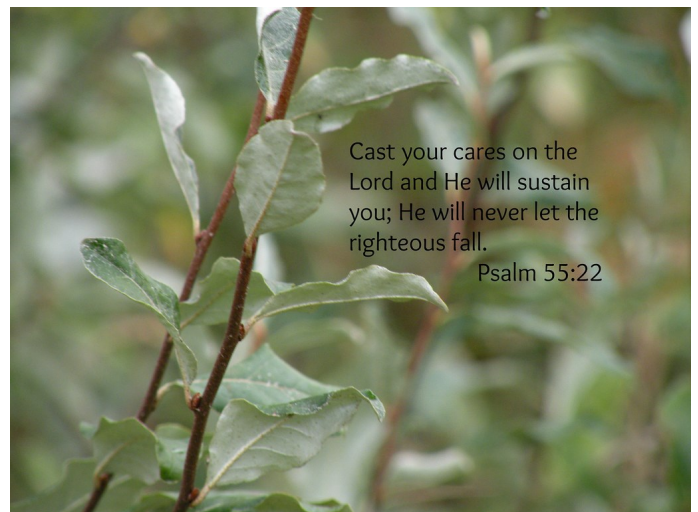
The season after Epiphany, like the Season after Pentecost is named *Ordinary Time*, so called, because each of our Sundays are numbered (i.e., ordinals) not because these days are dull. And yet there is something to the ordinariness of it. We are no longer living the joy of Christmas lights or the happy surprise of Epiphany. We are not yet journeying with Jesus on the road to the cross. These days, all the days in February this year, just are.

And our ordinary time is full of an unsettling new *normal*. We are two years into a pandemic, and we are still having to contend with masks, social distancing, staff shortages at schools and local businesses, and overfull hospitals. We have yet another mild winter with not enough snow on the mountains to keep our water table healthy. The political divisions deepen as Republicans and Democrats both peddle their own versions of reality. Everybody speaks their truth. No one is listening. The anxiety of the age has become our everyday life—our *Ordinary Time*.

One of the hazards of these anxious times is that we find it so easy to find things to worry about. With nostalgia tinted glasses, we remember *the way things were* and we bemoan the state of things. We complain about having to contend with ongoing restrictions. The numbered Sundays of Ordinary Time are an invitation for us to see Christ, not just in the special seasons and the Church's high-holy-days, but amid our everyday life. It is a summons away from anxiety to awe, as we grow in grace as disciples of Christ.

My prayer for us in our anxious *Ordinary Times* is that we would lean into Jesus and, in the words of 1 Peter 5:7, we would 'cast our cares on him, for he cares for us.' And that we would awaken to wonder as we sense Christ's abiding presence with us, our ordinary transformed into something extraordinary!

*Pastor James*



**FEBRUARY  
BIRTHDAYS**

01 - Chrys Dawes  
05 - Art Knight  
Benny Matichuk  
12 - Joan Crawford  
19 - Kirsten Dawes Hess  
20 - Keady Dumbeck  
21 - Jean Knight  
25 - Marie Maestas  
29 - Lue Hunt

**FEBRUARY  
ANNIVERSARIES**

23 - Jeff & Sue Moody ..... 1991

**Elementary Sunday School  
@ 9:15 Beginning March 6**

We plan to start holding Sunday School for our elementary aged children at 9:15 beginning on March 6. Jeannie Boese will be the teacher. We plan to have at least one assistant work with her. The class will meet in the large room upstairs. Elementary children will then be asked to stay in church for worship.

Our younger children will still have their class after Children's Time with Kathy Versteeg teaching. We will determine later if it will be upstairs or downstairs.

**2022 Directory Now Available**

A new directory is now available at the church. If you would like a copy emailed to you, please contact the church office at [klamathfumc@gmail.com](mailto:klamathfumc@gmail.com).

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

**Souper Bowl Sunday,  
February 13, 2022**



**tacklehunger.org**

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a nationwide project to help alleviate hunger in local communities. On February 13, Super Bowl Sunday, our children will take a collection of food or money for our food pantry. Money collected will be used to purchase items for the pantry. See page 5 for items that are currently needed.

## February Worship

Date	Preacher	Lectionary Scriptures*
2/6 Communion	Pastor James	Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11
2/13	Jean Freeman	Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26
2/20	Pastor James	Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38
2/27	David Glidden	Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)
*Most preachers will use one or two scriptures from the lectionary.		

## Health Group

Pastor James and Jean Freeman plan to lead a health focused community to encourage each other to achieve better health. The group will meet on a regular basis to:

- Set goals, support each other, provide accountability, and celebrate success
- Discuss the physical, social, and spiritual aspects of good health
- Explore the Bible to learn biblical wisdom about God's guidance and desire for us to be healthy individuals, as well as other sources which will help us live a healthy lifestyle

The group will begin February 2, 2022. Meeting times and format (online or in-person) will be decided at the first meeting. Please contact Jean Freeman if you are interested in being a part of this group.



# 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 January 1 and January 30, we have given:  
10 households 10 bags of food  
5 households some financial assistance

### Food Pantry Needs:

- Peanut butter
- Canned meats
- Soups
- Cold cereal

*(pop top cans are appreciated)*

*Please - no opened or unsealed food items*



## PALM Dinners Served

From January 2 to January 25: 592  
Average Meals Served: 74

*There will be 1 more PALM dinner in the month of January.*

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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.





# *Financial Report*

## **MEMBERS and FRIENDS**

January 2022 has closed. All bills and taxes have been paid. The monthly payroll was made. Operating income for the month totaled \$4,522.19 . Operating expenses totaled \$9009.04. Income lagged expenses by \$4,486.85. In addition to payroll expenses (\$3,757.36), operating expenses included a budgeted payment of \$1,036.00 for Conference Apportionments. This represents the first of 12 payments toward the 2022 goal of \$12,422.00.

As we enter February 2022, we have an Operating Fund balance of \$136,094.80. 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: \$12,297.01**

**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 (\$77,523.05) there is a carryover to February 2022 of actual OPERATING monies totaling \$58,571.75. Financially, for the near term outlook (2-5 years), we are in a weak position, treading water at best. We entered 2022 with a carryover from 2021 totaling \$63,058.60. Because monthly income is anticipated to lag monthly expenses, the carryover will continue to erode.

As of February 2022 the Capital (Trustee) Fund Balance is \$3,965.73. For the present, we are no longer using the security service we employed throughout 2021.

Peace & Grace for us all,

*Byron Beach, Treasurer*

### **2022 OPERATING SNAPSHOT vs YEAR AGO**

January income: \$4,522.19	(-) \$1,412.86
2022 YTD income: \$4,522.19	(-) \$1,412.86
2021 carryover: \$63,058.60	(-) \$17,584.80
Operating Total: \$67,580.79	(-) \$18,997.66
2022 YTD expenses: \$9,009.04	+ \$1,854.77
Carryover to February: \$58,571.75	(-) \$20,852.43

# Thanks and Prayers

## Thank you to...

Our church Council for their leadership in our church.  
Bea Naylor for her beautiful altars.

## In Our Prayers...

The Moody family and Carol Usher - recovering from COVID

*The following letter was received from Karen Little regarding Martha Oldham's estate. She also sent copies of Martha's will, the claim from the State, and an affidavit from the County regarding her estate. Those papers are available in the church office. Martha left 10% of her estate to Klamath Falls First United Methodist Church.*

January 5, 2022

Dear Devisees,

As one of my New Year resolutions I am trying to let all of you know how Martha Oldham's estate was distributed. Martha had an accident in which she broke both of her thigh bones just a few days before here death. As you can see, the State of Oregon had to pay a lot for her care and they get first call on any estate. There was nothing left over after the estate paid them.

Martha had a huge heart and so she wanted to share with all of you. Please take hrer intentions for blessing you as real.

Sincerely,  
Karen Little



## FIRST UMC STAFF & INFORMATION

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open minds,  
open doors.

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Mark Wilson

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### Chancel Choir Director

Judy Neiswender

### Bell & Chime Choirs Conductor

Pat Mathis

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### Facebook Page:

<http://www.facebook.com/KlamathFallsFirstUMC>

# United Methodist Women's News

## Fellowship Gathering February 10 @ Noon

Bring a sandwich for yourself. Salad and dessert will be provided.  
*If you are willing to provide salad or dessert, please contact Jeannie Boese.*

Jeannie Boese will do a program out of a program book or *response* magazine.

### UMW Nut Sales

Link to our Terri Lynn Webstore:

<https://klamath-falls-umw.terri Lynn.com>.

In January we received \$9.20 from Terri Lynn for our November nut sales. We anticipate another check from December sales in the month of February.



*Marta's  
House*

**This month's  
suggested item for  
Marta's House:**  
Craft items: Yarn,  
glue, magazines, etc.



United  
Methodist  
Women  
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

### 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.



# FEBRUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
		1 5:00 - 6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	2 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead) Noon (tent.) Health Group	3	4	5
6 Holy Communion 10:30 Worship 10:45 Elementary Sunday School 5:00-6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	7	8 5:00-6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	9 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead)	10 Noon UMW Fellowship Gathering	11	12
13 Souper Bowl Food Collection 10:30 Worship 10:45 Elementary Sunday School 5:00-6:30 PALM Dinner - Sacred Heart Catholic Church	14	15 5:00 - 6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	16 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead) 10 am Worship Team	17	18	19
20 10:30 Worship 10:45 Elementary Sunday School After Worship Church Council 5:00-6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	21 President's Day Church Office Closed	22 5:00 - 6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC  NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	23 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead)	24	25	26
27 10:30 Worship 10:45 Elementary Sunday School 5:00-6:30 PALM Dinner - KFUMC	28  NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED	1 March	2 Ash Wednesday 9:30 - 2:30 Pastor's Office Hours (call ahead)	3  For an up-to-date weekly Calendar, check our web page at: <a href="http://www.klamathfallsuamc.org">www.klamathfallsuamc.org</a>	4	5  updated 1/31/2022



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*Please come join us!*



"Impressive! You went to church even  
on Super Bowl Sundays!"

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## Upcoming Events:

February 2  
@ Noon  
Health Group

February 13  
Souper Bowl of Giving

### **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.