

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER



January 2020

Weekly Devotional

January 5, 2020 – Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14 (UMH 795)

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

January 12, 2020 – Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalms 29 (UMH 761)

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

January 19, 2020 – Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 40:1-11 (UMH 774)

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

January 26, 2020 – Third Sunday of the Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalms 27:1, 4-9 (UMH 758)

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23



Shepherd's Coffee Schedule

January 5 – East Lakeshore

January 12 – Hwy 35 South

**January 19 – Ferndale, Swan Hill,
Echo Lake**

**January 26 – Crestview, Lakeside,
Holt**

A YEAR TO REMEMBER – COMING UP

Dear Friends,

“The best is yet to be” is the great line from Robert Browning’s poetic tribute to a rabbi who had lived 600 years before his time.

It is an acknowledgment of our indebtedness to all the people who have brought civilization to the world. It is too late to thank them, except to join in their optimism and their readiness to build upon what was good to make of it something better.

We have had a remarkable year at our little church and it only sets the stage for what could be next. The task is always changing, and we get to be witnesses to as much change in the world as any generation.

But the story...and our calling...remain the same. We get to hear the story of Jesus and we get to share it with the world around us. Theologian Karl Barth is perhaps best known for admonishing pastors to preach with the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other.

Our world has changed a lot, but Barth’s advice still rings true to me. The issues we face today resonate in the issues that humanity has struggled with since the Garden of Eden.

We are still trying to understand them better so that we can respond to them in a better way. Our Bible gives us many ways that humanity has confronted the challenges before them, and how each of those ways worked out.

It also gives us the story of a single individual who grew up away from the centers of power but came to hold all power by his willingness to always do the right thing. It turns out that he was the living embodiment of God’s love for the world.

He preached to the world with the scriptures in one hand and what was going on around him in the other... and he did not blink at what he saw...or what he read.

We live in a new day, but what matters remains unchanged. We all need a community to belong to and a worthwhile purpose to pursue...a quest.

We need to do the long thinking in an impulse-provoking world, and our times together in worship or study or conversations about nothing in particular give us that important opportunity to think back with love to all that has gone by before we have to respond to what is happening now.

So we come to a new year with new understanding of where we are now and how we got here and how we might best respond to the blessings that await us.

I can’t tell you where we are heading or when we might arrive, but I know we are on our way...and the best is yet to be. Thank you for a wonderful year of work and worship together.

Onward and upward,

Kelly

"The Spirit of the Cre'che"

The church has been blessed with two beautiful Cre'che (nativity sets). Donated by Ellie Jones and Don and Donna Fraley, each has had a place of honor with our church Christmas decorations, for years.

This year, Sunday, Dec. 15 we assembled the wood tone set at the altar as part of the morning service. A big THANKS goes to the following for bringing the "spirit" of the Cre'che to our morning worship.



Lynn Teters - selected the scriptures and read them

Susan Kuhlman - recruited participants

Dee Fleming - provided the music

Jeff Whitney- found corresponding pictures for the screen

Participants - carried the 18 pieces of the Cre'che to the altar

Congregation - provided the lovely voices for the songs

Thank you all very much, keeping Christmas Holy.



Wesley Heritage 2020 with Bishop Karen Oliveto and Mountain Sky Conference

Join Bishop Karen Oliveto and Mountain Sky Conference on the Wesley Heritage 2020 tour! From April 13-21, 2020, experience places such as the York Castle Museum, Stratford-upon-Avon where William Shakespeare was born, and St. Paul's Cathedral. Pricing for this 9 day trip starts at \$3,498* from New York, \$3,698* from Denver, \$3,896* from Colorado Springs or Salt Lake City and \$3,996* from Billings (and other Montana cities) *Pricing reflects a 4% cash discount. More information is on the website:

<http://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/he20041320k#.XWQgwOhKhGP>

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Rotary 12pm Missions 4:00 AA 9:00	2 AA 7:00	3	4 AA 9:00
5 Epiphany Sunday Choir 8:30 Worship 10am AA 7:00	6 King's Ringers 4:30 Scouts 6:00	7 Rowdy Bunch 1pm Bridge 9-3:30 Tai Chi 10:00 AA 7:00	8 Rotary 12pm Worship 4:00 AA 9:00	9 AA 7:00	10	11 AA 9:00
12 Baptism of the Lord Choir 8:30 Worship 10am AA 7:00	13 Community Outreach and Education 11:00 King's Ringers 4:30 Scouts 6:00	14 Finance 10:00 Rowdy Bunch 1pm Bridge 9-3:30 Tai Chi 10:00 AA 7:00	15 Rotary 12pm SPPRC 5:30 AA 9:00	16 CFBB 12:00 AA 7:00	17	18 AA 9:00
19 2 nd Sunday After Epiphany Choir 8:30 Worship 10am Emmaus Gathering 5:00 AA 7:00	20 King's Ringers 4:30 Scouts 6:00 Trustees 7:00	21 Rowdy Bunch 1pm Bridge 9-3:30 Tai Chi 10:00 Rotary Board 6:00 AA 7:00	22 Rotary 12:00 AA 9:00	23 AA 7:00	24	25 AA 9:00
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January

Nancy Trembath – 4th

Lynda Willis – 7th

Donna Fraley – 10th

Holly Wilson – 19th

Mary Krause – 23rd

Julie Whitney – 27th

Marilyn Graham – 28th



Community volunteers packing cookies to give to the needy. We provided them with a place to assemble the packages and they did all the rest, filling our fellowship area with good deeds done.

January Church Events

Sunday January 5 – Choir 8:30,

Worship 10:00

Monday January 6 – King's Ringers

4:30, Scouts 6:00

Tuesday January 7 – Rowdy Bunch

1:00

Wednesday January 8 – Missions

4:00, Worship 4:00

Sunday January 12 – Choir 8:30,

Worship 10:00

Monday January 13 – Community

Outreach and Education 11:00, King's

Ringers 4:30, Scouts 6:00

Tuesday January 14 – Finance 10:00,

Rowdy Bunch 1:00

Wednesday January 15 – SPPRC 5:30

Sunday January 19 – Choir 8:30,

Worship 10:00, Emmaus Gathering

5:00

Monday January 20 – King's Ringers

4:30, Scouts 6:00, Trustees 7:00

Tuesday January 21 – Rowdy Bunch

1:00

Sunday January 26 – Choir 8:30,

Worship 10:00

Monday January 27 – King's Ringers

4:30, Scouts 6:00, Ad Council 7:00,

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Tuesday January 28 – Rowdy Bunch

1:00



Church Finances

Good news and thank all of you for your continuing generous contributions to CUMC. While November receipts were a bit under budget so were expenses resulting in a positive position on a year-to-date basis. In addition, there has been wonderful support for special giving like the poinsettia fund (36 planned56+ purchasedThanks Carol Mason and Holly Wilson) and the Parsonage Year End Giving with \$9445 donated with 2 Sundays still to go. Pastor Kelly showed pictures last Sunday of the work in progress (flooring and pantry) and the trustees have identified the Garage Door (no safety control ever installed), exterior door issues, boiler replacement, insulation and deck overhang plus miscellaneous patching and repair as priorities. We are optimistic that the support will continue and we will be able to fund all the above needs. I know Pastor Kelly is excited about the repairs/improvements. We benefit two ways, a happier Pastor and improvement to the long term value of our Parsonage.

Speaking of Trustees, special recognition to the co-chairs Rick

Trembath and Kristine Arndt and the entire committee for all their efforts. The church facility is looking great and they are focused on properly maintaining the building.

The Finance Committee had an interesting conference call with Kristy Kinnison, Director of the Mountain Sky United Methodist Foundation. Pastor Kelly is on the Board, and we received a \$3000 matching grant from them for expansion of video system including streaming of church services to the outside world. By the way, the money has been received! The Foundation has a number of interesting investment opportunities for Individuals and we are exploring some additional ideas for our membership. We will plan to share our findings in the New Year and hope to schedule Kristy for a visit next summer where she can present to all area Methodist churches as well ourselves.

The Finance Committee wishes all of you a blessed Christmas season and, again, thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the Church which, in turn, is passing it on to the needy within the Bigfork community. Quote of the Month: "Giving to those in need will bring more joy than money could ever buy" Dave Ramsey
As always, we are available to answer any questions.

Harry Wilson, Chairman

Scout Troop 1916



Just because the holidays are here, doesn't mean that our Scouts BSA Troop slows down!

This month we did some very important "housekeeping" to ensure long term success. With help from the adults in the Troop we inventoried what gear we have and then determined what gear we will need for upcoming camping like Klondike (think Alaska Gold Rush only the scouts are the dogs), and short term winter activities like Snow Shoe Hiking and possibly Ice Fishing and Cross Country Skiing.

We measured out the closet and provided a layout for new shelving, THANK YOU RICK!, As well as starting loading up our brand new Bulletin Board where we hope to post Thank You Cards, Photos and News Clippings. That way the Church community can check us out and keep up with what's going on or even decide how they can join! We are still in need of a Gear Master to coach/mentor the scout Quarter Master and a Treasurer...so anyone with those skills and interests, please come talk to Rick Trembath or Eve Lefcourt.

Christmas is all about traditions; some new and some old. This month was heavy on community service and learning.

In support of Community United Methodist Church and all the blessings that they have bestowed upon us, we thought that we could pay it forward and make a Gingerbread House

for Lighthouse Christian Home and Services, to go along with the wishing tree gifts.



As part of working towards their Theatre Merit Badge, Gabrielle T. and Grace M. both had speaking parts of Christmas Carol Radio Show that had 4 performances at the Conrad Mansion.



To honor those veterans sometimes forgotten, we got together with BSA Troop 1901 Kalispell and Cub Scout Pack 4948 Evergreen at the Kalispell Veterans Pantry and Standown to create Christmas Food Boxes for in-need Veterans and their families.



And what would Christmas be without hearing the familiar sound of sweet silver bells for the Salvation Army collection bucket and the heart-warming sounds of children singing Christmas carols? Yep the ladies headed out with Troop 1901 in a united effort to raise funds. (Sorry we failed to get a photo).



Christmas was celebrated with beautiful music from the CUMC choir, solos, a bell duet, and glorious congregational singing! The choir is learning new and exciting music and we welcome anyone who loves to sing to join our choir, we meet at 8:30 a.m. every Sunday to rehearse music. We welcome special praise music, vocal or instrumental, so if you would like share your talents during the church service please contact Dee Fleming, Substitute Choir Director, at: d_flemingmusic@hotmail.com or call the church office at 406-837-4547. If you need help preparing, she is available to accompany you on piano or guitar.

King's Ringers



The bell choir had a very busy December, ringing in the joyful season of Christmas. They continue to practice and look forward to sharing their music, and their joy, in the coming months.

Thank you!

Dear Circle of Friends,

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of the Harvest Bazaar at CUMC. It was a great way for us to meet others that are part of the church community, and for us to kick-start our fundraising.

The location was perfect! With that visibility we were able to raise \$102 for our troop, and we've already put those funds to use for our Court of Honor where Scouts are recognized for their achievements.

Thank you again for your support of Troop 1916G! On behalf of the entire unit, we are so blessed to have the amazing support from Circle of Friends and the Community United Methodist Church!

Eve Lefcourt
Committee Chair

Thank you to everyone who helped with the College Care Packages in December! The packages are always appreciated during such a hectic time in our students lives. What a great way to show them the love of Christ though their church family! And they are greatly appreciated by those who receive them!



Mission News



The purpose of CUMC Missions Committee is to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. We serve to follow God's commands to care for the poor, the sick and to serve the community and the world. We strive to involve all members of the congregation in mission work.

Participate with mission partnerships with local, national and international organizations to serve as good stewards of God's resources, to be God's witnesses in our home, church, community, nation and world and to show the world the love of God and our faith in Him by what we do.



December was a busy month for missions! In addition to the BUMP

Boxes and clothes that were delivered earlier, we mailed a box of adorable baby hats to Browning, thanks to Ginger at the post office. She and some friends have been crocheting and looking for a place to donate their work and Susan Kuhlman was more than happy to help get the hats to babies who can use them.



We once again helped with ringing the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign.



And, of course, a great time was had by all at the Lighthouse Christmas Party. The residents were very excited to participate in worship and receive so many generous presents!

Thank you to everyone who helps with these and all our other mission projects, we were able to help a lot of people in 2019 thanks to our wonderful congregation and community.

Phoenix Group News

Phoenix is an organization of CUMC established to provide opportunities of friendship and fellowship among widows and single women of our community.



The Phoenix Group, hosted by Nancy Kelly and Margie Mc Donald had a grand time ushering in the Christmas season at their December 10th meeting. The Clubhouse at the Bigfork Harbor Condominiums was a new and wonderful location for the gathering and we hope to continue using it over winter. There were small tables for good conversation and noshing, big comfy chairs around the fireplace for full group discussion and sharing, plus room to carry out this month's activity.



We were invited to fill gift stockings for 15 Lakeview Care Center residents this year, so our members chipped in to make that happen and filled all the stockings in lieu of a

member gift exchange. Each was topped off with a little elf who looked pretty cute peeking over the edge of the stocking.



Many thanks to all who helped and contributed to this outreach.



In January, Loyann Kimmerly is chairperson for planning the next gathering, with Sharon Knauth and Patti Wright assisting. There will be fun in store.

Hold the date: Tuesday January 14, 2020 at 2:00pm

Location: 270 Bridge Street – Bigfork Harbor Condominium Clubhouse. The Clubhouse is located at the west end of the development. Please RSVP to Loyann 406-794-4414

As always, be alert to additional women who might enjoy being invited to join this group. Call Jean Randal 837-3117 for more information or to make a referral, or if you need a ride.

Bigfork Town Hall

We appreciate the commitment of those who have built Bigfork into the place we love and we want to build on that foundation to maintain the legacy of a vibrant Bigfork.

January 14, 2020

From 6 pm to 7 pm

Bigfork High School *Library

600 Commerce Street, Bigfork

Location Change

Sadly, child care will not be provided; however, children are welcome.

Be in the know and share your opinions.....

This is your community and we need YOU.

The town Halls have started strong in a shorter format and in the evening for more of our neighbors and the community to attend.

Attend to:

Find out how various committees and organizations are working on the challenges we face in Bigfork that were identified in last year's community survey.

Give input and be involved in solving those challenges.

Share you "why I love Bigfork" story.

Learn together * work together * plan together

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