

THE BROADCASTER

December 22, 2021

Pastor's Piece

We just finished a sermon series "Songs of Christmas." If you think about it, the season of Christmas is a season for songs and praises. It's a time in which we make music to the Lord. Wonderful music about Christ's birth, wonderful music about hope that he brings to us through his salvation. It's a day in which we praise him with music and songs, poems, and so on.

I remember when I first came to America. It was a cold winter around Christmas time and, one night I laid down on my bed felt lonely, had homesickness, had culture shock, and on top of that I was struggling to learn English. And all of sudden, I heard Christmas carolers. A group of people were singing Christmas music. I remember lying down on my bed with heavy heart, but their music Christmas carols began to touch my heart, to minister to me, and my struggle. My loneliness slowly turned into joy as I was listening to the carols, and I sang with them in my heart, "Joy to the world the Lord is come let earth receive her king..."

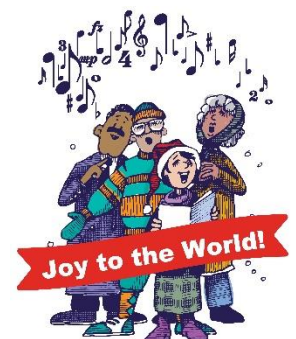
Christmas is a season for songs and music. But what if we're going through a hard time? In this world we make music, we celebrate our life through music when things are going well. Music is for festive occasions. But when you are really down and out, can you sing? There is a difference between a worldly concept of music and what we call praise. Because praise is for all time, especially when you're going through hard times. Because praise has power to lift you up. Praise has a way of touching your heart. So as we celebrate this season, which is a season for praise and music, I want to invite you today to give praise to him even in hard times.

Luke chapter 2, one of the most popular most famous stories of the nativity scene, is where the shepherds were outside in the field. And during that time being outside in the field meant you have no place to sleep, your place of rest was with the animals. But to them the good news of Christ's birth comes, and the heavens open up, the angels appear, and angels sing, "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors." Beautiful singing and music goes on in heavenly places. Then they hear the message that the Savior is born today. So they are directed to the place in a manger where the Savior is born, and upon seeing the infant Christ, they break out in songs and praise. So even in this most popular, the most native scene, it is filled with songs and praises from beginning to end. This season is all about singing, making music to the Lord, praising is good news.

Friends, I want to invite you to praise Him even in hard times.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ji



OUR PRAYERS FOR

Those Within the Church

Don Bennett, David Brownlee, Bruce Campbell and family at the passing of his brother, Dean Dellinger, Marvin Hatch, Erlene Morgan, Tammie Suffield (Teresa Maples's sister)

Our Leaders

Law Enforcement Officers in our community and in the nation, the persecuted Christians around the world.
God's Guidance and Strength for President Biden, Our Troops and their Families

Our Military

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| † Michael Barbett – Darryl & Val Wall's son-in-law | † SGT Bryant Leinen – Warren & Jeanne Leinen's grandson |
| † CPL Cody Blair – Judy Lann's grandson | † Erik Nott & family – Doug & Gay Vannaman's son-in-law |
| † Dennis Burns Jr (DJ) – Dennis Burns Sr & Lisa Soetebier's son | † SGT Steven Pearce – Walt & Janet Southards' nephew |
| † Lt. Col. Adam Coffman – Gladys Coffman's grandson | † Erik Ralsten |
| † Kristopher Dewitt – Mary Stout's grandson | † CPL Bethany Reeves |
| † Chance Greenhoff – Army | † David Ruckman – Roy & Linda McFarland's nephew |
| † James Harris (MP) – Bill & Joy Page's grandson | † AIC Bradley Southards – Walt & Janet Southards' grandson |
| † Austin Kroeger | † CMSAF Jeffrey Stockwell – Melissa Lampe Stockwell's husband |
| † Sydney Lang – Navy | |

Thank You To...

To our wonderful church family,

Thank you so much for your caring and concern the last five months of Phyllis' heart issues. The visits, phone calls, cards, and meals were much appreciated. Thanks again.

Love,
Phyllis and Ben Neaderhiser



Sermon Series



Sunday, January 9, Pastor Ji will begin a new sermon series on "The Gospel of Luke". This series will help our life be shaped by the examples and teachings of Jesus Christ. We will walk verse-by-verse through the life and ministry of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke. Please join us as we begin this New Year 2022 in committing ourselves to Jesus Christ.



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| 2 Evan Reffner | 3 Jim Waller | 3 Kyla Burdick | 4 Pat Stone |
| 5 Bev Winter | 6 Shirley Bauguess | 6 Caleb Newfer | 8 Sue Livengood |
| 8 Collin Sears | 9 Emily Stone Reamey | 9 Matthew Stam | 9 Margaret Williams |
| 9 Camden Tormey | 10 Brian Botts | 11 Mary Jane Stauffer | 11 Jeanette Stanley |
| 11 Savannah Koch | 12 Marvin Hatch | 12 Samantha Anderson | 13 Janet Southards |
| 14 Marilyn Grandfield | 14 Kaden Lampe | 18 Stacy Barbour | 18 Abby Anderson |
| 20 Olivia Dunn | 21 Ron Stanley | 21 Lavona Hobson | 23 Jesse Ingle |
| 24 Jack Wilson | 24 Jack Lampe | 25 Val Wall | 25 Jacque Dundas |
| 26 Jill Seidl | 27 Jerri Hoffine | 27 Adam Ingle | 28 Dennis Newfer |
| 29 Jodi Kirkland | 29 Deborah Phelps | 31 Greg Jaquis | |



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| 20 Ed & Linda McCormick | 21 Noble & Marsha Callaway |
| 22 David & Sharon Weishaar | 27 Rick & Christy Southards |

Leadership Orientation for those serving on either the Church Council, Staff Parish Relations, Trustees, Finance, or Fellowship and Missions Team for the 2022 calendar year. **Saturday, January 15** from 9:00a - 11:00a in the WCC. This meeting will be considered your committee's January meeting. We will discuss our goals for the year.



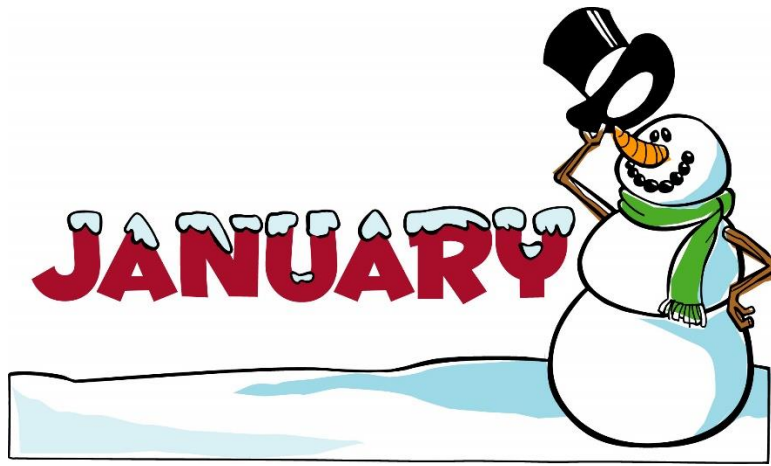
Book Club

Book Club will meet **Wednesday, January 26** at 6:00p in the Fireside Room. This month's book is *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. If you would like the office to purchase you a copy, the cost is \$4.00.

Women's Retreat

The Women's Retreat will be **Saturday, February 5, 2022**. Join us from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Breakfast, Speakers, Craft, Lunch, and Fellowship!





WEEKLY:

SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
Traditional Worship 9:00a			JOY Group 9:30a		
Sunday School 10:00a			WOW ZONE! 6:00p		
Contemporary Worship 11:00a			Chancel Choir 7:15p		
UMYF MS & HS 5:00p WCC					

SPECIAL:

Church Office & Building Closed
Monday, December 27
Monday, January 3

~~Fellowship & Missions Team
Thursday, January 6 6:00p SAN~~

Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever
Friday, January 14 11:00a WCC

~~UMW Executive Board
Monday, January 3 6:00p CR~~

~~Staff Parish Relations Committee
Thursday, January 6 6:00p FS~~

Leadership Orientation
Saturday, January 15 9:00a WCC

Book Club
Wednesday, January 26 6:00p FS

~~Trustees
Wednesday, January 5 6:00p FS~~

~~Finance Committee
Tuesday, January 11 6:00p FS~~

~~Administrative Church Council
Thursday, January 20 6:00p FS~~

UMYF Mission Day

UMYF spent their first day of Thanksgiving break helping United Methodist Open Door with their annual Turkey Drive.

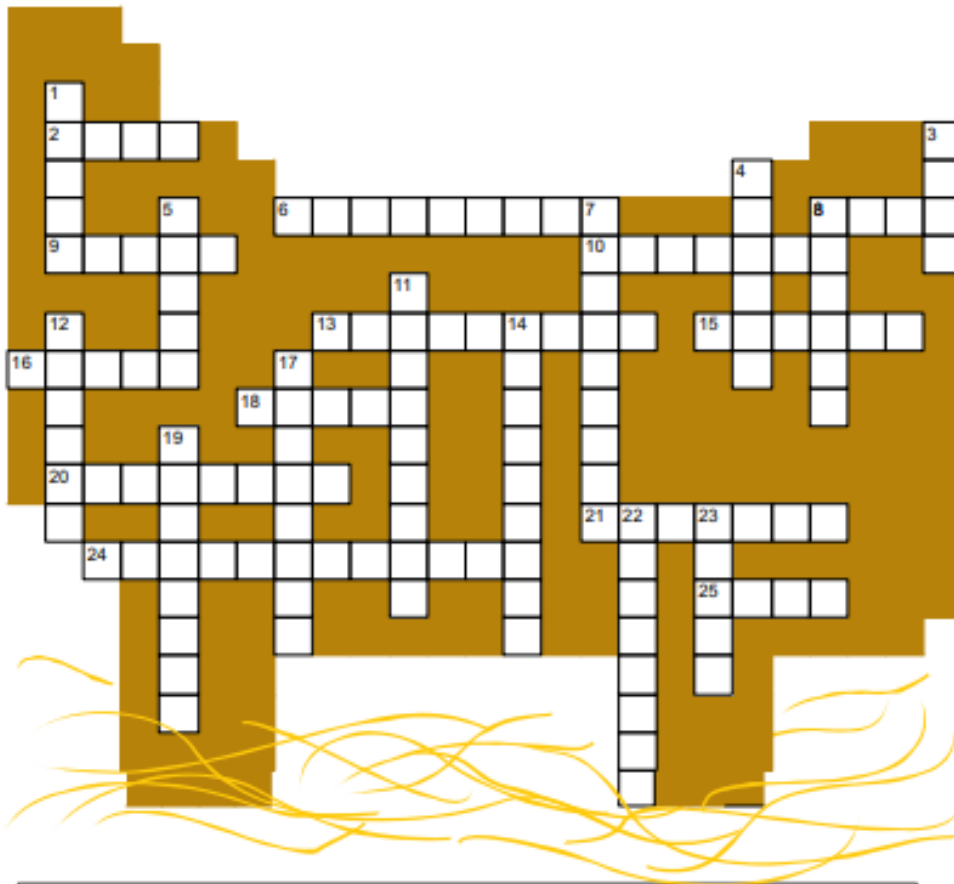


"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



The Nativity



Down

1. Where Joseph took Jesus and Mary after the wiseman left Bethlehem
3. This led the wise men to the Christ child
4. God had promised him that he would not die before he saw the Christ.
5. King of Judea at the time of His birth
7. Cloth used to wrap babies
8. A multitude of these praised God, saying "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."
11. City where Jesus was born
12. A trough: an open box from where cattle feed
14. Mary's cousin and mother of John the Baptist
17. Governor of Syria
19. Where Jesus grew up
22. Roman emperor at the time of His birth
23. This empire ruled the western world at the time of His birth.

Across

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Precious metal: one of the gifts 6. Father of John the Baptist 8. A widow who served in the temple: she saw Jesus at His dedication. 9. Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem to pay these 10. These came from the East and brought gifts 13. Those watching over sheep 15. Jesus' earthly father | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 16. Joseph and Mary were of the lineage of this former king of Israel. 18. An aromatic herb: One of the gifts 20. God with us 21. The angel who visited Mary and told her she would have a Son. 24. A gum resin used in incense and perfumes: one of the gifts 25. Mother of Jesus |
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The Christmas Totem Pole

My friend, behold the carving,
Now open up your soul,
And you will learn the legend
Of the Christmas Totem Pole.

Now the Ancient Tsimshian
Had “books” for all to see,
For when they “wrote” a story
They carved it from a tree.

While gazing at old Totems
One Christmas dreamingly
I beheld a vision
Of a strange nativity.

Now, I sought to hold it,
But it escaped my grasp.
Not 'til I searched long their culture
Did it return at last.

Yet did some Ancient Craftsman
Guide by hands to lift the veil
Of how He would have carved it
If He had only known the tale?

From the lore of these people
Then let this pole proclaim:
That “Great Chief of the Heavens”
Was their Creator’s name.

Black Raven was His messenger
To bring His word, it seems.
And Frog, the lesser creature,
He sent to them in dreams.

To a lowly Maid came Raven,
To plan that Holy Birth,
While Frog assured Woodcarver
Her Child would bless the earth.



An order for a potlatch
Was given in that day.
They journeyed there by dugout
Through inland waterway.

No place was found for shelter,
Except the forest wild.
Where Bear feeds on the berries
Was born that Holy Child.

Men tending village fishtraps
Heard the Raven’s song
And ran to find a Saviour
Promised e’er so long.

Then traveling to that village
Came leaders from afar
With gifts for a newborn Chieftan,
Being guided by a star.

Yet there were those who feared Him,
And one who wished Him dead,
But Great Chief of the Heavens
Had a plan of love instead.

So He sent Frog to warn them;
And they hid with another clan.
He would become the Great Chief
And fulfill His Father’s plan.

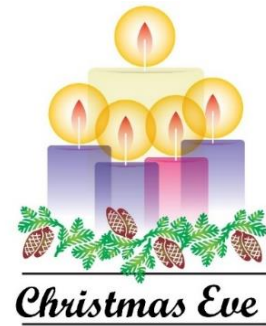
Yes, He comes to every people
No matter where they live;
Just as they are, accepts them,
His Holy love to give.

So take Him as your Chief, my friend,
And He shall make you whole.
This fulfills the purpose
Of the Christmas Totem Pole.

By Rev. David K. Fison, First United Methodist Church of Ketchikan, Alaska

*The Christmas Totem Pole we received from the First United Methodist Church
in Ketchikan, Alaska is on display in the church office.*

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT
AND HOLY COMMUNION
WORSHIP SERVICES WILL BE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP at BOTH 4:30 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, WE WILL HAVE ONE WORSHIP
SERVICE at 10:00 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL NOT MEET.

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