



Canby United Methodist Church

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Sunday at **11:15** a.m.
In-person & Zoom worship

Church Office Hours:
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
10a.m. – 2p.m.

Pastor Dylan on military training:
January 9 – February 4

Guest Speaker Schedule

January 9 / Epiphany

Recorded sermon by Leroy Barber (Director of Innovation for an Engaged Church)

January 16 / 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Lydia Henry (Lay speaker from Gresham UMC)

January 23 / 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Lydia Henry (Lay speaker from Gresham UMC)

January 30 / 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Ray Keen (Director of Canby Center)

February 6 / 5th Sunday after Epiphany (Communion)

Pastor Dylan



Pastor's note:

Growing up in South Korea, I remember my parents getting me new clothes every New Year's Day. It was part of the cultural tradition that everyone starts the New Year with a new resolution and a good heart. What better way to start the New Year than with a new garment? At the beginning of every year, we wish and promise to do things differently and do them better than we did the previous year.

Jesus said to put new wine in a new wineskin because an old wineskin would be already stretched and could easily be torn apart when the new wine expands as it ferments. Likewise, we want to be ready for the New Year with new hopes and dreams. New hopes and dreams will motivate us to move forward. They provide us an opportunity to reignite our passion for loving our lives and the people around us.

What are you hoping to see this year? I hope that, if possible, the world will respond to Covid-19 effectively, which will allow us to resume our valuable human interactions again. Like all of us, I am learning that Covid-19 dramatically decreases our ability to share our lives in a meaningful way – the way we were meant to live – concerning each other, providing a hand, comforting one another over a meal, or gathering in groups freely for a shared experience. I want to see kids safely going to school, running around, and mingling together as they should. I want to have church fellowship time back so that we can share food, exchange handshakes and hugs, invite each other to our homes and gatherings.



I hope to get to know everyone more personally so that we can fully embrace one another and build each other up in a mature and loving way.

These hopes are small but necessary aspects of our lives that bring us joy and meaning. Again, what are your hopes and dreams for this year? No matter what we wish to happen this year, I hope you are full of joy and love that will open our hearts to love God and our neighbors more than last year. For that, we are called to be God's people and become the church in our neighborhood.

-Pastor Dylan



Thank you for your generous Christmas for my family and me. We are grateful for your support as always. Thank you!

Pastor Dylan

Dear friends, thank you so much for your generosity for my Staff Gift, I feel blessed to work with all of you at CUMC. Wishing you and your family the best in the New Year!

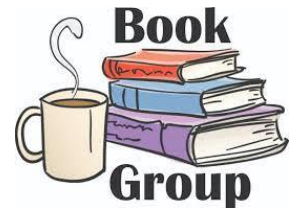
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Upcoming:

Church Council
February 21 (6pm) via Zoom

Small group:

Our book study group has finished the first book successfully. We have enjoyed each other's stories and learned a lot from one another. We are grateful to all those who faithfully participated and supported the group gatherings. We will start a new book in the spring. Stay tuned!




Financial Report:

2021 was an interesting year. Covid continues to impact us in a way we have all become weary of. Given that challenge, I believe that CUMC has done reasonably well. We found a way to return to in-person worship with a hybrid option. We are still striving to improve the hybrid part, but we should celebrate what we have done.

Advent was present in our building. The banners, nativity sets, the lighted tree, candles, and poinsettias brought a Christmas feel. And throughout this, we have experienced regular financial support. We sent \$1,000 each month toward our apportionments, much more than 2020. We updated the sanctuary furnaces and controls. We cleaned up the February ice storm with amazing community partners. We maintained our positive relationship with the Hispanic ministry congregation. We had a very successful community garden season. Some of our support groups are meeting onsite again. Do you remember these things?

Thank you for your faithful service and your financial support. We have budgeted



January Birthdays
 6 Ari Laitinen
 9 Nori Zieg
 14 Chi Cambra

February Birthdays
 7 Lacie McCormick
 8 Sheila Brown
 16 Mary Ann Brown
 19 Bob Cambra
 21 Joe Perez

The Messenger

essentially a flat budget for 2022, close to the same as 2021. We look forward to everyone's continued support.

Thanks for the extra support for the Christmas staff gift and the year-end appeal for the Canby Center. Your ongoing support of the recycling project is absolutely fantastic. Together we are a small but mighty group.

Your 2021 giving statement should be coming very soon. Watch for an email if we have that, or USPS mail if that works for you. The church office is ready to help if you have questions.

Mark



United Methodist Women:

In December 2021, the UMW met to finish our book, "Bearing Witness in the Kingdom"; Living into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship, by Darryl W. Stephens. Jesus came to bring good news to the poor, release the captives, restore sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free. We are invited into Christ's holy Church through the sacrament of baptism. Because God loves us ALL, we are "kin" in Christ. A new kinship - siblings in faith - we have become family. "Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." We learned to be "attentive listeners" and how to love our "KIN" all over the world!

We also sent 15 gifts to the 15 orphaned boys (ages 14 to 18) at the Parrot Creek Ranch in Oregon City in December. We also sent a \$150.00 check so that the boys could have lunch for Christmas!

A huge thank you to the women who participated in all the above! And an invitation to any women who would like to join us! Our next meeting will be Saturday, January 8, at 1 PM, at Sharon Perez's home (889 NW 2nd Ave.,

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Canby / phone: 503-758-7593). We will be discussing our budget for 2022. Come and join us!

Sharon & Deanna



Blessing Bag ministry:

We met a man across the street rummaging through a shopping cart at the Key bank drive-through. We pulled over, and Ken took a blessing bag with gloves and a hat and gave it to him. He was so grateful for the hat and gloves. God knew what he needed and put him and us in the right place at the right time because of this weather this week. Ken talked to him for a while. We are so grateful to God for his work through the blessing bags.

We thank you for all your help. May the Lord bless us all!



Care Team: The Christmas season has kept us all busy. The lovely Christmas card you get in the mail brings a smile to your face. It makes the whole world stop for a little while so you can hear some kind words to brighten up your day. Make sure you brighten up someone's life all year round with just a little card and Jesus' love. We sent 69 cards, 7 calls, texts, and emails.

Sharon, Diana and Deanna

Song of Joy:

As I continued to examine songs for life lessons and inspiration to shape my behavior, I was drawn to Dolly Parson's hit record "a Coat of Many Colors." Its lyrics provide powerful insight into the power and comfort of love and its healing and strengthening forces. The song also reflects our need to take Christ's call of caring for others to the most basic level of not teasing, bullying but offering understanding and care. I hope you enjoy revisiting this old but still very meaningful song.

Bob

Coat of Many Colors

*Back through the years I go wandering once again
Back to the seasons of my youth
I recall a box of rags that someone gave us
And how my mama put the rags to use*

*There were rags of many colors, every piece was small
And I didn't have a coat and it was way down in the fall
Mama sewed the rags together sewing every piece with
love*

She made my coat of many colors that I was so proud of

*As she sewed, she told a story from the Bible she had read
About a coat of many colors Joseph wore and then she said
Perhaps this coat will bring you good luck and happiness
And I just couldn't wait to wear it and momma blessed it
with a kiss*

*My coat of many colors that my mama made for me
Made only from rags but I wore it so proudly
Although we had no money I was rich as I could be
In my coat of many colors my mama made for me*

*So with patches on my britches and holes in both my shoes
In my coat of many colors I hurried off to school
Just to find the others laughing and making fun of me
In my coat of many colors my mama made for me*

*But they didn't understand it for I felt I was rich
And I told them of the love my mama sewed in every stitch
And I told them all the story mama told me while she
sewed*

*And how my coat of many colors was worth more than all
their clothes*

*But they didn't understand it and I tried to make them see
That one is only poor only if they choose to be
Now I know we had no money but I was rich as I could be
In my coat of many colors my mama made for me
Made just for me*

Epiphany:

Epiphany is the day and the season of the church year when we patiently watch and listen as God is quietly revealed before us once again. Sometimes, even when we try hard to do so, we just don't see God in our everyday lives or in the events of our troubled world. Epiphany gives us the time and the resources to watch, wait, listen, look, anticipate, and discern the light, life, and truth of the Lord's presence in our midst.

Contemporary observances of Epiphany include the coming of the wise men with gifts for the Christ child and the baptism of Jesus. The season concludes with Transfiguration Sunday, when the church remembers the radiant vision of the disciples who saw Jesus' garments turn bright and they heard a voice from a cloud that overshadowed them saying, "This is my Son, whom I dearly love. Listen to him!" (Mark 9:7).

Epiphany is the time when the church gathers to remember and reflect on the mighty acts of God in the birth of Jesus Christ. As we watch and wait for the light of Christ to overcome the darkness, we see the Christ child who will become prophet, healer, teacher, and savior. Much of the story remains to be told, but the biblical readings for Epiphany remind us of the direction in which this one sacred life is moving. Here was life at its purest and best. Life lived as it should be lived. Life that came from God, walked with God in the world, and would one day be fully with God in the world to come (John 13:3). The life of Jesus is our light and model for how we too may live. As we recognize the image of our true humanity in the life of Jesus Christ, we also begin to understand that we have come from God, are invited to walk in faithfulness with God in this world, and one day will be welcomed to our eternal home. There we will still be with the God who loves us beyond our capacity to fully understand.

