



## 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:  
Mondays 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Fridays 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



### Pastor's note:

I had a chance to talk with Audrey and Omik during Thanksgiving time, and I learned from Omik how Hindu culture celebrates their holiday season. In November, Hindus celebrate a festival of lights, Diwali, the most popular holiday in India. The festival symbolizes the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance. Many people in India light all their lamps in their homes to celebrate the meaning of the festival. Fireworks are set off as part of the celebration and many gatherings of families and friends included the exchange of gifts.

It was interesting to learn how Hindu culture celebrates their light festival as it is similar to how we celebrate Christmas. It was a recognition that we all, as human beings, yearn for the light and the victory of good over evil no matter how we define ourselves in our spiritual practice. We long for light, good, love, justice, mercy, compassion, and so on, as they are part of our deepest desires.

That is why we celebrate Christmas as the time that God came into this world to brighten the darkness, and we let the world know that darkness will not defeat the light. Our God called us to be the light to bring light and warmth where there is brokenness

### Lectionary Readings

December 5 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Communion Sunday  
Matthew 1:18-19

December 12 / 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Matthew 1:18-24

December 19 / 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Luke 2:1-7

December 24 / Christmas Eve  
John 1.1-5

December 26 / 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas  
Matthew 2.1-12



## The Messenger

December 2021

and darkness. As we anticipate celebrating the birth of baby Christ, I am inviting you to see the light in your hearts. That is there in your hearts; I see it, and God sees it. The world is brighter and warmer because you are there for each other.

Remember to shine your light before the world, to your neighbors and people around you, in this Christmas season.

-Pastor Dylan



### December Birthdays

11 Kiana Sweeney  
12 Ron Parsons  
19 Pam Judy  
24 Gerri Ballas  
25 Del Hildreth  
25 Forest Lanning  
28 Beth Sheller

### December Anniversary

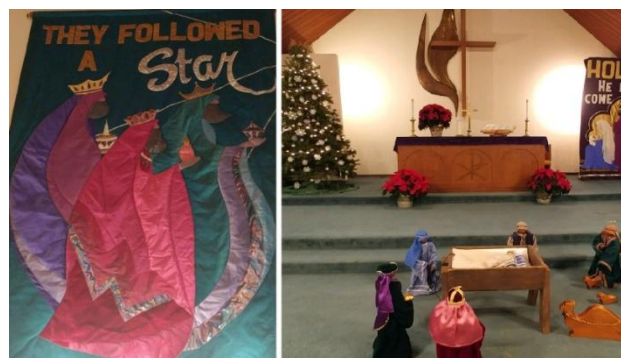
21 Joe & Sharon Perez  
29 Eric & Heidi Laitinen

## Christmas decoration:



We thank all of you who came out to decorate the sanctuary. Our church looks better because of your dedication and support.

We prepare our hearts as we prepare for the season. The Lord is coming!



## Upcoming:

Charge Conference for 2021  
December 5 (12:30pm)

Church Council  
December 13 (6pm) via Zoom

Christmas Eve Service  
December 24 (5pm)

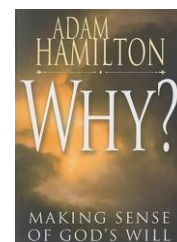
Lifeline Screenings  
December 18th (8:30am - 5:30pm)

Red Cross Blood Drive  
December 28<sup>th</sup> (12pm - 5pm)

## Small group:

Our book study is going well with strong participation. We will meet on Dec 6, 13 & 20 at 1pm in the fellowship hall. Please read chapters ahead in preparation for discussion.

Please get in touch with Pastor Dylan if you are interested.



## Financial Report:

November income and expense continues to be steady. Thanks to all for your

consistent giving. The \$1,000 apportionment for November was sent.

For years, CUMC has encouraged extra Year-end giving during the holiday time. We designate the extra giving to our apportionments. Our church leadership and Pastor Dylan are encouraging this again this year. We have done better this year than in 2020 in paying our calculated share, but we will be about \$6,000 short.

Another CUMC tradition has been the opportunity to support a staff Christmas Gift. If you would like to support this, special envelopes are available to put this into the offering plate. You can also designate any gift by noting staff gifts or year-end on our regular envelopes. We need to receive staff gifts by December 19 to share this by Christmas.

Budgeting for 2022 is progressing. Our apportionment calculation is slightly lower; utility costs will be higher. Payroll costs will increase a little as we follow minimum compensation requirements. In addition to your steady support, we rely on a generous allocation from our church housing investment account as well as our preschool and Hispanic ministry income. The overall budget will be down slightly.

The 20% bonus of bottle recycling ends December 12. Thanks for all that support this ministry. This ongoing project raises funds for special unbudgeted needs. I believe we will use some of this soon for upgrading some technology needs.

During this advent season, we are reminded to think of others. Sharing and giving are what we are reminded to do. CUMC is good at this and is encouraged to keep these opportunities top of mind. Let's celebrate the advent season in a spirit of giving.

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*United Methodist Women:*

Our next meeting is on Saturday, December 11th at 1:00 PM.

We have reached out to the community abundantly throughout the year. Thank you all for your prayers and support.

UMW donations in 2021

REACH - Homeless Students	200.00
Pregnancy Center	100.00
CASA Clackamas County	200.00
Canby Adult Center	150.00
The Canby Center	150.00
Shriner's Hospital, Portland	200.00
Share the Warmth, Canby	200.00
St Patricks Food Bank, Canby	150.00
Kiwanis Christmas Baskets, Canby	150.00
Parrott Creek Boys Ranch, OR City	50.00
Gift to Mission	300.00
Gift in Memory	150.00
World Thank Offering	167.10
Total \$2,167.10	

Sharon & Deanna



*Blessing Bag ministry:*

We went to Oregon City Fred Meyer, where we met a person with a veteran's sign. We gave him a blessing bag and said, "God bless you," and he said it back. We have been able to spread God's love with the blessing bags, but it has opened our eyes to the great need out there. We thank God for putting hearts on us to help when we can and while we can.



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

Care Team: The care Team was busy sending out cards this month. We sent 35 emails & texts and made 30 calls. Thank you, Care Team, for all the work.

Sharon, Diana and Deanna.

special treat or activity for the day. This tradition was first observed by German Lutherans in the 19th century, but the Advent calendar is now used by Christians of many denominations

### *Advent:*

What is Advent?

Advent is a season of the church year during which we prepare our hearts for Christ's coming. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year for Christians. [Liturgical means "from liturgy," which means the forms and functions of public worship.]

When is Advent?

The dates of Advent vary each year, but it always contains the four Sundays before Christmas Day. When did Christians begin observing Advent? The season of Advent began being observed around the fourth century of Christianity. In recent years, Protestant churches have begun to reclaim that part of their history by observing Advent.

What does the Advent Wreath represent?

Lots of people celebrate Advent by using an Advent wreath. It's often four candles on a circular wreath signifying the four weeks of Advent. A candle in the center is the Christ candle, lit on Christmas Day and Epiphany. Usually the four candles are purple or blue. If you celebrate Gaudete Sunday on the third week, that candle is pink. (Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin.) The Christ candle is white. Advent's primary message is to wait, listen, get in touch with God, and prepare our lives and hearts for Jesus' coming. For speeded up, stressed out people (that would be most of us), this is an intriguing invitation. Observe Advent -- and get more in touch with God.

What is an Advent Calendar?

An Advent calendar is a traditional way to count down the days of the season. Some Advent calendars have special doors or flaps that open to reveal a

