

Canby United Methodist Church

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UMC Lectionary February Readings

Feb. 07 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Black History Month Isa 40:21-31, Ps 147:1-11, 20c, 1 Cor 9:16-23, Mk 1:29-39

Feb.14. Transfiguration Sunday

Scouting Sunday, Valentine's Day 2 Kings 2:1-12, Ps 50:1-6 (UMH 783), 2 Cor 4:3-6, Mk 9:2-9

Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, Ps 51:1-17, 2 Cor 5:20b-6:10, Mt 6:1-6, 16-21

Feb. 21 1st Sunday in Lent

Gen 9:8-17, Ps 25: 1-10, 1 Pet 3:18-22, Mk 1:9-15

Feb. 28. 2nd Sunday in Lent

Gen 17:1-7, 15-16, Ps 22:23-31, Rom 4:13-25, Mk 8:31-38

Copies are available online from http://www.umcdiscipleship.org.

Updated office hours:

Pastor Dylan's office hours are Friday mornings.

The church office is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

From Pastor Dylan:

The new era has begun. We have a new president and a new Congress. People are excited. I am hopeful for the future of the country. I know the new president will not be perfect, nor do I think the new Congress is going to do everything right. We as a country still have many things that are broken and need to be mended. But, I see hope because there are signs that we will push away deceits, bigotry, discrimination, hatred, and other forms of evil. I see hope because we as a nation will continue to work toward embracing harmony, grace, and love even though we may not always agree with each other.

As the inauguration poet Amanda Gorman said, "For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it." If we continue to take courage to see the light and be the light, we can make a difference, and we will change the world into a better place for us and the generations to come.

My prayer is that through our encounters and support for each other, we will embody the light God bestowed upon us so that people can see the signs of hope, be encouraged, and know that we can make a difference in this world. We are the church, a gathering people, the instrument of God's love in this world. May God bless all of us, making ourselves available to the ministry of Canby UMC.

Announcement

Thank you, Jill, for your dedication to our church council for the last 13+ years. We were blessed to have you with your leadership and support; we are grateful for Jill as she finds other ways to support our congregation.

Also, please keep in your prayers the vacancy of the council chair position.

THE MESSENGER FEBRUARY 2021

Financial report from Mark Oldenkamp:

That was a fast January. Because of our somewhat conservative approach to 2020 year ending finances, we are in reasonably good shape starting the new year. After paying the bills, we are sending \$1,000 toward appointments with a prayerful desire to make this a monthly minimum for 2021.

It will help very much that we received a 2nd draw PPP loan/potential grant that we were approved for. This is part of the last Federal Covid relief funding that should have given most of our members an extra \$600 income. Hopefully yours arrived promptly. Our PPP loan is just over \$20,000. We have 24 weeks to spend this on payroll and payroll costs as well as utilities and then we can apply for forgiveness. This fits well in our regular budgeted expense pattern. Keep in mind, without our pie booth income we will not have that income to use for our contingencies.

Even with this bonus funding, it is important to know that despite the impact of Covid, we are still in the ministry business and our costs go on. Your support of our ministry is as important now, if not more so, than before Covid changed our lives. Thank you for your regular support; keep in mind that you can contribute online with Vanco. The link for the Vanco web access is on our website.

Everyone should have received your year ending giving statements. As always, thanks to Renna for her prompt work on those. If you have any questions please get hold of the office. We also are completing our required annual reports to the conference.

Recycling bottles and cans

The \$500 check arrived that I requested in late December. We used some of the funds to help purchase backpacks for the Blessing Bag ministry that Ken and Deanna faithfully make happen. I appreciate the steady support of this effort as we practice stewardship of renewable resources and help with some extra funds for our ministry needs. Keep them coming by dropping them off at the church or letting me or Renna know if we need to arrange for pickup.

Have a happy day to our February birthdays:

07 Lacie McCormick

08 Sheila Brown

13 Pastor Dylan Hyun

16 Mary Ann Brown

19 Bob Cambra

21 Joe Perez

In-Person/Zoom Worship

The next In-person / Zoom worship service is scheduled for Sunday, Feb 14, at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **Seat reservations must be made in advance.** Please call or email the church office to reserve your seat.

Bob Cambra shared during the Jan. 18 Council Meeting that he felt our first inside in-person worship was a success in meeting our primary goal of providing a safe option for those who felt comfortable attending. At the same time, it respected people's comfort level by incorporating a Zoom service at the same time and a linkage to connect all of the participants. We did encounter some sound issues during the Zoom session and efforts are under way to attempt to resolve them for the next service.

Care Team:

The Care Team wrote 27 and sent and made 37 texts and calls this month. Good job everyone! Thank you Diane, Sharon and Gerri for all your hard work this month.

We were busy this month making new blessing bags. We made 12 of them and so far we've handed out 2 bags. One in Tigard to a man who was very grateful to get it and another man in Oregon city who had his Bible on the ground and was happy to receive a blessing bag. Thank you everyone for all the help and prayers that go into this program. It really helps people and makes a difference.



UMW giving:

UMW wrote out many checks for December. They gave \$300 to the Saint Patrick food bank. \$100 to the Canby pregnancy center, \$200 to the Clackamas Children's Center, \$150 to the Canby Adult Center, \$150 to Kiwanis Christmas Basket, \$220 Parrott Creek Boys Ranch, \$150 to The Canby Center, and \$200 to Shriner's Children Hospital.

We remember Julie:

Julie Chapin was the Treasurer for United Methodist Women for a long time. She made sure when she was passing that she got her year end report in. She was dedicated and her daughter Anna helped her. Thanks to both of them, we got all the checks sent out and the year end report done. We will miss Julie and all she did for us.

Garden plots available

Community Garden Plots are available, and you can sign up now before the community signs up which begins on March 1.

Call or email the church office to see what plots are available and Renna can send you an application. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



CUMC TO HOST RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE FRIDAY MARCH 5, NOON - 5 p.m.

Canby United Methodist Church YOU make a difference! Thank you!

The American Red Cross is so grateful for partners that continue to stand with us throughout the coronavirus pandemic. This is the time to take care of one another, and your upcoming blood drive is essential to ensuring the health of those in our community. We are in this together!

Michelle Robinson Pacific Northwest Blood Services Region