

# Woodstock First United Methodist Church E-Newsletter



January 2024

Dear Congregation of Woodstock FUMC,

Happy New Year to you and your families. Hoping everyone had a Merry Christmas with their family and friends. I would like to share with you the Christmas letter again. The Nativity Scene, this was also the Praise Teams theme for Christmas Eve. They chose music and Bible readings that were referring to the different figures of the Nativity Scene.

I hope you had a chance to read the article in The Woodstock Independent about our Nativity Scene - the insight about it, the history of the set and how it came to be repaired.

While we were setting up the scene, many people who were passing by us honked or put their thumbs up with joy. Some people even stopped and told us, "Thank You". I believe that many people in the community wondered what happened to the scene because they had not seen the scene for a couple of years during the Christmas season and even, they were waiting for our church setting the scene up again. For the reactions of people in the community, I was very happy to set up the Nativity scene again.

As you read from the article, repairing and setting up the scene happened because everyone in our congregation and many church committees: Memorials, United Women in Faith, United Methodist Men and Tree Lot, donated significant amount of money to repair the scene and purchase two new figures - a donkey and an angel. Many helpers prepared for its travel to and from the company and the final set up on the church property. Thank you all for your great support to the church Nativity scene.

I pray that the Nativity scene that we, the congregation of Woodstock FUMC worked hard to repair with big amount of money and efforts truly reminds people in the community of Jesus who came to the earth to save people from sins and helps them to celebrate his coming in human form.

**SHE SHALL BRING FORTH A SON, AND THOU SHALT CALL HIS NAME JESUS;  
FOR HE SHALL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS. MATTHEW 1:21**

God Bless  
Pastor Jae  
Bev Limbaugh

## JOYS AND CONCERNS - Please keep them in your prayers

Becky Pender - Char Emricson - David Bohn - Ruth Hodges - Nancy Irwin -  
Bill Landis - Clifford Pierce - Gary Spice - Ray & Vi Uramkin - Bub & Lois Piper  
- Joe & Joyce Wiemuth - Revene Awe - Ed Fraase -



Please remember all of our home bound friends during this difficult time -  
Joyce Stackhouse - Pat Church

Condolences to the family of Charla Pierce. Charla passed away January 2nd. A Celebration of Life will be on January 20th 10am at the church.

Pray for the Woodstock FUMC and their families, United Methodist Churches and our pastor.

There are many people who need your prayers and support, please share our love as much as we can.

***God will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge. - Psalm 91:4 (NIV)***

***If you have a joy or concern you wish to share with the congregation, please let the church office know. You can call the office and send an email with the information.***

Anyone interested in joining in or helping out the Youth Group, please contact Pastor Jae.

Youth Group helpers are Michelle Foss, Anne Bierman and Sarah Fisher.



## **HELP WANTED!!**

Help is needed. We are in need of Sunday School teachers, teachers assistants and nursery help. Consider once a month to helping out.

Any time is greatly appreciated.

Please talk to Pastor Jae or Karen Hendrickson for more information.

Christian Education Committee:

Karen Hendrickson - Superintendent

David Gaines, Katie Moody & Ashleigh Starnes

## **Worship & Music**

**W&M Committee members are:**

Val Williams - Chairperson

Laura Biloz, Mike Eckert, Sara Feazell, Amanda Pinzon, Ron Smith and Laura Zurakov.

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Thank you to everyone who took a tag from the Giving Tree this Christmas Season.

### Missions Committee members are:

Renee Witt - Chairperson, Ruth Beard, Nicola Nelson, Linda Hastings, Ron Smith, Sara Feazell, Barb Passfield, Laura Zurakov, Sarah Fisher.

## WACM & DAP News

Thank you for your continued support of WACM through your Sunday giving.

WACM is in the middle of a fundraising campaign. Letters are being sent out to members of the community for \$25 donations. If you receive a letter, please consider helping out if you are able. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Your WACM representatives are Pastor Jae as our spiritual director, Sara Feazel, Laura Zurakov and Renee Witt.

### Your Fellowship Committee:

We ask you to consider signing up to serve refreshments after worship on Sundays.

Julia Beck - Chairperson, Renee Witt, Cherry Kot,  
Coni Furlano, David Gaines, Donna Marley, Nancy Irwin, Amanda Pinzon,  
Katie Moody, Mary & Doug Polnow



### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GIVING**

*Thought for the Day - My smallest gift can be a huge blessing.*

We are now accepting Credit Cards for a few more events other than the Christmas Tree Lot. You can use a credit card for your offering, cookie walk and some of the dinner fundraisers., to name a few. You will have to pay the 2.6% service fee if you do use your credit card.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Jae, Bud Blackman or Bev Limbaugh.

### Finance Committee members

Bud Blackman - Chairperson, Don Goers - Chair of Ad Council and Lay Leader,  
Bev Limbaugh - Treasurer, Phil Moore, Kathy McNeil, Brad Limbaugh, Steve Nelson,  
Rich Hodges, and Debbie Ruben

## NOMINATIONS & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Pastor Jae and the nominations committee have recently meet to update all committees for the upcoming years.

Nominations Committee are:

Pastor Hyujae Lee - Chairperson

Don Goers - Lay Leader

Till 2024 year: Bonnie Becker, Bev Limbaugh Ruth Beard

Till 2025 year: Bryson Calvin, Jean Pieroni, Michele Foss, Mary Polnow

Till 2026 year: Kedra Crain, Karen Hendrickson. Rich Hodges, Anne Bierman

## TRUSTEES REPORT

**\*\*\*NEW DATE FOR MEETINGS: FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 6PM.**

The trustees and members of the congregation are here almost every Wednesday night from 5-7pm doing maintenance. They have been taking great care of the church properties.

**Thank you all for your help and volunteering this year!! We have taken care of a lot this year and we couldn't have done it without everyone's help!! Thank You ALL!!**

### Board of Trustees Committee:

Brad Limbaugh - Chairperson, Ryan Pinzon - Vice Chairperson, Kedra Crain - Secretary, John Becker, Roberta Oakley, Bobby Fisher, Jason Moody, Bryson Calvin, Steve Ruben, Doug Polnow and Brenda Hale.



## United Women in Faith

(Formerly known as UMW)

This group meets the third Wednesday at 1pm every month.

Next Meeting is January 17th. ALL are welcome!

If you have any questions about United Women in Faith, contact Bonnie Becker at 815-719-1061.

Bonnie Becker - President, Cherry Kot - Vice-President, Nancy Irwin - Treasurer,

### **UMM - United Methodist Men**

David Gaines - President  
Bill Ave - Vice-President  
Bill Landis - Secretary  
- Treasurer

Join them the 2nd Saturday of every month at 9am to check out what this group of men are all about.

### **Staff-Parish Relations Committee:**

Kathy McNeil - Chairperson  
Don Goers - Lay Leader  
Phil Moore - Lay member annual conference representative

Till end of year 2024: Julia Beck, Cherry Kot, Donna Marley  
Till end of year 2025: Bill Collingbourne, Jean Pieroni, Nicola Nelson, Kathy McNeil  
Till end of year 2026: Sarah Fisher, Linda Hastings, Sue Blake, Bill Awe, Renee Witt



### **CHRISTMAS TREE LOT**

The tree lot was another successful year. THANK YOU to EVERYONE who helped out this year.

The Tree Lot committee members are Don Goers, Brad & Bev Limbaugh and Ryan Pinzon. If you are interested in helping out and working with this committee, please let them know.

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**IMPORTANT FUMC INFORMATION:**

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