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No Room At The Inn



Angels And Shepherds



Wise Ones Bring Gifts

To view these pictures in color, check out our website at www.bloominggroveumc.org

Sunday, December 3rd Sunday School Christmas Program

“How Far is it to Bethlehem?”

80 plus people joined us on Sunday, December 3rd, to celebrate the first Sunday of Advent with our children and youth leading the Sunday School Christmas Program “How Far is it to Bethlehem?”. There was wonderful live action, including a determined Joseph and a patient Mary, a frazzled innkeeper, shepherds caring for their sheep (plus a Christmas Dragon and a Christmas Bumblebee), enthusiastic angels, and our regal Wise Ones, and diligent narrators. Our actors were joined by a “cast of thousands” through power point slides of the 35 children, youth, and adults who gathered at the Brad & Tracie Spinler farm on Sunday, November 5th for a great adventure in which we took their pictures in costume as multitudes of angels, scores of shepherds, members of the wisemen entourage, travelers to Bethlehem, guests in the stable - all accompanied by an assortment of critters, including Al the miniature donkey and Tater Tot the pony!

The miracle and mystery of the Christmas Story came to life before our very eyes and brought joy to our hearts. One of the best examples: in our rehearsals, the Baby Jesus had been a large gourd in the Thanksgiving arrangement on the altar. On the day of the program, with the Christmas backdrop in place, complete with stable and manger filled with straw, our little Christmas Dragon was so excited to see who was in the manger that he left his shepherds and sheep and ran as fast as he could to welcome the baby! What a story – the Christ Child welcomes and beckons us all to come running to find the Good News!

Again, we extend our thanks to:

Brad & Tracie Spinler for sharing their farm for the photo shoot in November.

Kristen Spinler Krell, photographer, and editor of the Christmas Program slide show.

The Poe family for sharing “Tater Tot” the pony, and “Al” the miniature donkey with us.

The Education Committee and Sunday School Teachers for their creative energy in photo selection, costume design, and for helping coordinate all activities on the day of the program.

Patti Ellingson for leading the children’s singing and for design of the Mission Offering insert.

Judy Mahler for design of the bulletin and liturgy.

Marlis Mahler and Judy Mahler for creation of the program script and coordination of script and pictures.

Our youth and children who so excitedly shared their talents and joy with us.

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By the time you are reading this, your Christmas tree may already be down. The ornaments and decorations may be put away, and the twinkly lights are put back into their boxes. Needles are swept up, and the furniture is put back to the way it always was.

Or perhaps you are more like our family, where we wait until after the Epiphany, fully embracing the 12 days of Christmas. (Okay, to be honest...it is usually because it takes that long to recover from the holiday hustle and that is about when we have the energy to put it all away!)

Whatever you do, whenever you put away all the “stuff” that goes along with the happy holidays, there is something refreshing about clearing away the clutter. I am always surprised by how spacious a room seems once again when the decorations are put away, even though I love the season’s decor. There is something renewing about starting fresh.

It is one of those reasons why so many of us start a new year with fresh resolutions. We start with energy to make changes to our lives, to our habits, to the world around us. With a new year, we see with fresh eyes what is stagnant or needs renewal and refreshing and we make goals to change. We want to get rid of the clutter, the unnecessary parts of our lives that hold us back. We want to shed the extra weight, either physical or metaphorical, that slows us down.

The same thing happens in our spiritual lives. There are times and seasons when we crave a fresh start, when we desire a renewal in our souls. And, because of God’s grace, each and every day that we have breath in our lungs, we are given the opportunity to seek the Lord’s face. If you are feeling stuck in your faith journey, if your prayer life feels stagnant, if you are frustrated with your connection to God, sometimes you just need a reset. And the start of a new year is a great time to reset your mind, and refocus on the most important relationship you have...the one with your Creator.

We invite you to use this start of a new year as a catalyst to deepen your walk with God. Find a new faith practice, or breathe new life into an old one, and commit to doing it regularly. Perhaps it is a deeper prayer life, or reading Scripture on a daily basis, reading devotionals or serving others. Perhaps it means letting go of things that distract you from God, things like social media, or entertainment. Perhaps it means giving generously and sacrificially, committing to tithe a full 10% for the first time in your life. Whatever you choose to do or let go of, do so with a renewed commitment to God, surrendering to God’s will in this decision.

We look forward to seeing what 2018 will bring, and our prayers are for health, happiness, and God’s hand to be upon you in this new year!

Many Blessings,

Pastor JJ and Pastor Stefanie



Leadership Retreat

January 20

Noon—4 pm

Waterville “Village”

All of those who are in leadership positions (chairpersons and committee members) in 2018, or those who are just leaving their leadership positions, are encouraged to be at a Leadership Retreat on Saturday, January 20th, from noon until 4, at the Village in Waterville. We will be joining the Waterville Evangelical and Blooming Grove churches together for an afternoon of prayer, encouragement, and training to help us start 2018 off on the right foot! Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to one of the pastors so we have enough food and supplies for the day! Thanks!



“A Disciple’s Path.”

Join us for our new sermon series, “A Disciple’s Path.” We will be learning and growing together as we explore what it means to walk on the path of discipleship, especially how we understand it as United Methodists. We will be focusing each week on one of the vows we take as members: prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. This new series begins on January 7th.

Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Christmas Eve services. JJ and Stefanie couldn’t have had it go so smoothly without you! We are grateful to everyone who lit candles or read over the month of December. Thank you to everyone who came to the open house at the parsonage. We had a wonderful afternoon getting to visit with so many of you!

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JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday Morning Worship at 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Jan 17 Wednesday

UMW at Theresa's (Lesson: Tracie)

Jan 20 Saturday Noon to 4:00 pm

Leadership Retreat at The Village in Waterville

Parament Colors

January 7 White
January 14, 21, 28 Green

Cleaning

January 14, 28 Nancy and Susan

Scripture Readers

Jan 7 Reader: Jake Goldsmith
Greeter & Treats: Dave & Sheryl Brisel
Jan 14 **Reader Needed**
Greeter & Treats: Carol Karsten
Jan 21 **Reader, Greeter & Treats needed**
Jan 28 Reader: Patti Ellingson
Greeter & Treats Needed

Happy January Birthday

4 Charlie Brecht
10 Burch Buchholz
10 Jerry Mahler
16 Kristoffer Kiefer
17 Derek Bartosch
19 Chris Fyvie
22 Linda Kosel
23 Haley Nagel
25 Callie Nagel
25 Jim Nagel
28 Brad Spinler
30 Annette Sharp
31 Erin Nelson



Wanted

Volunteer snow plowers and shovelers. Please contact Brad Spinler if you are willing to volunteer your snow plow and/or back for shoveling snow.



Treasurer's Report

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November 26, - December 27, 2017

Income

General Budget

\$9,047.68

Expenses

Salary	1,633.81
Electric for parsonage	83.85
Mileage	136.16
Water for Parsonage	50.79
Cable TV	9.98
Health Insurance	627.88
Pension	221.63
Continuing Ed	250.00
Carpet Expense	50.00
Waste Management	24.05
Centerpoint Energy	19.64
Cell Phone	35.00
Internet	19.17
Conference Claims	1,257.00
Copier	22.50
Lawn Mowing	195.00
Cleaning	112.00
Excel Energy	69.66
Parsonage	100.00
Phone	45.44
Adopted Family	100.00
Sunday School	453.30
Total Expenses	\$ 5,516.86

(Net Income: + \$3,530.14)

Other Income Received

Cemetery Mowing	1,500.00
Poinsettias	108.50
Restoration	20.00
UMCOR	1,029.94
UMCOR #991670 & 982450	150.00
Emma Norton Income	250.00

New Member Sunday

If you have been worshipping with us and would like to become a member of this congregation, please contact Pastor JJ or Stefanie by January 17th. We would like to hold a membership Sunday on February 11th, at the culmination of our sermon series "A Disciple's Path." Membership shows your commitment to the mission and ministry of this congregation. If you are a member of another congregation, you can transfer your membership.



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**Thank You to BGUMC Members and Friends
who continue the legacy of living out their
Faith as the Hands and Feet of Christ**

\$2,430 - Fall & Christmas Giving to the BGUMC Disaster Relief Mission Fund

In response to the past months' disastrous hurricanes, wildfires, and mudslides that have destroyed the lives of so many in the USA and abroad, members and friends of BGUMC have donated \$2,430 to our Disaster Relief Mission Fund!! We thank God for your outpouring of love and kindness for people in need.

All proceeds will go to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). UMCOR spends 100% of designated donations to provide direct relief to those in need. (A separate grant fund covers all administrative costs.) UMCOR funds are distributed to local agencies and local United Methodist conferences to use in ways that they best see fit, given their hands-on knowledge of the circumstances and needs. See www.umcor.org for more information.

Our donations will be sent to UMCOR to be used for assistance for victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, victims of the wildfires out west, and victims of the torrential rains and deadly mudslides and flooding near Freetown, Sierra Leone, Africa.



Response for BGUMC Christmas “Adopted Family” is Overwhelming

This Christmas, BGUMC adopted a family in need through the Medford National Honor Society Giving Tree. Our adopted family includes a mom and a dad, a 6 year old girl, a 5 year old girl, and a newborn that was 3-4 weeks old at Christmas. Our sincere thanks go to Tracie Spinler for coordinating this effort, and to all BGUMC members and friends who so generously contributed with both presents and monetary gifts. Tracie said that the response was overwhelming! With the \$100 the church donates plus extra money donated, our adopted family received a \$200 gift card to Walmart, a truck-load of gifts, and a host of loving prayers.



Emma Norton
The Journey Home Begins Here

Emma's Place Christmas Cub Food Gifts

Thank you to members and friends of BGUMC who donated toward the \$100 Cub Food Gift Certificate given to family members of one of the residents of “Emma’s Place”. Cindy Saufferer helped serve the Christmas Meal there – and the families expressed their sincere thanks for such generosity.

Thank You!

Dear Members of BGUMC

I want to thank you all for the beautiful prayer shawl. When Bonnie L. presented it to me I was so overwhelmed to think that you all were praying for me. When I sit in quiet under the prayer shawl I feel so blessed and loved. I really appreciate all of your prayers. God bless and Thank you.
Love, Sue Redman



Dear Marlis,

I want to thank you and the members of your congregation for the beautiful prayer shawl. I was so touched when I opened the package and saw it. With the weather becoming more like fall it is very comforting to drape it over my shoulders. It makes me feel good and I can sense the power of prayer throughout it. I know how wonderful the country churches, especially the bond among the members, unites them all. Please extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who put their love and prayers into it. I will treasure it always.
Your friend, Jan (& Penny)

Dear BGUMC

Thank you for your \$25 donation to our food shelf. We appreciate it very much.
Sincerely,
Pam Guehring, Treasurer
New Richland Area Food Shelf.

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BLOOMING GROVE BUDGET

	<u>2016</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2018</u> <u>Budget</u>
Pastoral Support				
Salary	\$21,115.46	\$20,000.00		\$19,606.00
Parsonage Utilities	2,050.81	2,500.00		2,500.00
Health Insurance	3,568.80	5,568.00		7,535.00
Workman's Comp	607.00	650.00		500.00
Travel	252.72	500.00		1,750.00
Pension	3,975.63	4,000.00		2,660.00
Continuing Education	221.15	400.00		2,075.00
Conference Registration		300.00		175.00
Other Professional Expenses	<u>468.46</u>	<u>750.00</u>		<u>250.00</u>
Pastoral Support Total	32,260.03	34,668.00		37,051.00
Apportionments (Total)	7,000.00	7,200.00		7,602.00
Local Church Ministries				
Program				
Gathering House	0.00	0.00		0.00
Confirmation	0.00	500.00		500.00
Pulpit Supply	600.00	400.00		400.00
Misc.	418.44	500.00		600.00
Educational Materials	1,605.80	1,750.00		1,750.00
Administration				
Printing/Postage/Office/Copier	650.30	700.00		700.00
Communication	680.84	700.00		700.00
Maintenance				
Furnace Fuel	1,332.23	1,750.00		1,581.00
Electric	810.18	850.00		850.00
Cleaning	1,192.00	1,300.00		1,300.00
Insurance	3,592.00	3,592.00		3,600.00
Advertising	0.00	100.00		100.00
Repairs	1,700.26	2,500.00		2,000.00
Special Projects/Misc.	1,295.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
Mowing	2,500.00	4,000.00		4,000.00
Parsonage (Waterville)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>		<u>1,200.00</u>
Local Church Total	16,377.05	19,642.00		20,281.00
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TOTAL CHURCH BUDGET	\$55,637.08	\$61,510.00		\$64,934.00

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The sanctuary looks beautiful thanks to the many people who donated poinsettias in memory or in honor of special people in their lives. Thank you to all who helped make this happen.

Given by

Dave and Sheryl Brisel

Hjordi Churchill

Chuck & Linda Danks

Jerry & Patti Ellingson

Dick & Trudi Fisher

Don & Char Frankberry

Brian & Carolyn Kanne

LeAnn Kanne

Faye Kanne

Carol Karsten

Justin, Kristin and Leah Krell

Bonnie Lima

Marlis Mahler

Keith & Shelly McColley

Eleanor Saufferer

Brad & Cindy Saufferer

Jim & Chery Southworth

Brad Spinler Family

Cris & Karrie VanZuilen & Family

In Honor/In Memory of

In Memory of Charlie & Berniece Brisel

In Memory of John & Margaret Schmidt

In Memory of Claire & Beverly Churchill

In Memory of Dan Filzen

In Memory of Kenneth & Opal Danks

In Memory of Milt & Genevieve Losee

In honor of families everywhere

In Memory of Phyllis Fisher

In Memory of Wilbert & Marcella Remund

In Memory of Grandparents

In Memory of Harold Kanne

In Honor of Faye Kanne

In Memory of Harold Kanne

In Memory of Donald Karsten

In Memory of Kenneth Karsten

In Memory of Cindy Karsten

In Memory of Mable & Christ Gasner

In Memory of Joyce Krell

In Memory of Mario Lima

In Memory of Jess & Nora Saufferer

In Memory of Glenn & Alice Mahler

In Memory of David Mahler

In Memory of Clayton & Marlene McColley

In Memory of Glenn & June McColley

In Memory of Harold Saufferer

In Memory of Dan Cartmill

In Memory of Harold Saufferer

In Memory of Roger & Glorene Southworth

In Memory of LaVern & Vida Wendt

In Memory of Marissa Spinler

In Memory of Harold & Leona Minske

In Memory of Geraldine Gibbs

In Memory of Brittney Landsverk

In Memory of Phil VanZuilen

In Honor of Parents: Don & Jeanne Michel and Theresa VanZuilen

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Please remember the following people in your thoughts and prayers.



- A friend of Karrie VanZuilen's who was just diagnosed with untreatable cancer.
- Prayers of thanks for successful surgery for Mike Nicholson's sister, Pat, whose newly installed pacemaker is working well.
- Susan Stoulil, wife of Brad Saufferer's co-worker, who is recovering from emergency back surgery.
- Persons impacted by the continuing wildfires in California.
- Families of the children killed in the school shooting in New Mexico.
- Brad Spinler's sister, Julie, as she works through a difficult time of transition.
- Marlis Mahler's niece, Lisa, of Fort Collins, Colorado, as she battles a difficult flare-up of Krohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis.
- A co-worker of Hjordi Churchill, whose 14 year old daughter received the gift of a liver transplant on Christmas Eve.
- Holly Nagel (Walt and Holly now live in Chamberlain, SD), through Kris Nagel, has asked that we please pray for two members of her extended family. Holly's sister, Cindy has been fighting kidney cancer that has now spread to other areas of her body. A great deal of radiation and different chemo is needed. Cindy's daughter-in-law, Katie, was just diagnosed with a very rare and aggressive form of cancer that has now metastasized to her lungs. Chemotherapy was immediate upon her diagnosis and will require frequent visits weekly to the Mayo Clinic for treatment over the next 16-18 weeks. Lisa, a co-worker of Hjordi Churchill, who is recovering from the second of two complicated brain surgeries. Also pray for Lisa's husband, her daughter, and her new-born son.
- Jonathan Zierdt, friend of several in the congregation, as he continues his battle with prostate cancer.
- The leaders of our country and countries around the world.
- Caregivers of persons with health concerns.
- Prayers for the safety and well-being of children in the midst of concerning family situations.
- For all of us to remember we are all a part of the community and body of Christ in the world.

In Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to Dave and Sheryl Brisel and Dave's extended family as they mourn the loss of two family members.



Dave Brisel's great nephew, Brandon Lee Campbell, a 35 year old resident of Harris, MO was found deceased, December 20, 2017 in Mercer County. Memorial Services were held on Saturday, December 23, 2017 at the Galt Christian Church. Brandon was the grandson of Dave's sister Lois Corrigan, who has visited BGUMC when she has been up visiting from Missouri. Brandon was born March 5, 1982 in Trenton, Missouri to John Campbell and Melinda Clark. He graduated from Galt High School in 2001. After graduating Brandon worked for North MO Tire for 16 years. He was also the lead singer in a local band Whiskey Junction. Brandon enjoyed his family, playing the guitar, music, fishing, and wood working. Survivors include his parents, his daughter, two brothers and their families, and six step-sisters and their families.

On Christmas Day, Dave's sister, Betty, was rushed to Mercy hospital in Des Moines, IA. She passed away on Wednesday, December 27th, from complications of sepsis. Betty was 76. Funeral arrangements are pending at this time, as Betty's daughter and family are in the process of returning home from a vacation in Hawaii.

A New Years Prayer

A new year is about to unfold
With new opportunities to explore
Doors will open for new experiences
New adventures with the Lord

Remember not the former things
The things of this past year
The Lord will do new things in us
Much more than we are aware

For He will make a way for us
As we put our trust in Him
And He will guide our every step
By His presence we have within

What God has placed within our hearts
We find we'll be able to do
If we look for the opportunities
We'll see the door to go through

We mustn't let anything hold us back
But rise up and take our place
And be all that God wants us to be
With a fresh touch of His grace

M.S. Lowndes Read

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Christmas Program Letter of Thanks

To Blooming Grove UMC

I would like to thank everyone who was responsible for the Children's program at church today (Sunday, December 3rd). It took a lot of time and effort to give the performance that they did. In today's world, time is very well respected and we should all appreciate the time that was given. It is so given that these people really care and give to the future of our society...I have four grandchildren that are growing up in this church as of now (5 have been confirmed from here) and it makes me proud to see how they have been directed to do God's work and share their talent's work for the good of the community. Once again, I want to thank everyone who has given their time and talent when it is a very hard thing to share in this time in our lifestyle. Thank you all for everything and I want to thank you for being accepted into such a welcoming community of caring people.



Linda Kosel,
Grandma of Mason Nagel, Mikayla Janke, Weston Janke, Raelyn Janke