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DECEMBER 2019

Preppers

Don't go building a bunker in your backyard, but do start learning to grow your own food. Don't go stockpiling weapons, but do get to know your neighbors. Don't go run into the woods, but do learn how to forage wild food. You might not want to be considered a prepper, but you probably should start preparing for the future to be tumultuous.

We are cursed to live, as the old aphorism goes, in interesting times. Our world is politically unstable and likely to further destabilize as the impacts of ecological collapse spread. Refugee crises; resource wars; governmental collapse; fascism and nativism, are already recurring themes of this century and a savvy gambler would bet on their increase.

Though our own challenges are historically unprecedented, we are far from the first generations to face catastrophic change. Societies have collapsed before. Ecosystems have failed before. Humans have had to adapt in dramatic ways in the past. We can benefit from their experience and rely on their wisdom to deal with our own transition.

Indeed, much of the Bible was composed around periods of great tumult - exile, conquest, diaspora, revolution. Scripture resounds with warnings about

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UMW Christmas Giving Project

This year's UMW Christmas Giving Project will again be to support the "at risk" kids of the Newberg School District. Tags for children's gifts will be available at the December 1st worship. If you will not be in attendance but would like a tag, please contact Pat Vial by phoning or texting 503-550-0735. Gifts need to be returned to church by December 15th. If you have any questions, please let Pat know. Thank you in advance for your support.

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ways of life that lead to social destruction, and the echoes with the laments of those who lived to see the consequences of greed and militarism. The New Testament was written under the oppression of the Roman Empire and much of it is dedicated to helping communities survive that oppression and look to the horizon and know that empires always collapse under their own weight eventually.

During the season of Advent we prepare our souls for the change God intends to make in the world: a change symbolized by the birth of

Christ, but hardly confined to that room in Bethlehem 2000 years ago. We Christians are all preppers. We're all getting ready to give birth through the Spirit to love in our own flesh. We're all getting ready for a world where the last are first and the first are last; a world where the trees of the field clap their hands and the hills sing for joy. A post-dominance, post-violence, post-capitalist world to live up to the imaginations of teenage girls from galilee and shepherds raving about choirs of angels.

It's going to be an amazing ride. Better get ready.

Submission by Reverend Aric Clark





Friends renewed



Friends endure



United Methodist Women

Thanksgiving Dinner

A time for connecting with friends, a time to share good food with friends and a time for God's spirit in the season for all.

The choir will rehearse at 9:00 a.m. and sing on the 8th. There will be a special rehearsal at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, the 21st. We will meet at 9:00 on the 22nd and will lead worship that day with a lessons, poetry, anthems and carols, prayers and offerings Sunday service. There will be no rehearsal on the 15th.

Submission by Peggy Luckman



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SUCCESSFUL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The Holiday Bazaar this year was a huge success. A heart felt thank you from the Bazaar Committee to all of you who donated cookies, breads, candy, items for sale, support time, sales. It is too early to say how much charity money was earned as sales are still happening, but our first count of money made on Saturday was around \$2,300. We will make a final decision on which charities we will sponsor once sales are complete.

The Committee would like to give special thanks to the following people:

*Kahlia Knox for designing a unique sign which we learned from feedback has become associated with our Bazaar

*Ron Knox for providing a credit card option for payment

*Brian McKennett for putting up and taking down all the signs

*Richard Scheideman for his annual picture taking with Santa,

*Pastor Aric for making sure the singing Santa was there to have his picture taken with young and old,

*Bob Youngman for washing dishes and empty cookie containers most of the day.

It is this kind of support that assures a successful event.

People who came to the Bazaar had a good time. The talking, laughter, finding of something special to buy, having a cinnamon roll and coffee, gave a positive, welcoming impression of our church. Cherry wrote a message describing MHUMC which was available to those interested and asking questions. We may be the small church on the hill, but we are making things happen. Again, a huge Thank You to all of you.

Submission by Georga Dorsey

Willlowbrook Food Pantry

Willowbrook Food Bank remindful

'Thanksgiving' for all of us reminds us of our blessings. Our family hold hands and speaks prayers that are within our hearts for health, family & friends and for the less fortunate people of the world. Of course, the abundance of food.

The Willowbrook Food Pantry staff counted our blessings as well. We served Thanksgiving boxes to 88 families with 440 people. We are indebted to all of our donors.

145 families with 654 people were served in October.

We would appreciate pasta or white or brown rice this month.

Submission by Cherry Trotter

Villowbrook Food Pantry

PLANS, COMMENTARIES AND LEGISLATION GC 2020 POSSIBLE PATHS FOR THE UMC

COMMENTARIES/OPINIONS

Filipino Bishops' Resolution: <u>https://www.unitedmethodistbishops.org/newsdetail/united-methodists-in-the-philippines-seek-umc-unity-12904170</u>

African Bishops' Statement: <u>https://www.unitedmethodistbishops.org/newsdetail/african-bishops-issue-statement-on-future-of-united-methodist-church-12903732</u>

Hacking Christianity Dissolution: <u>http://hackingchristianity.net/2019/07/what-does-it-mean-to-dissolve-the-united-methodist-church.html</u>

Nate Berneking: Unwinding and Recreating The UMC: <u>http://hackingchristianity.net/2019/05/unwinding-and-recreating-</u> the-umc-part-two-guest-post.html

PLANS

Unity

Connectional Table Plan: <u>http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/connectional-table-approves-legislation-creating-new-u.s.-</u> <u>structure</u>

UMC Next: https://umcnext.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/UMCNEXT-PROPOSAL-OVERVIEW.pdf

Jurisdictional Redraw: https://pastorbecca.wordpress.com/2019/08/27/the-jurisdictional-re-draw-strategy/

Simple Plan: https://www.dropbox.com/s/uejdumne8sgth7d/Simple%20Plan%20Overview%20-%20final.pdf?dl=0

More Inclusive Way Forward: <u>https://app.box.com/s/uugz7twal9htmvojpnnxkenf3zfp49zw</u>

Missionary Conferences: No link as of 10/14/2019

Oppose Dissolution & Preserve Unity: <u>https://www.facebook.com/notes/pagkakaisa-movement-for-unity-in-mission-and-service/oppose-dissolution-and-preserve-the-unity-of-the-united-methodist-church-a-petit/647712838971319?sfns=mo</u>

Division

Indianapolis Plan: https://cdnsc.umc.org/-/media/umc-media/2019/09/25/14/39/basic-provisions-indianapolis-plan-aug-2019.ashx

Plain Grace Plan: https://planegrace.com/explaining-the-plain-grace-plan/

Dissolution

Bard-Jones Plan: https://cdnsc.umc.org/-/media/umc-media/2019/07/10/15/22/2019-308-a-new-form-of-unity.ashx

UM Forward - New Expression Worldwide Plan: https://um-forward.org/new-plan

UM Communion of Churches: <u>https://peopleneedjesus.net/2019/09/20/gc2020-legislation-the-united-methodist-communion-of-churches/</u>

WCA President's Proposal: <u>https://wesleyancovenant.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Plan-of-Dissolution-as-Way-Forward.pdf</u>

Cascadia District Cluster Meeting Follow-up

Reverend Tim Overton-Harris, Cascadia District Superintendent

4 Paths for the UMC brief summary set of Power Point slides are available upon request by contacting this editor, Thomas Ettelson at <u>t.ettelson@comcast.net</u>.

MOUNTAIN HOME UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mt. Home UM Men's Group Fund Raiser





Order Form



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Contact Bob Youngman or Ron Knox concerning this promotion.

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WED	4	11	18	25 Christmas Day	
THU	5 Shared Table @ Sher- wood UMC 6 PM	12 Shared Table @ Sher- wood UMC 6 PM	19 Shared Table @ Sher- wood UMC 6 PM	26 Shared Table @ Sher- wood UMC 6 PM Mt. Home UMC Host	
FRI	9	13	20	27	
SAT	7 UM Men's Breakfast 9- 10:30 AM	14	21	28	

December 2019

¢ Contact Info

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Reverend Aric Clark contact information Phone: (503)810-2395 E-mail: aricclark22@gmail.com Office hours by appointment Check out the updated website:



Organist/Music Director: Linda Walker Lay Leader: Laura Hartley Administrative Council Chair: Lynelle Eck Pastor Parish Relations Committer Chair: Georga Dorsey Deacon: Ben Hartley Trustees Chair: Thomas Ettelson Do you know someone who is unable to come to church or a shut-in? Contact our congregational care team: Chair Cheryl Barry

Event Calendar

Sunday Service at 11:00 AM

Every Thursday, Shared Table Sherwood UMC at 6:00 PM

Sunday, December I Charge Conference both Mt. Home and Sherwood UMC following Service at Mtn. Home UMC; lunch will be serviced

Sunday, December | First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December | United Methodist Student Day

Sunday, December | World Aids Day

Saturday, December 7 UM Men's Breakfast 9:00 to 10:30 AM

Sunday, December 8 & 22 Choir Practice 9:00 AM

Saturday, December 21 Choir special rehearsal 9:00 AM at the Church Monday, December 9 UMW Elizabeth Circle meets at 1:30 PM

Monday, December 9 UMW Lydia Circle meets at 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 22 Sunday Service choir will lead worship with a lessons, poetry, anthems and carols, prayers and offerings

Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24 Candlelight Service at UMC Sherwood 5:00 PM

Tuesday, December 24 Candlelight Service at Mountain Home UMC 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day

Thursday, December 26 Shared Table Sherwood UMC Hosted by Mt. Home UMC at 6 PM

Wednesday, December 31 New Years Eve No Trustees Meeting this month



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