

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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- [Sherwood and Mt. Home UMC Christmas Eve 2020](#)
- Wednesday, January 6 Epiphany

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We bid 2020 adieu, Happy New Year 2021

We are about to bid 2020 adieu, a year that will long be remembered for the coronavirus and the havoc it wreaked over the entire world. Besides all the horrific events that occurred, I believe we discovered truths about ourselves and responded with creative solutions. In my opinion, COVID-19 brought to light what "people persons" we are and how much we need to have friends and family near.

Some of the innovative approaches to this pandemic were: ZOOM phone meetings, sending cards and little gifts through the mail, delivering gift bags or baskets filled with home-baked goods, and a pre-recorded Christmas Eve church service. When we were together, we observed recommendations from the Health organization including wearing masks, practicing social distancing and washing our hands while we observed picnics and play days outdoors and (when the weather cooled down), cocktail parties or meals in the garage with very limited attendance.

A precursor to New Year's Day

2021, vaccines have been introduced and the vaccination process has begun, which to some projections will take until 3rd quarter, 2021. Life as we have known it in 2020 will return to normal. We will no longer need to draw upon those creative forces we used this year to be with each other.



Eleanor Roosevelt wrote "With the new day comes new strength and new thought." Having survived the coronavirus pandemic of 2020, and having not forgotten the year that was, I look forward to 2021 being the time when we are able to see ... and to HUG ... those people who are near and dear to us, when we are able to attend church services for real, when we are able once more to sell our crafts and

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Sherwood and Mt. Home United Methodist Church Christmas Eve 2020 post on our website:

[Mountain Home United Methodist \(mthomeumc.org\)](http://mthomeumc.org)

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baked goods at a bazaar, when we are able to attend and enjoy a Mountain Home Tea, when we are once again able to taste that fresh-milled apple juice and go round and round in circles for the cake walk during the Harvest festival, when we are able to sit and watch the sunrise as we celebrate Our Risen Lord at Easter and when we are once again able to worship Jesus' birth by lighting candles and

singing "Silent Night" together.

I believe having gone through 2020 has given us faith in the ultimate strength each of us has and, possibly a new lens through which to view and to think about the world around us.

From me to you -- Happy New Year 2021!!

Submission by Lynelle Eck

Voting Members of the Church Council

Proposed Structure of Church Council to change. Recommended that the four voting members of the Council be

- a) Chair/Lay Leader
- b) Activities/Outreach Chair
- c) Trustees
- d) Finance.

The group decided by consensus to adopt this structure and may amend it after Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. One to three At Large voting members may be invited to attend Council.

Consensus agreement was to appoint the following leadership:

- Chair – Lynelle Eck
- Lay Leader – Marcia Loney
- Activities – Diane Peters
- Trustees – Tom Ettelson
- Finance – Brian McKennett
- SPRC – Georga Dorsey / Alice Hendricks

Lynelle Eck, Church Council Chair

Church Council



Willowbrook Food Pantry

December 28, 2020

Willowbrook Food Pantry

Advent is a special time of anticipation and reflection of hope, love, joy, peace with Jesus Christ in the center. This was evident at the pantry. As we were low in the essential items, the volunteers were hopeful for the donations that would arrive in December 2020.

The pantry was given a gift (love & joy) from the Ridges Elementary School was 1690 lbs of food. The Sherwood High School was 502 lbs and the Figure Skating Club donated 1100. Total: 3292 lbs! These kids were delightful. (Christ's peace)

We, Willowbrook Pantry, with grateful hearts for the service of the kids and *all* the donations!

Submission by Cherry Trotter



December Birthdays & Anniversaries



*Unclouded may your birthday be, and round you day by day.
May God enfold His wings of love and bless you on your way.*

Date	Name
14	Pat Vial
18	Diane Peters
23**	Aric & Stacia Clark
25	Marcia Loney

If you wish to send a cards or more, please, use the Mt. Home UMC Church Directory for the addresses. If you need a directory contact Diane Peters.

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>For</u>
Tom	Brian	Thanks for working with xFinity to change over our security, phone, internet and TV service to a less expensive and better service.
Tom	Reverend Aric Clark & Avery Clark	Thanks for the production of Sherwood and Mt. Home United Methodist Church Christmas Eve 2020. Also to those in front of the camera, a performance well received by all.
Tom	Brian, Valery and Lynelle	For their work on decorating the church for Advent and the Christmas Eve 2020 production.
Lynelle	Cindy Souza	Supporting Prayer Meetings with beautiful music. Special Kudos for the different music sources for the Christmas Eve service: piano accompaniment for solos, for hymns sung by the congregation over ZOOM, for duets, for playing duet with another recorder
Lynelle	Diane	Coordinating the church's gift to homeless in Newberg
Lynelle	Valery	Coordinating the church's gift to fire victims In/near Stanton and Mill City
Lynelle	Cherry	Her devotion and support of Willowbrook Food Pantry representing Mountain Home Church
Lynelle	Tom	For all the time and effort it takes to broadcast our monthly Newsletter.

Prayers Request



Prayers of joy for those who are healthy, have a home, food, clothes, family and friends.

For those who have survived COVID-19, the loss of a loved one, homelessness, being without a job, a home, food, clothing and more.

Prayers for the COVID vaccine and for those that have received it. Two we know that have been vaccinated are Andrew Cox and Diane Peters' daughter Julian.

For Anne and Len Grubowski as well as Claudia and Jack Ettelson:

"God thank you for being with us right now. We confess that we don't understand why things happen the way they do... God, we thank you that you never leave us, that you never forsake us, but you love us."

Prayers for additional strength for Jack Ettelson. God please help him get what he needs without any fighting. You know Claudia needs her medication and more.

Prayers that Larry Souza's nephew will heal 100% and the COVID will soon be gone.

Please God continue to answer our prayers for Larry and Maggie's journey. Marty the meerkat is going down. Keep improving Larry's health and allow him to get the recommended treatment to be a survivor forever.

Prayers for Alma Cox. Please keep her healthy and take care of her and her family. Let them find peace and enjoy time together.

Prayers for our Country. Please let 2021 be a great year! Please help get the COVID under control. Help us provide shelter, clothing, food, peace, love, joy and good health to those in need. Let us all have good health, peace, love and joy throughout the New Year and beyond!

If you have any prayer requests this week please let me know. Wishing you all the best. Stay healthy and well!

Blessings,

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Why Mountain Home United Methodist Church?

Why and how you came to God?

As was the case for so many children growing up in the 50s, my mother introduced me to God via Sunday school. Over the years my involvement in church activities grew and I always found "church" to be a place of comfort. The lessons of kindness and love mirrored what I learned at home and having God in my life always felt right.

Why and how Jesus has affected your life?

Jesus has been an unwavering dependable constant in my life – the part of my life that has most withstood the test of time. During the years that I was a "free roaming Christian" and not attending church, Jesus was still always there to love and guide me.

Why Mountain Home United Methodist Church?

Very simply, the right church in the right location at the right time.

Submission by Marcia Loney

Like Coming Home

Some years ago, my father-in-law, Gordon Nicholson some know him as Nick, and his wife Priscilla moved to Oregon to be near their granddaughter, my daughter Sydnee. They did not know anyone else in Oregon, so they would drive around the state to see the sights and would pass by a white church with a tall steeple upon Mount Chehalem. After Gordon's wife, Priscilla, passed away Gordon asks me if I would go to church with him, the church on the mountain. I said, "sure." I walked in the door and Leonard Grubowski shake my hand and said, "it is good to see you." It was like coming home again.

But there is more to it. Several months later I was in the pews and had one of those Wesley moments. John Wesley is the main founder of Methodism.

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Like Coming Home (continued)

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Wesley wrote in his journal that at about 8:45 p.m. "while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death." †

I did not feel so much that I was saved as my hands where God's hands and if God's will be done in the world it was through me, through us. Well, I have been going to Mountain Home United Methodist Church ever since.

Submission by Tom Ettelson

† <https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-what-is-aldersgate->



Jesus said, I do not call you servants

Do you ever reflect upon the fact that Jesus feels proud of you? Proud that you accepted the faith which he offered you? Proud that you haven't given up? Proud that you believe in him enough to try again and again? Proud that you trust that he can help you? Do you ever think that Jesus appreciates you for wanting him, for wanting to say no to so many things that would separate you from him? Do you ever think that Jesus is grateful to you for pausing to smile and comfort one of his children who has a great need to see a smile, to feel a touch? Do you ever think of Jesus being grateful to you for learning more about him so that you can speak to others more deeply and truly about him? Do you ever think that Jesus can be angry or disappointed in you for not believing that he has forgiven you totally?

Jesus said, I do not call you servants, but friends..." Therefore, there is the possibility of every feeling and emotion which can exist between friends to exist here and now between Jesus and you.

Evangelist Brennan Manning, "A glimpse of Jesus"

The compassion of God opens our eyes to the unique worth of EVERY person.

Evangelist Brennan Manning, "Posers, Fakers, & Wannabees"

Submission by Robert Youngman



January 2021

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Blessed
New Year!*

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10 am



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Substitute pianist: Cindy Souza
 Lay Leader: Marcia Loney
 Administrative Council Chair: Lynelle Eck
 Pastor Parish Relations Committer Chair:
 Georga Dorsey / Alice Hendricks
 Activities Chair: Diane Peters
 Finance Chair – Brian McKennett
 Trustees Chair: Thomas Ettelson

Do you know someone who is unable to come to church or a shut-in?
 Contact our congregational care team:

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Event Calendar

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Friday, January 1, 2021 New Years Day

Sunday, January 3 Trustees Meeting via Zoom at 11:15 AM

Wednesday, January 6 Epiphany

Sunday, January 10, 2021 Church Council via Zoom Meeting

Choir Practice , UMW Elizabeth Circle, UMW Lydia Circle, and UMW Men's Breakfast suspended until further notice

Send prayer requests to Cheryl for inclusion in our weekly dispatch:

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