

**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

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- Sunday, December 18 combine Service at Mountain Home UMC 10:00 AM
- Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve Service 6:00 PM Mountain Home UMC, 8:00 PM Sherwood UMC
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## A Year of Engaging Native Voices

Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year, which means an opportunity to reflect anew on important themes and to consider what sources we turn to for wisdom. This past year we listened to the work of Hebrew scholar and womanist Dr. Wil Gafney, and highlighted the scholarship of feminist and womanist theologians. In the coming year, I am inviting us to listen to the voices of indigenous scholars and theologians.

Our New Testament readings this year will all be drawn from the First Nations Version which is a recent translation from the Greek into contemporary English by a committee of Native American scholars using Native sensibilities. Many of the names and titles in this version will sound fresh to our ears and some familiar concepts may take on new layers of meaning. If you'd like to have a copy of this translation for yourself you may purchase one here: <https://firstnationsversion.com/book/first-nations-version/>

In addition, for the first half of the liturgical year, taking us all the way to Pentecost, I will be accompanying our worship with highlights and selections from Robin Wall Kimmerer's incredible book "Braiding Sweetgrass". There aren't enough superlatives available for me to adequately convey how wonderful and insightful I find this collection of essays and I very much hope you will join me in reading it. If you read at the pace of 1 chapter a week you will keep up with me in worship, though I may skip around a little. I encourage you to consider organizing book groups if you want to get even more from the experience.

Braiding Sweetgrass is available as an audiobook, in paperback, hardback or ebook, at your favorite bookstore, or you can just click here: <https://milkweed.org/book/braiding-sweetgrass>

Let us embark on this year of engaging native voices with humility and joy.

Submission by Reverend Aric Clark

# Braiding Sweet Grass

**Book Discussion - Braiding Sweet Grass by Robin Wall Kimmerer**

Thursday, January 5th, discussion on the first 5 chapters

7pm in the church fellowship hall, or via zoom if weather is uncooperative

Questions: Linda Woodbury [sherwood-burys@gmail.com](mailto:sherwood-burys@gmail.com)

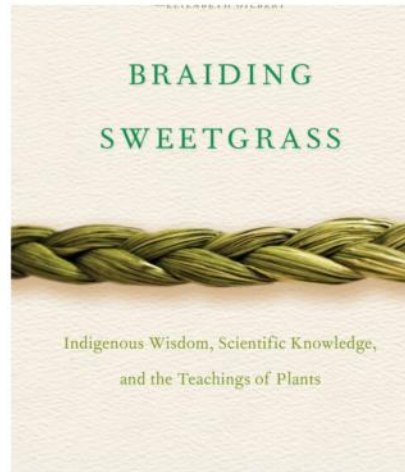
Robin Wall Kimmerer is an American Distinguished Teaching Professor of Environmental and Forest Biology; and Director, Center for Native Peoples and the Environment, at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

Robin Wall Kimmerer has writ-

ten an extraordinary book, showing how the factual, objective approach of science can be enriched by the ancient knowledge of the indigenous people. It is the way she captures beauty that I love the most—the images of giant cedars and wild strawberries, a forest in the rain and the meadow of fragrant “sweetgrass will stay with you long after you read the last page.”

— Jane Goodall

Submission by Linda Woodbury



# Christmas Outreach

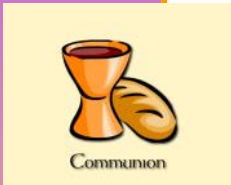


Our last Outreach for the year will be assistance to Newberg's homeless youth. We are collecting funds to buy Fred Meyer gift cards for them. If you'd like to participate you can send checks to Mtn Home Outreach or see Diane after church. We'd like to present the cards by

Dec 14th, so we need to have the funds by December 11th.

Thank you.

Submission by Diane Peters



Mt. Home is looking for a fourth volunteer to prepare communion by bringing bread and setting the altar once a month. It is your choice whether to bring homemade bread or purchase a loaf. It is special to provide one of the elements for our communion, and we hope you will consider being part of this team.

If you are interested, please reach out to Cherry ([cherry\\_lynn@msn.com](mailto:cherry_lynn@msn.com)) or Alice ([ahendricks48@gmail.com](mailto:ahendricks48@gmail.com)). Thank you!

Submission by Alice Hendricks

## 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
6	Carol McComis
12	Stacia Clark
15	Ben Hartley
16	Jonica Smeltzer

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.

# Officers of Mountain Home UMC 2023

## Church Council:

- **Worship/Activities Chair – Diane Peters**
- **Trustees Chair – TBD**
- **Finance Chair – Brian McKennett**
- **SPRC Chair – Alice Hendricks**
- **Lay Leader — Cherry Trotter**
- **Annual Conference Delegate - Cherry Trotter**



## Board of the Trustees:

- **Larry Johnson**
- **Diane Peters**
- **Brian McKennett**
- **Valery Sampson**
- **Carol McComis**
- **Cathryn Poff**

## SPRC:

- **Alice Hendricks**
- **Carol McKennett**
- **Linda Henry**
- **Joan Bryan**

## Your donations are appreciated

If you would like to know how much you have tithed to date please contact me.

**Brian McKennett**

503 481 0633

or talk me at church



## Men's Breakfast

**Calling men of Mountain Home UMC and be on, Saturday, December 3, 2022, the men of Mountain Home UMC will meet at 9:00 AM for food, drink, and conversation in the Fellowship Hall, afterwards there will be a raising of the Christmas Tree in the sanctuary. Brian McKennett will be the chief cook and bottle washer.**

Submission by Tom Ettelson





## How Bazaar, Holiday Bazaar

Our Christmas bazaar was held on Sat Nov 12th with some later sales last Sun. We were quite surprised at our success, not knowing quite what to expect due to not being able to have a bazaar the last two years. We have to admit we exceeded all our expectations and want to thank everyone who came out and helped our

bazaar to be so successful. We were able to raise over \$2500 and that will mean checks of \$1000 for each of our charities!!! I want to also thank our bazaar committee for all of their efforts. Way to go gals!!

Submission by Carol McComis



# Willowbrook Food Pantry



Willowbrook Food Pantry in conjunction with Countryside Church gather to serve Thanksgiving boxes to our 75 families. Countryside youth decorated "boxes" for all the dinner items. The entire congregation brought 78 turkeys, galore of potatoes, stuffings, rolls, green beans, pies. We set-up in their narthex of the church. Many of the congregation, youth and the little ones were there to fill and bring the

boxes to the families. Of course, there were dozens of hours to coordinate, but all these events I have been a part of there is joy and laughter, friendship, and hope. Are we doing it again, yes, we are!

We served 151 families and 681 people in October.

Submission by Cherry Trotter



**Help save a life.**

Schedule your  
blood donation  
appointment today.



**SHERWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

22280 SW Washington Street, Sherwood OR 97140

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2022**

10:00 AM - 03:00 PM

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=SherwoodOR>

## An introduction to Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth

Cascadia DS Wendy Woodworth was a delegate to the Western Jurisdictional Conference and was part of the voting. She is excited about all three new bishops in the WJ and is excited that Bishop Cedrick will be coming to work with us in the GNW Area.

DS Wendy has worked with Bishop Cedrick at the jurisdictional level the past four years. She is looking forward to the vision and energy he will bring to our annual conference. His motto seems to be "we will work hard, we will play hard, and we will have fun."



Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth

You can read more about Bishop Cedrick's background in this article on the Western Jurisdiction website which came out shortly after his election. [Click here to read.](#) And in the episcopal candidate profile he completed before the election, by [clicking here.](#) This link includes a video of an interview with Bishop Cedrick.

Bishop Cedrick and his husband, Christopher Hicks-Ortiz, will be moving to the episcopal residence in Normandy Park, Washington (near Seattle) in late December or early January. He will start his term as Bishop with us on January 1, 2023. The Greater NW Area Episcopal Transition Team will plan opportunities for us to meet the Bishop and for the Bishop to meet us. Watch for future details.

## Saying farewell to Bishop Elaine Stanovsky



Bishop Elaine Stanovsky


Our current Bishop, Elaine Stanovsky, will be retiring as of December 31, 2022. There was a recognition and thank you for her at our Annual Conference Session this past July. This fall in honor of her ministry and her recent birthday we have the opportunity to contribute to a cause close to Bishop Elaine's heart: The Greater NW Circle of Indigenous Ministries.

Learn more about the GNW Circle of Indigenous Ministries on its webpage where donations can also be made. Visit <https://greaternw.org/circle>

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# December 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>* Sunday Worship will be in person at the church 11:00 AM unless COVID-19 hospitalization in Washington County are high, then via Zoom 10:00 AM (notice sent out Friday)</p>				1	2	3 9 AM 
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
*Worship 11:00 AM Decorating the church for Christmas after church service						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
*Worship 11:00 AM Donation Newberg Homeless Youth due						
18 *Combine Worship @ Mountain Home UMC with Sherwood UMC 10:00 AM	19	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service @ Mountain Home UMC 6 PM Sherwood UMC 8:00 PM
25 No Worship Service Christmas Day	26	27	28	29 Blood Donation Sherwood UMC 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM	30	31



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<https://www.facebook.com/Mtn.Home.Church>

[Mountain Home United Methodist Church - YouTube](#)



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Office hours by appointment

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Worship/Outreach Chair: Diane Peters

Finance Chair – Brian McKennett

Trustees Chair: Thomas Ettelson

Church Council Member-at-large: Cherry Trotter

## Event Calendar

Newsletter Editor: Tom Ettelson [t.ettelson@comcast.net](mailto:t.ettelson@comcast.net)

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**Sunday, December 4** decorating the church for Christmas after church service

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

[officesherwoodumc@gmail.com](mailto:officesherwoodumc@gmail.com)

Mountain Home UMC YouTube Channel [Mountain Home United Methodist Church - YouTube](#) where past Sunday Worship Services can be found.

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