

**SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:**

- Sunday Worship will be in-personh 11:00 AM unless COVID-19 hospitalization rates in Washington County are high, then via Zoom (notice sent out Friday)
- Sunday, January 1, 2023 Worship Service 11:00 AM
- Thursday, January 5, 2023 Book Discussion Braiding Sweet Grass 7:00 PM via Zoom
- Saturday, January 7, 2023 Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM

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New Year's Resolution

It is that time of year when many people make resolutions. If the opportunity of a clean slate helps you and you find motivation to do something which enriches your life, then I wish you the best and I'm cheering for your success. However, I suspect for many of us, these kinds of resolutions are driven by guilt or shame. We resolve to lose weight, or work out, or change some "bad" habit we have. New Year's resolutions can be a way of castigating ourselves for all the ways we think we don't measure up to some standard. Therefore, I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you:

You are worthy of love. Exactly as you are. There is nothing you have done or can do to make yourself unworthy of love, and

also nothing you can do to make you MORE worthy of love.

The kind of transformation the gospel invites us toward is not born of heroic effort and discipline, but out of joyful freedom. As we accept God's invitation to enter more and more into the beloved community we find that doing good is as light and natural as breathing. So breathe, my friends. Whatever this last year held for you, exhale and let it go. Whatever this new year promises, inhale and walk forward with trust in the one who always walks before us, beside us, within us, and behind us.

Happy New Year.
Rev. Aric Clark

We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light. Plato

Braiding Sweet Grass

Reminder:

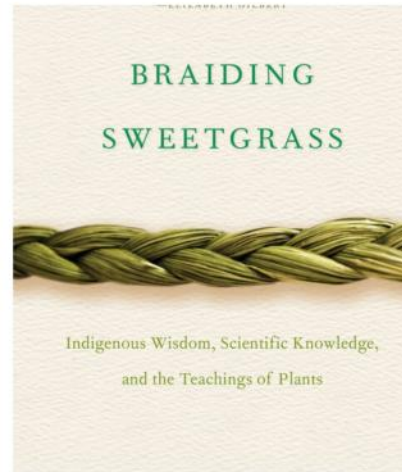
- **Our book discussion on Braiding Sweetgrass will start on Thursday, January 5th at 7:00pm.**
- **We will begin by discussing the first five chapters.**
- **Join us on Zoom!**
- **For questions, please contact Linda at sherwoodburys@gmail.com or Alice at ahendricks48@gmail.com.**

Topic: Braiding Sweetgrass Zoom Meeting

Time: Jan 5, 2023 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

**[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76769810599?
pwd=Zdua3GXI8tiYxP9tSDjI9z28AC1KOJ.1](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76769810599?pwd=Zdua3GXI8tiYxP9tSDjI9z28AC1KOJ.1)**





This year the Christmas Outreach was able to raise \$850.00 to give to the homeless students in Newberg. Funds were provided for a 1st grade and third grader who lost their long term home, a family of 5 children and 1 adult who have a long term financial situation, single mother with 1 daughter to help with Christmas, another single mother who is unhoued. In total the funds will help four families with nine children. Thank you for your generous donations.

Submission by Diane Peters



Dear Mountain Home Church friends,

Thank you so much for the sweet Christmas card and money blessing-gift!

I SO enjoy playing the piano....and, especially playing for you all! Music - and, the piano - have been a part of my life forEVER! God blessed me with a family that loved Jesus and prayed for me. The gift of piano lessons came on my 8th birthday! This gift has taken me around the world....given me so many friends....filled my heart with so many adventures....and, given me a plethora of opportunities to bless others! May God's peace and joy be there for you all - exactly when you need it - this year!

Thank you!

Dani Aldinger



January 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

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.

January 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 *Worship 11:00 AM 	2	3	4	5 Book Discussion 7:00 PM via Zoom	6 	7 9AM 
8 *Worship 11:00 AM	9	10	11	12	13	14
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[Church - YouTube](#)



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Friday, January 6, 2023 Epiphany

Saturday, January 7 UM Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9 AM

Thursday, January 5, 2023 Book Discussion - Braiding Sweet Grass by Robin Wall Kimmerer church fellowship hall 7:00 PM

Monday, January 16 Martin Luther King Day

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

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

where past Sunday Worship Services can be found.

Downloaded free clipart in this newsletter from

<http://clipart-library.com/mailbox-cliparts.html>

[Free High Quality Cliparts - Cliparts Zone](#)

Carol McComis has changed her email address and asks all to contact her through her new email address at CAMccomis@gmail.com

