

1/8/2017
Connection Card

Please place completed form
in offering plate.

Welcome! Whether you are a guest or a member,
we'd love to connect with you! Let us know how we
can help you.

- I need to update my contact information.
- I'd like to begin receiving the Gobin Weekly via email.
- I'd like to begin receiving the Gobin Monthly Newsletter via email.
- I'd like to begin receiving weekly emails for the Digital Prayer Chain.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

I AM A:

- Guest
 - 1st time
 - 2nd time
 - 3+ times
- Out-of-town guest
- Regular attender
- Member

Prayer Requests or Prayer Needs

How can we pray for you?

Please feel free to send prayer requests to
prayers@gobinumc.org
throughout the week!

- For Prayer Team
- For Digital Prayer Chain
- Confidential

This Week

Please consider using the following resources
throughout the week ahead.

Questions for Reflection

Can you think of a dark time in your own life or a dark time in the history of the world when God's glory shone? When the light of Christ's presence became evident? When was that time? What happened? Who was a bearer of light in that darkness? Is there presently someone you know or some situation weighed down in darkness or despair? How can you be a light-bearer for that person, that circumstance?

Morning Prayer

God of this new morning, you have awakened me to the brightness of your dawn. I begin this day in gratitude, recalling your mercies through the night, anticipating glimpses of your glory in the hours ahead. Make my face shine today with the joy of your grace, so that another is helped to see your presence and find hope. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer

God of love, as the sun has set and night has come, I will not be afraid of the darkness, for you are with me. Your glory never recedes, but is always expanding, bringing more and more people into the sphere of your love. Thank you for such boundless grace as has been given in Jesus Christ. Make me a prism for the light of Christ, reflecting his grace to others all my days. In his name I pray. Amen.

Scriptures for Sunday, January 15

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm 40:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

Kimberly Bracken Long (2013-09-16). Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1: Advent through Pentecost (p. 44). Westminster John Knox Press. Kindle Edition.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BISHOP TRIMBLE IS COMING TO GOBIN!

Our new Bishop, Rev. Julius C. Trimble, will visit us for Sunday Morning Worship on January 22! Join us in providing him a warm welcome!

MORNING PRAYER: WEDNESDAYS AT 8:30AM

Everyone is invited to morning prayer in Peace Chapel as we pray over Sunday morning worship connection cards and prayer requests for the week.

DON'T FORGET– this is just a glimpse of what goes on at Gobin! All are welcome to join in fellowship. To stay up-to-date and find out more, please visit our Events page at gobinumc.org/news-events/events or call the church office at 765-658-6010 for more info!

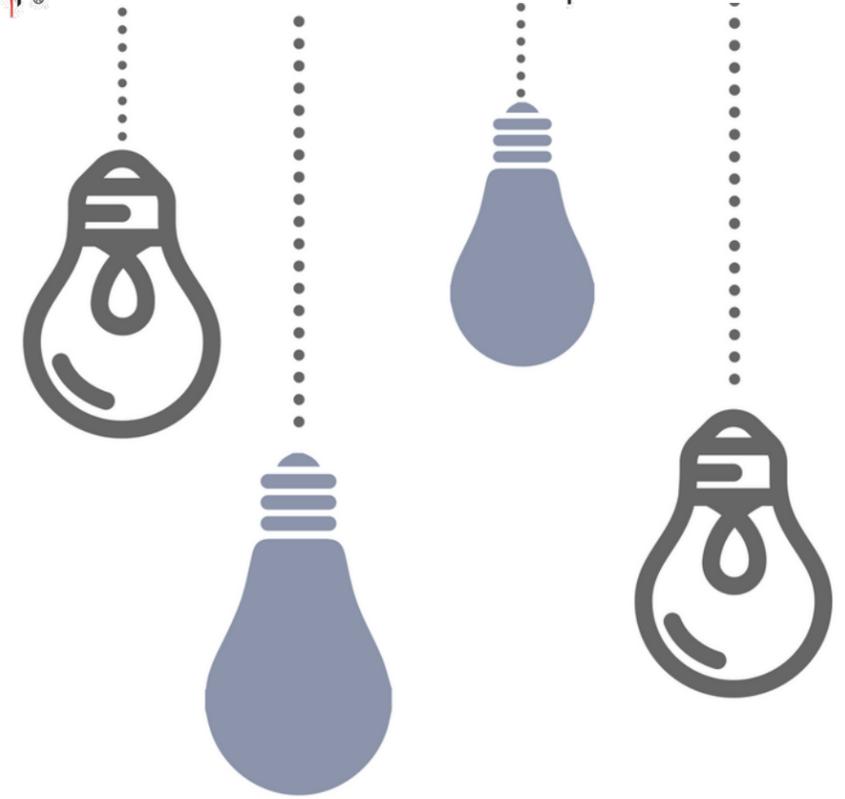
HAVE AN EVENT YOU'D LIKE TO SCHEDULE AT GOBIN?

Gobin Church is committed to Radical Hospitality. We have a number of meeting rooms to accommodate your gathering. Feel free to call the church office to reserve it on the Gobin schedule! You can also put in a reservation request online at: gobinumc.org/reserve-a-room/.



Gobin Memorial
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

connect. grow. serve.



**A LIGHT
IN THE DARKNESS**

Sunday, January 8, 2017

Our Mission

The mission of Gobin Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision

To create a spiritual community that is full of life by honestly sharing our whole selves with one another in relationship.

–Rev. Bryan Langdoc, Pastor of Gobin
pastor@gobinumc.org

ENTRANCE

A Light in the Darkness

First Sunday after Epiphany
January 8, 2017

Welcome	Rev. Bryan Langdoc
Prelude	Worship Ensemble
Threshold Moment	“Open Unto Me” Rev. Bryan Langdoc
Greeting	Alisa Isaacs-Bailey

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

The brightness of God’s light shines upon all the nations.
All are welcomed to the brightness of God’s dawn.

God gathers us from far away and carries us.
With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts,
we receive the abundance God gives.

We respond in praise.
With our gifts, with our very selves,
we worship God.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn **“O Worship the King”** UMH #73

Call to Confession

The Gospel of John tells us the basis for our judgment is this: “The light came into the world, and people loved darkness more than the light, for their actions are evil.” We confess our sins to God, to whom we have access through faith in Christ. We come in boldness and confidence, not according to our merit, but according to God’s grace.

**God of justice, we confess that our actions are evil
whenever we remain passive while others are oppressed;
whenever we guard our own prosperity at the expense of those who are
poor; or when we ignore the cries of those in need of help.
Forgive us, we pray, for hiding in the darkness of this world more than
loving the light of your righteousness made known to us in Jesus Christ.
Judge us with mercy, we pray, and extend your grace to us. Strengthen our
faithfulness to you and to all who are precious in your sight. We pray in the
name of Christ, our Light. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Friends, God is for us and not against us.
For that very reason God sent the Son into the world— not to condemn the
world, but that the world might be saved through him.

We declare the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to live a new life in him.

Passing the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination	Alisa Isaacs-Bailey
First Reading	Isaiah 60:1-6 Pew Bible Page #738
Gospel Reading	Matthew 2:1-12 Pew Bible Page #956
Blessing of the Children	Alisa Isaacs-Bailey
Song of Response	“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” UMH #103
Sermon	Arise, Shine Rev. Bryan Langdoc
Prayers of the People	Marilyn Culler

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to the Offering	Rev. Bryan Langdoc
Offertory	“Lord Jesus Christ, Your Light Shines” Worship Ensemble
Doxology	UMH #95
	Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Prayer

Though we are least among the saints, O God, still you have given us the gift of your grace that we might share with others the boundless riches of Christ, and also the resources we hold in trust. Receive now, we ask, what we have given today. Use these offerings and use us for your plans and purposes. We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

WE GO FORTH

Closing Hymn **“I Saw the Light”**
Hank Williams

Charge

Arise, shine; for your light has come
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Get up: shake off apathy, despair,
and anything else that has brought you low.
Glow: reflect God’s glory,
the light of Christ,
so that others may see in you the glory of God.

Blessing

May the love of God uphold you;
the light of Christ guide you;
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
fill you with joy,
now and forever.

Postlude Worship Ensemble

Gobin Memorial United Methodist Church

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Greencastle, IN 46135
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Children & Nursery

We love it when children stay to join us in worship.
Liturgy boxes are located near the South entrance
and are available for children to use and participate
in the worship service. In addition, a nursery is
available for children ages 4 and under in Wesley
Hall.

This Week’s Scripture Reading

Scan this QR code to instantly pull up the Scripture
Readings on your smart phone!

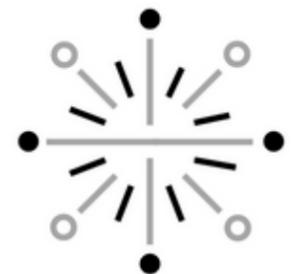
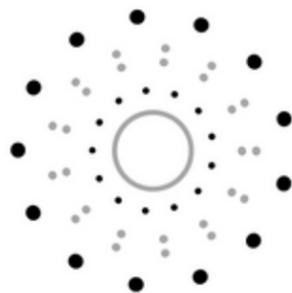
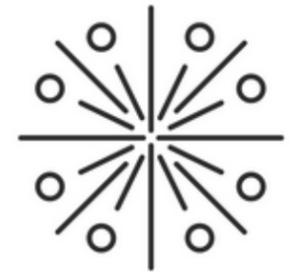


Online Giving

You can make donations to Gobin online at
www.gobinumc.org
or via text message from your smart phone
or electronic device. If texting, please text
your amount to:
765-253-4477.



Available in the Narthex.



WHAT'S NEXT?

*I'm interested in an opportunity
to serve Gobin Church in 2017.
I'd be most interested in
something in the area of:*

- Hospitality
- Worship
- Education
- Stewardship/Finance
- Mission/Service