

11/27/2016  
**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:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> time guest
- 2<sup>nd</sup> time 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](mailto: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**

- How have you seen the name or image of Scrooge used in popular culture and advertising?
- Why do you think *A Christmas Carol* and the story of Ebenezer Scrooge resonates so much with our culture?
- What is the value of setting aside a time of year for hopeful preparation (Advent) and a time for joyous celebration (Christmas)? How can observing these separate seasons help us focus on and develop different aspects of our faith and relationship with God?

**Prayer for the Day**

God of Advent and Christmas, thank you for entering our world as a child many years ago; thank you for entering our lives today; and thank you for the hope of your promised return. As we travel through this Advent season, let us be mindful of your presence and your will. Empower us to bring the hope of Christ to all of your people. We pray all these things in the name of Christ, who is past, present, and future. Amen.

**Scriptures for Sunday, December 4**

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

**EVENTS**

**COOKIE SALE: DECEMBER 3, 8AM-12PM**

The 25th Annual Holiday Cookie Sale is this Saturday from 8 am to noon in Gobin's basement. Come pick out some delicious homemade cookies. Proceeds will be used for the Summer Enrichment Program and the Gobin Kitchen Fund.

**MITTEN TREE: NOVEMBER 28TH - DECEMBER 12TH**

Help keep those little heads and hands warm!!

The tree will be outside the church office between November 28th and December 12th. Please help us decorate the tree with your donations— we need hats, gloves, and scarves for both children and adults. Again this year, we will take the items to Head Start, Johnson & Nichols Clinic, and Beyond Homeless. Feel free to contact Joe & Rita Ferguson if you have any questions: 765-653-9258.

**ABUNDANT HEALTH DOWN HOME DINNER: DECEMBER 11TH**

The Abundant Health group is putting on a "Down Home Dinner" after Sunday morning worship on December 11. Funds raised will be donated to Maternal & Child Health.

**FELLOWSHIP AT THE FAIRWAY: TUESDAYS AT 5:15PM**

This fellowship group is open to all. Come to the Fairway Restaurant and enjoy good food and even better company! Please note that the time has changed from 5:30pm to 5:15pm.

**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/](http://gobinumc.org/news-events/events/) or call the church office at 765-658-6010 for more info!

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Wesley Hall entrance has had its locks replaced. If you have a copy of the former key, please be aware that using it to unlock those doors will not work any more.

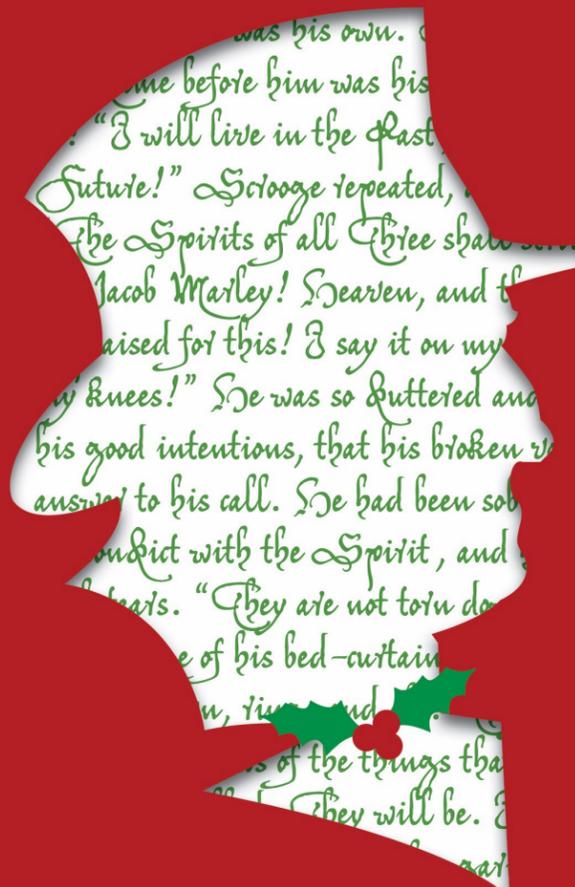
Leland & Jean Zellers give their thanks to everyone for making their 60th anniversary celebration a special one last month.



**Gobin Memorial**  
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

connect. grow. serve.

**Sunday, November 27, 2016**



The Redemption of  
**Scrooge**

**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](mailto:pastor@gobinumc.org)

## Bah! Humbug! Making Change

First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2016

*"God has pulled the powerful down from their thrones and lifted up the lowly.*

*God has filled the hungry with good things..."*

*Luke 1*

*This Advent/Christmas series will take a look at how living in God's economy of grace and justice is the antithesis of the life-threatening addiction to money, success, exclusion and looking out for ourselves. The chimes of the clock-tower bells in Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol" provide a wake-up call for Ebenezer Scrooge and turn him from his resentment, fear and isolation. Just as God's presence was born anew into this world, we too can be born anew, woken up and redeemed into renewed life, joy, passion, generosity, humility and love.*

## WE GATHER

**Gathering Music** Steven Snyder

**Welcome** Rev. Bryan Langdoc

**Threshold Moment** Barbara Pare and Gobin Choir

### Opening Prayer

Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit, we open today to this journey of past, present and future knowing that you hold all of it in your hands... you hold all of us in your hands. Open us to your miracle just begun and in this season transform us into those whose giving brings peace in a turbulent world. Open us to you, to each other, and to the voices no one hears so that your reign of mercy, justice, and love can be made known to all.

**Opening Hymn** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH #211 vs 1,2,6,7

**Passing the Peace**

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**A Blessing of the Children** Rev. Maureen Knudsen Langdoc  
*[children are invited to children's church]*

**Scripture Reading— Pew Bible Page #683** Rev. Paula Young Mayberry  
Isaiah 9:6-7

**Scripture Reading— Pew Bible Page #1013** Rev. Paula Young Mayberry  
Luke 1:46-47, 52-55

**Caroling** "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen" insert

**Dramatic Reading**

**Caroling reprise** "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen" insert

**The Word in Music** "We Wait" Gobin Choir

**Sermon** "Bah! Humbug! Making Change" Rev. Bryan Langdoc

## WE RESPOND

**Prayers of the People** "Ring Out Your Truth"

**Ring our your truth**  
**Ring out your love**  
**Reverberate in our lives**  
**Come, Lord, come!**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**Offertory** Rev. Bryan Langdoc

**Offertory Solo** Steven Snyder, *piano*

**Doxology**

Praise God who blesses everyone!  
Praise Jesus Christ, who is to come!  
Praise Spirit, making Three-in-One!  
All praise the miracle begun!

**Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God,  
**we give you thanks for all you have given us**  
and we offer our gifts  
**for the sake of being your hands and feet as the Body of Christ.**  
Open us to even more ways to give  
**so that we might make change and BE change for the sake of the world.**  
**Amen.**

## WE GO FORTH

**Closing Hymn** "We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom" insert

**Benediction**

There's a little Scrooge in each of us yearning to thaw, yearning to love again. This week may you be visited by a surprising peace that may surpass your understanding. And when you feel it, even if for just a fleeting moment, know the miracle has just begun in you, for the sake of the whole world.

May you be blessed by our God who loves you deeply; by Jesus, the true gift of God to each of us—this season and in all our days; and the Spirit who shows up just in time!

**Benediction Song** "God Bless Us Everyone"

**Come together, one and all, in the giving spirit.**  
**Gifts abound here, great and small, joyously we feel it.**  
**Blessings sent us from above guide us on our way.**  
**We raise our voice as we rejoice, bow our head and pray.**  
**A miracle has just begun. God bless us everyone!**

**Postlude** Steven Snyder, *piano*

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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. Children are invited to go to Children's Church immediately after A Time for the Child. 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 Epistle & Gospel Readings on your smart phone!



## Online Giving

You can make donations to Gobin online at [www.gobinumc.org](http://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.

Scriptures for each Sunday can be found at:

[lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu](http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu)

Question for Reflection & Prayer Resources: (2016). *The Redemption of Scrooge Leader Guide*. Abingdon Press, Nashville.

## What's Next?

### Connect.

- I'm ready to follow Jesus.
- I've never been baptized and am interested in learning more about it.
- I'm ready for a do-over and would like to reaffirm the promises made at baptism.

### Grow.

- I'm interested in joining a small group.
- I'd like to have coffee with the pastor.
- I'm interested in learning more about church membership.
- I'm interested in joining a bible study.

### Serve.

- I want to volunteer for a ministry.
- I would like to be contacted by a leader.
- I'd like to learn more about mentoring young people.
- I'd be willing to read scripture in the worship service.
- I'd be willing to spend 30 minutes this week to clean the church.
- I'm willing to help put a fresh coat of paint on the walls.

## I'd like to serve on a team

- Coffee Ministry
- Sunday School
- Nursery
- Children's Church
- Hospitality
- Worship
- Education
- Stewardship/Finance
- Mission/Service

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