

Welome

Whether you are a guest or a member, we'd love to connect with you!

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

I am a...

- 1st time guest
- 2nd time guest
- 3+ time guest
- regular attender

Tell me more! Email me...

- Gobin Weekly
- Gobin Newsletter
- Digital Prayer Chain

How can we pray for you?

- For Prayer Team
- For Digital Prayer Chain
- Confidential

This Week

Question for Reflection

In epiphany when the magi make their great journey to see the Christ Child, we see Jesus drawing all creation to the divine life revealed in him, and we see the realization of God's dream of reconciled creation. In our own way, we are each endowed by the Spirit with unique and precious gifts for sharing God's healing love in a good but often divided world. What spiritual practices do you engage in that allow you to stay peaceful, courteous, and develop a respectful regard for difference? How do you stay present and create opens for finding, revealing, and activating God's reconciling love in the world?

Morning Prayer

Glorious God, each day provides opportunity to awaken to the radiance of your presence, and to welcome your blessing into life. How often I forget that I am your home! Help me to draw more closely to you, that I may manifest your love more deeply in the world. May every bright place and darkened corner grow ever more luminous as I bear your light this day. Amen.

Evening Prayer

Holy Jesus, I thank you for sharing your life with me today. As darkness comes and blankets the earth, be with all who suffer from sickness, hunger, or lack of shelter. Kindle in them warmth of your presence, and surround them with your steadfast care. I am grateful for the blessings of this day. And in the list of your love I rest this night. Amen.

Next Week's Scriptures

Monday, January 7, 2019:

Psalm 72; Daniel 2:1-19; Ephesians 4:17-5:1

Tuesday, January 8, 2019:

Psalm 72; Daniel 2:24-49;

Ephesians 5:15-20

Wednesday, January 9, 2019:

Psalm 72; Numbers 24:15-19; Luke 1:67-79

Thursday, January 10, 2019:

Psalm 29; Ecclesiastes 1:1-11;

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Friday, January 11, 2019:

Psalm 29; Ecclesiastes 2:1-11;

1 Corinthians 2:1-10

Saturday, January 12, 2019:

Psalm 29; Ecclesiastes 3:1-15;

1 Corinthians 2:11-16

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donate Blood in Memory of Stephanie Hunter

TODAY, January 6th from Noon - 5:00PM @ Gobin

Stephanie Hunter is known for her love of children, gentle spirit and willingness to help others. In September 2018 she was diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS) which developed into acute myeloid leukemia (AML). After a brief period of fighting the disease she passed away Oct. 29, 2018. Blood products are critical for those being treated for cancer. Please consider giving blood in Stephanie's memory.

New Worship Series

There's nothing ordinary about the season after Epiphany. Our new worship series, "Greater Gifts", begins on January 13th at 10:30am. God has given each individual unique gifts, talents, and passions. Together, we will celebrate the ways God has made us each special, and consider together the ways God wishes to use our gifts for the transformation of the world.

Week 1: January 13 You Are Beloved

Week 2: January 20 Gifted for Others

Week 3: January 27 Being Needy

Week 4: February 3 Love

Conversation on A Way Forward

Our United Methodist denomination has spent some 40 years debating the appropriate welcome for those who identify as LGBTQ. At our last global General Conference (Portland, 2016), the delegation approved a special General Conference (St. Louis, February 23-26, 2019). The sole agenda for this gathering of the global church is to move beyond our current impasse regarding human sexuality. Throughout the intervening three(?) years, a 32-member Commission has been examining the paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church. Their report will be received & acted upon at the General Conference in February.

What does this mean for us? Will we be a denomination that welcomes the LGBTQ community into full membership as both lay and clergy members? Will we allow our places of worship to celebrate weddings for the LGBTQ community? What might change for Gobin? What might stay the same? And what in the world does it mean that we are a Reconciling Congregation?

Join Pastor Bryan and members of the Gobin Leadership Team on January 13th and 20th at 9:15am in the Colonnade Room for discussion and prayer.

West District Conference

Sunday, January 13, 2019 @ 2:00 PM

Brazil First UMC

This District Conference will be a meeting of all clergy and laity of the West District for the purpose of approving the 2020 district budget and endorsing individuals to be potential delegates for General Conference 2020. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.



Gobin Memorial

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

connect. grow. serve.

Today we celebrate Epiphany, which falls on January 6 and is the climax of the Christmas season and the twelve days of Christmas. The term epiphany is Greek and means "to manifest" or "to show." The Epiphany season is associated with the first manifestations of Jesus—to the wise men, in his presentation in the temple, in his baptism, to his disciples, and in his first miracle. Today's lesson from Isaiah speaks of the light that will arise upon all people. In Matthew, the wise men also follow a light—a star that guides them to the Christ child, revealing to the world that this small infant is Lord and King, worthy of praise and worship.

Mission:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Vision:

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

"The Light"

The Feast of Epiphany
January 6, 2019

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Bryan Langdoc

Prelude

Steve Snyder

Opening Words

Jerry Butts

One: Darkness is banished!

All: God's light has come to us!

One: The brightness of the Star leads us!

All: We come to celebrate God's abiding love!

One: Glory be to God in the Highest!

All: And on earth, peace forever. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Jerry Butts

All: Loving God, who breaks through the darkness of doubt

and despair, be with us this day as we hear of the visit

of the Wise Ones, who risked everything to follow a Star.

Let us open our hearts and be willing to risk receiving the

gift of gracious Love that you have to offer us in the form

of our Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Opening Hymn

"We Three Kings"

UMH #254

We Proclaim

Prayer for Illumination

Jerry Butts

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60: 1-5

Jerry Butts

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2: 1-2, 10-11

Jerry Butts

Come as a Child

Rev. Bryan Langdoc

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Rev. Bryan Langdoc

Sermon

"The Light"

Rev. Bryan Langdoc

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Marilyn Culler

We Respond

Offering

Rev. Bryan Langdoc

Offertory

Steve Snyder

Thanksgiving

Doxology

UMH #95

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Bryan Langdoc

Invitation, Confession and Pardon

One: Let us confess our sins to our loving God who calls us close through our beloved Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

One: As surely as the Light follows the Darkness, the light of God's love, given to the world so long ago, is given for you, for healing and hope. You are beloved of God. In God's name, receive the Light. AMEN.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Great Thanksgiving

Rev. Beth Newton Watson

Communion Reflection

"Shine"

Alisa Isaacs-Bailey

Sending Forth

Charge and Blessing

Rev. Bryan Langdoc

One: Arise, and go forth to shine for all the world to see.

All: We go to spread the good news of light and love, righteousness and justice.

One: Go now and follow the star that will guide you on your journey this week, this year, and forever.

All: As the Magi of old, we go forth in trust and excitement, transformed in the presence of the child of light.

One: May the blessing of the God of light rest upon you and fill you with light.

All: Amen

Postlude

Steve Snyder

*Acolytes and Cross-bearer:

Charlie Hall, Katherine Kempf & Ethan Snyder

This Week's Scriptures

You can read along with this week's scripture readings online by going to gobinumc.org/this-weeks-scripture/

Get Connected

For upcoming events: gobinumc.org/news-events/events

To reserve an event at Gobin: gobinumc.org/reserve-a-room/

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Our Worship Schedule

Sunday School: 9:30am

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am

Wednesday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

Children & Nursery

We love it when children stay to join us in worship! The Pray Ground is available for children that remain in the sanctuary during the worship service.

Liturgy boxes are located near the South entrance and are available for children to use and participate in the worship service. In addition, staffed nursery is available for children ages 4 & under in Wesley Hall

Online Giving

You can make donations to Gobin online at www.gobinumc.org under the Generosity tab.

You can also text to give! Text GOBIN + TITHE + your amount to 73256 to give using your text messaging (Ex: **GOBIN TITHE \$10**). Standard text message rates do apply.

If you would like to learn more about online giving, contact Cheryl Selvey at 765-658-4040 or finance@gobinumc.org.

Available
in the
Narthex.



We're glad you could join us!

Here are 3 ways for you to get connected to our church.

I'm interested in...

Please mark below

CONNECT

- Visiting Asbury Towers Retirement Community
- Serving as a reader during worship
- Welcoming people as a greeter
- Helping with refreshments after worship
- Join the choir
- Play in the worship band

GROW

- A weekly or monthly small group
- A college small group
- College community gatherings
- Weekly prayer group
- Being mentored
- Receiving the weekly prayer list via email
- Freed Up Financial Living

SERVE

- Circles (Getting Ahead) Volunteer
- Helping serve a meal (Circles)
- Kids Hope Mentor (K-2nd)
- Kids Hope Prayer Partner (K-2nd)
- TALKS Mentor (High School)
- Sharing this talent of mine: