

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Vine

JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

“

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with the flocks, then the work of Christmas begins: To find the lost, to heal those broken in spirit, to feed the hungry, to release the oppressed, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among all peoples, to make a little music with the heart. And to radiate the Light of Christ, every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say. Then the work of Christmas begins.”

HOWARD THURMAN

NANCY ARNOLD, CHAIR., ARNOLDN448@GMAIL.COM
COUNCIL MINUTES AND FINANCIAL UPDATE (BRAD PETERSON, CHAIR.,
PETERSONBRAD@HOTMAIL.COM) ARE SUBSEQUENTLY POSTED ONE MONTH LATER
UPON APPROVAL.



The 2022 Church Leadership

Chair: Nancy Arnold
Recording secretary: Katherine Cook
Lay Leader: Doug Cheek



Finance Chair: Brad Peterson
Trustee Chair: Darren Lawrenz

UMW President: Donna Curran
SPPRC Chair: Cynthia Perez
Youth Representative to Church Council: TBA
Children's Ministry Coordinator: Donna Curran
Youth Leader: Angela Murray
Missions Chair: Laura Dickinson
Caregivers Chair: Linda Ballinger
Worship Ministries Coor: Kathleen Thomas

Lay conference delegate: TBA
Nominations Chair: Amanda Baker
Church Historian: Jan Boyd
Financial Secretary: Carolyn Groves
Treasurer: Coleen Burgess
Worship Technology:
Ryan Berg, Frank Perez
Health & Wellness Liaison:
Donna Reed

Church Staff: Pastor Amanda Baker, Worship Music Director: Gary Keller,
Office Manager and church membership secretary: Cat Henry

Most Current Financial Update:

2021 Budget: \$151,740.00 (averaged contribution amount needed each
month: \$12,645.00) total contributions for the month of November
\$12,591.00 with records indicating general budget is at 100% needed
contribution for this time of the year.

<https://baldwinfirst.org/give-online>

to a designated fund: general funds, food pantry, or Capital Campaign

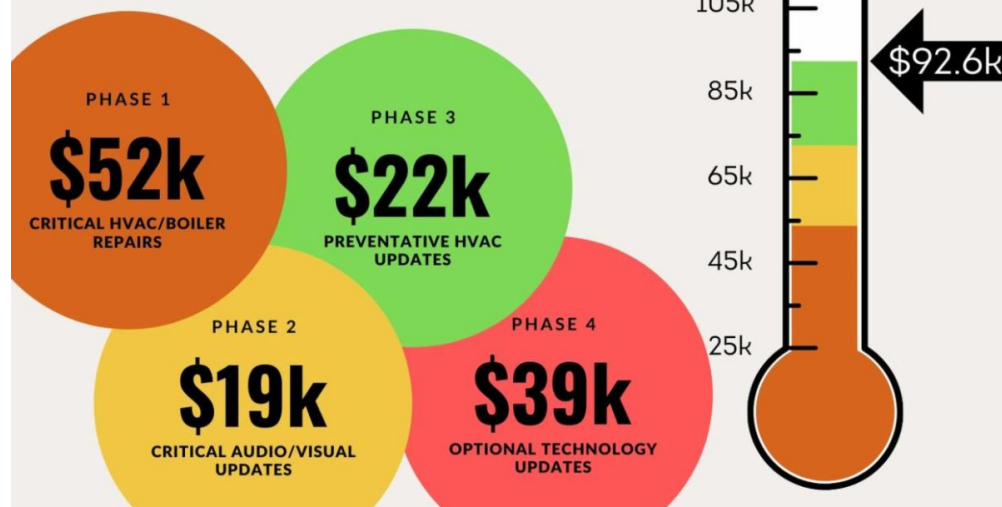


The Capital Campaign committee wants to thank our many donors for their generous giving! We are well on our way to reaching Phase 4 goal with the next five years. Our target goal is \$132,000.00 and we have received \$92,600 in actual donations to date since first of October.

Upon reviewing the options, the Trustees agreed to pursue a solution that allows greater flexibility to add future technology and to give an enhance in church experience. The option increased the estimate by \$3000.00, reflected in the \$132,000.

If you have not yet made a donation or pledge, please consider doing so. If you need more information go to the church website, Capital Campaign slide link or call the church office at 785.594.6612.

BALDWIN FIRST CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Missions

FOOD PANTRY HOURS ARE EVERY SATURDAY 10AM

LAURA DICKINSON, MISSIONS CHAIR., LDINBC@GMAIL.COM

Food Pantry – Thank you to all who support the ongoing work of the Baldwin City Community Pantry! The new year will bring a new schedule for the pantry. The pantry will continue with the drive-through operation providing vouchers and extra bags of food items on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays for the months of January through March. The pantry has evolved throughout its history and will continue to do so relative to current needs, available funds/food, volunteers and what is occurring in our environment.



January 11th – Human Trafficking AWARENESS Day – FACT Sheet available at <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/ht/factsheet>

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY - January 16th - We are all family. When we walk past our neighbor who is hiding in plain sight, we limit the gifts and graces that our sisters and brothers in Christ bring to the table. We limit the experiences, the voices and the beloved community that take place through mutual sharing of gifts. With a special offering celebrating Human Relations Day, we join with United Methodists around the world, remembering that the size of the table of divine love is unlimited.

For more than half a century, United Methodists have observed this churchwide special Sunday in recognition of the message Jesus demonstrated during his life: all of God's children are important. Through the special offering on Human Relations Day, our gifts are part of building beloved community through faith-based volunteer programs, community developers and programs that work with at-risk teens.

Click the "Give now" link above, or contribute to Jan 19 offering plate at the church. To give by mail, send checks to: GCFA, P.O. Box 340029, Nashville, TN 37203

MLK DAY – January 17th - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. dedicated his life to a dream and vision of a different world through reforms during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s. He called all Americans to join in that vision of walking forward in the name of God's justice and seeking to make a difference.

On this day giving honor to his life's work, we are encouraged to devote time during the weekend to service and acts of mercy toward our neighbors. Seek out a way to be in service through an event such as donating blood, volunteering for a homeless shelter, helping a neighbor, donating funds to a cause of your choice, volunteering at a community construction project, providing free day-care for children whose parents have to work on MLK Day, any activity in service to others.

***“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’” –
Martin Luther King***

End Racism - In exploring the spiritual work of overcoming racism. “Reaching In, Reaching Up, Reaching Out” by The Upper Room's recently retired Publisher Rev. Stephen D. Bryant has provided the following. Below is a list of resources to support this spiritual work.

Reaching In: How are we reaching within and looking at the face of evil within ourselves? How are we complicit with the systems that keep evil in place?

- The Upper Room's Perspective on the Sin of Racism
- A Different Set of Rules | Michael W. Waters
- I'm Tired | Nathalie Nelson Parker
- Praying for Change: Daily Prayers for Anti-Racism | Discipleship Ministries
- De-Colonizing the Church: A Commitment to Anti-Racism | Path1, Discipleship Ministries

Reaching Up: How are we reaching up to God and seeking the courage and power to die to the old creation and become a part of the new creation?

- It Is Enough | Cynthia Wilson · It Hurts So Much | Rev. Jacqui King
- A Call to Prayer from The United Methodist Council of Bishops
- Here Lies Love, a litany by Osheta Moore | Rally: Communal Prayers for Lovers of Jesus and Justice (Upper Room Books, August 2020)
- Psalms for the Struggle | Kentina Washington-Leapheart
- A Prayer Service to Stand Against Racism | Rev. Sam McGlothlin and Rev. Dr. Paula Smith
- Liturgies from Below: Praying with People at the Ends of the World | Claudio Carvalhaes (Abingdon Press, August 2020)
- The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song

Reaching Out: How are we reaching out in dialogue with our community, with our churches, with our friends, with our enemies? What do compassion and kindness look like in an age of violence and hate?

- A Pastoral Letter from the Bishop of the Minnesota Annual Conference
- Enough is Enough: Church Must Break Its Silence on Racial Violence | GCORR
- White Silence Is Inexcusable | Rev. Sidwell Mokgothu
- Slavery and the Founders of Methodism | UMNews
- Caring for Black Souls During and Post Trauma

The Upper Room is a part of Discipleship Ministries. Find more Antiracism Discipleship & Social Justice resources here. For more resources, visit [UMC.org/EndRacism](https://www.UMC.org/EndRacism)

Dec. 25, 2021



to Jan. 6, 2022

The dates of the 12 days of Christmas have gotten fuzzy thanks to the marketing efforts to purchase Christmas presents. The actual 12 days (commencing on Christmas day through January 6, known as Three Kings Day or Epiphany) is a time on the church calendar to celebrate the birth of our savior Jesus Christ. Still, as historical legends go, the actual dates for celebration may vary from church to church, but the purpose of the celebration is the same.

Some consider this English Christmas carol “12 days of Christmas”, which you have probably heard or sung recently, is a story of a series of increasingly grand gifts given on each of the twelve days of Christmas. It is suggested the song lyrics most probably served as a mnemonic device or memory game whereby each child recited a verse until someone missed a verse. Modern folklore claims that the song’s lyrics were written as a “Catechism song” to help young children learn their faith, at a time when practicing Catholicism was criminalized in England (1558 until 1829).

The following is thought to suggested to represent aspects of Christianity behind each line of music:

- A partridge in a pear tree is eternal life through Jesus Christ;
- Two turtledoves are the Old and New Testament;
- Three French hens are the reminder of faith, hope, and love, others think it represents the Trinity;
- Four calling birds are the four gospels;
- Five Golden rings are the Pentateuch (first 5 chapters of Old Testament);
- Six geese allaying: the six days of creation;
- Seven Swans swimming are the gifts of the Holy Spirit (Prophetic, Ministry, teaching, exhortation, giving, leading and compassion) or it can point to Isaiah 11:2-3 of wisdom, counsel, might, knowledge, respect, delight);
- Eight maids a-milking the beatitudes in Matthew 5:2-11;
- Nine drummers drumming point to the fruit of the spirit (Gal 5:22-23) of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control;
- Ten pipers piping are the 10 commandments in Exodus 20:1-7;
- Eleven ladies dancing are for the faithful 11 disciples; and
- Twelve lords a-leaping are the points of the Apostles Creed:

1. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
 2. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 3. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
 4. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
 5. He descended into hell. On the third day, he rose again.
 6. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 7. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 8. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 9. the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
 10. the forgiveness of sins,
 11. the resurrection of the body,
 12. and the life everlasting.
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***Worship Services
9:30 AM (In person and
Live Online Services)***

Jan 1 Happy New Year!

Jan 3 Missions Mtg 7:00PM

Jan 5 Care Giving Mtg 1:00PM

Jan 6 Epiphany

Jan 10 Trustees Mtg 7:00PM

Jan 16 Human Relations Day

Jan 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan 17 Finance Mtg 7:00PM
SPPRC Mtg 7:00PM

Jan 24 Council Meeting 7:00PM

***Church Streaming & Zoom Meeting
Links Directory***

Note: Links are accessible in the email version of this newsletter, the links are not available on the website version of the Vine due to PDF.

***Sunday School and Small Groups are
meeting at 10:45a.m. on Sundays***

***9:30 AM Worship Live Stream:**

<https://www.Baldwinfirst.org>

or at

<https://www.facebook.com/baldwinfirstumc>

***For ALL scheduled CHURCH
meetings there is an
optional Zoom Mtgs go to**

<https://zoom.us/join>

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News items for the Vine need to be in the office by the evening of Church Council (the 4th Monday of every month). If you prefer to get the newsletter electronically, please provide your email address to the office (594.6612 or office@baldwinfirst.org) to help alleviate mailing costs.

Church office hours 9-2, Monday-Thursday

OUR MISSION IS TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND OUR NEIGHBORS AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

