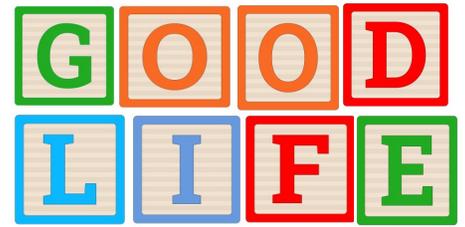


Windsor Hills United Methodist Church
January 9, 2022
First Sunday after the Epiphany
11:00 am

Building Blocks of the...



CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Bind Us Together
Karen Jones Harwood, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST COMES AMONG US

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please sign the Registration Pad and pass it on to others on your pew.
For those worshipping on-line, please Comment, Like, or Share.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsively

We are not meant to be alone, but to be in community,
Woven together in a tapestry of love.
We are not to strive alone, but to work side by side.
In the one Body of Christ, there are many different members,
With various skills, talents and abilities,
**Bound together by Jesus' commands to love God, love our neighbors,
and love one another.**

(Doug Paysour)

*HYMN OF PRAISE

How Firm a Foundation

UM Hymnal 529

- 1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**
- 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**
- 3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

4. “When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5. “The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

*A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

UM Hymnal 883

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God’s presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Jill Ammen

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Don Thrasher

Proclamation of the Word

ANTHEM

Help Us Accept Each Other
(#560 in hymnal)

Kaan and Beck

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 12: 1-5

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

*HYMN

Who Is My Neighbor?

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

**“Who is my neighbor?” A lawyer asked Jesus, to test him.
So Jesus told him a story to answer his question:
Lonely the way...
Lonely the traveler one day...
Robbers attacked him and left him.**

**First down the road came a priest who just chose to ignore him.
Next came a Levite who wouldn't do anything for him.
Then one despised,
Hated in everyone's eyes,
Knelt down to heal and restore him.**

**Tending the wounds of the man, the Samaritan labored.
He was the one with compassion, the one in God's favor.
Not by a creed
But by responding to need,
He proved to be the good neighbor.**

THE GOSPEL READING: **John 15: 12-17**

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

“You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

SERMON

The First Block: Community

Pastor Doug

*Today marks the beginning of a four-part series on “The Building Blocks of The Good Life.”
Our theme verse is Jesus' saying; “I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly.”*

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

A NEW START

Morning Prayers

Heather Sorenson

OFFERING MOMENT

You may also access our Online Giving option by pointing your camera phone at the QR code on the screen, which will take you straight to our website's online giving portal.

*HYMN

Bind Us Together

The Faith We Sing 2226

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.
There is only one God, there is only one King;
There is only one body, that is why we sing.**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

arr. Hal Hopson

January 9, 2022

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Our Love and Sympathy, along with the sure and certain hope of the resurrection, are with the families of Annis McCrary, who died December 27, 2021; and Frances Boyd, who died January 4, 2022. Please keep these families in your prayers.

2022 Offering Envelopes Available

Help us save postage by picking up your offering envelope packet for 2022. They can be found in the **breezeway**. If you need your packet mailed to you, call the church office.



Also in the breezeway and around the church are "Together for Joy" commitment cards for 2022. If you still haven't turned yours in, the new year is a great time to consider doing

A Message From Jill Ammen

Hi church family! I am writing to inform you that I am transitioning out of my position at Windsor Hills as the Director of Ministries with Young People. I will stay in this position for the remainder of January as I assist the church and staff with this transition.

I am working for a Christian radio station called the Journey in business development and wish to spend more time working in marketing, promotions, and broadcasting.

I am excited for my career transition but will miss all of you very much. I have been so impressed with the way that you all have done ministry amidst a pandemic and your love and dedication for this church. I wish all of you so much happiness. If you are interested in being more involved in youth and children's ministry during this time please do not hesitate to contact me to get plugged in. Thanks!

Many Blessings,

Jill

The Rose on the Altar

Is in Honor of the Birth of Kevin and Susan Russell's Grandson

on January 1, 2022.



Disaster Relief: The devastation caused by an EF-4 tornado over a 220-mile swath of the midsection of the country is heart-breaking. The United Methodist Committee on Relief will be engaged in disaster relief in the area for a long time to come. If you would like to help now, please make your check payable to Windsor Hills UMC, with Disaster Relief in the memo line. One-hundred percent of your gift is used in disaster relief, as the administrative needs of UMCOR are met through the offering in the spring. Your gift will be a comfort and a help to many people who are hurting at this time. The same fund for domestic Disaster Relief will assist those who have lost homes and communities to Colorado's wildfires.

The Building Blocks of...

T H E
G O O D
L I F E

An All-New Worship Series

Thru January 30

***"I have come that they may have life,
and have it abundantly" (John 10: 10)***



A New Start

Our habit here at Windsor Hills, for years, is for us to survey the congregation as to how they will serve as a part of the Body of Christ here at Windsor Hills. We have postponed that this year, awaiting what may come with the pandemic. As we move into the new year, however, it is time for A New Start. It is time for us to be prepared to serve as we are able to at this time. As the pandemic may wain, it may be necessary later in the year to do an update.

This year's "Call & Response Sheets" are simplified and focused on what we need in the near future and what we can do in the near future, with Children (C), Youth (Y) and Adults all one form (and not three separate as usual). This is an important time in the life of Windsor Hills, time for all of us to pull together to move forward. You will notice a section of Priorities, small and great ways that we can get to work in extending the love of God throughout our congregation and community. Pay close attention and pray over how God may be calling you to step forward in service to our God, who is the Giver of Life and every good gift.

Let us be **"Together for Joy."**

This Week at Windsor Hills UMC

Today, 1/9	First Sunday after the Epiphany Contemporary Service, Windsor Hall, 9:00 am Sunday School, 10:00 am Breakfast for children & youth, 10:45 am Worship Service, "Building Blocks of The Good Life" Worship Series begins, In-Person and Livestreamed, Sanctuary, 11:00 am AA, Fellowship Hall, 3:00 pm / Al-Anon, downstairs classroom, 3:00 pm Staff Parish Relations, 6:00 pm
Monday	Boy Scout Troop #236, FH, 6:30 pm—8:00 pm
Tuesday	Staff Meeting, 10:00 am Gideon's Call, 7:00 pm
Wednesday	Wednesday Morning Prayers, Sanctuary Chapel, 10:00 am Al-Anon, FH, 10:30 am Council on Ministries, on Zoom, 7:00 pm
Thursday	Handbells, 6:00 pm Chancel Choir, 7:00 pm SCA, WH, 7:00 pm AA, Fellowship Hall, 7:00 pm
Friday	TheraPets, FH, 5:30 pm—8:45 pm
Sunday, 1/16	Contemporary Service, Windsor Hall, 9:00 am Sunday School, 10:00 am Breakfast for children & youth, 10:45 am Worship Service, "Building Blocks of The Good Life" Worship Series, In-Person and Livestreamed, Sanctuary, 11:00 am AA, Fellowship Hall, 3:00 pm / Al-Anon, downstairs classroom, 3:00 pm