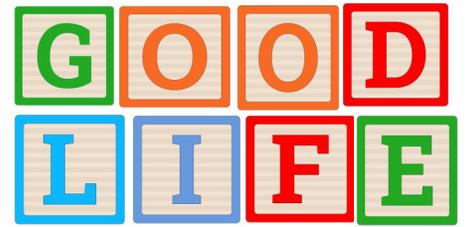


Windsor Hills United Methodist Church
January 16, 2022
Second Sunday after the Epiphany
On-line Snow Day

Building Blocks of the...



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.*

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST COMES AMONG US

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsively

As we walk with the Lord, in the light of the word,
What a glory God sheds on our way.

As we abide in Christ
and we live in God's Spirit
and we walk with God,

We find peace with God and with ourselves. Thanks be to God!

Now let us sing together!

(Doug Paysour, with paraphrase from "Trust and Obey" and focus on John 15)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jill Ammen

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Don Thrasher

Proclamation of the Word

SOLO

How Deep the Father's Love For Us
Greg Lyons, solo; Karen Jones Harwood, piano

Townend / Arr. Shackley

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 8: 1-6

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

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

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

“Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

“Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.”

SERMON

The Second Block: Walking with God

Pastor Doug

*Today marks the second 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.”
The first block, last week, was “Community”.*

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

UNISON PRAYER: **For Holiness of Heart**

UM Hymnal 401

**Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
Here is the citadel of all my desiring,
where my hopes are born
and all the deep resolutions of my spirit take wings.
In this center, my fears are nourished,
and all my hates are nurtured.
Here my loves are cherished,
and all the deep hungers of my spirit are honored
without quivering and without shock.
In my heart, above all else,
let love and integrity envelop me
until my love is perfected and the last vestige
of my desiring is no longer in conflict with thy Spirit.
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. Amen.**

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.

*ANTHEM

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Arr. Charles McCartha

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear.
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.**

**Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word;
Just to rest upon his promise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, burdened by a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
In his arms he'll take and shield you, you will find a solace there.**

**Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word;
Just to rest upon his promise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."**

**I'm so glad I learned to trust you, precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
and I know that you are with me, will be with me to the end.
O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest and joy and peace,
Life and rest and joy and peace.**

*BENEDICTION

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*The Flowers on the Altar
are Given to the Glory of God
and in Honor of Fred Eaton
on his 80th Birthday
by Sandra Eaton*

Our Call & Response Sheets are inserted in today's bulletin and posted on the home page of our website (www.windsorhillsumc.org). This is the means that we share our God-given talents and our time for the work of Windsor Hills UMC. Thus far, we have received 26, and we hope to receive yours soon, if you have not done so. This year, it is greatly simplified and Children, Youth and Adults have opportunities to serve through this one form. Thank you for those who have already done so.



Windsor Hills Tours Presents "First Friday in February"

February 4 at 1:00 in Windsor Hall

Heather Case will be unveiling the new schedule of 2022 trips! Be one of the first to sign up for the trips of your choice. Bring your checkbook to reserve your spot.



Thank You, Jill! As you already know, our Director of Ministries with Young People, **Jill Ammen**, has resigned her position and her last Sunday with us will be January 30. Thank you, Jill, for your serving with us with our young people during such challenging times. May the Lord bless you in your life and career.



We will be staffing for our ministry with young people with two separate part-time positions, one for children and one for youth, while continuing to seek a Nursery Director. If you, or someone you know, have an interest, have them speak to Pastor Doug. More information is available on our website.

The Church Office will be Closed Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



NEW: Bible Study Starts Wednesday on Zoom

This coming Wednesday, January 19, we will begin a new **Bible Study**, via Zoom at 7 pm. We will be using Bishop N.T. Wright’s material once again, which we have appreciated for several studies previously. This particular study is called **“Paul, a Biography”**. All ages are welcome to join us.

COVID Protocol Update

January Senior Luncheon Canceled

At our Council of Ministries meeting on January 12 and due to the rise in the COVID Omicron pandemic, **it was discerned that no groups in the church should eat meals together over the next thirty days. Thus, it is necessary that we cancel our January 26 Super Seniors Luncheon. The Council on Ministries is charged with determining best local practices for COVID protocols.**

For the February 23 Super Senior Luncheon, we will make our decision by February 12. We are hoping and praying that the spike of the COVID Omicron will be going down by that time. Please stay tuned to your email or call the church office for further information.

This Week at Windsor Hills UMC

Today, 1/16	Second Sunday after the Epiphany Prerecorded Worship Service, online AA, Fellowship Hall, 3:00 pm / Al-Anon, downstairs classroom, 3:00 pm
Monday	MLK , Jr. Day—Church Office Closed Boy Scout Troop #236, FH, 6:30 pm—8:00 pm Finance Committee, 7:00 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 Bible Study, on Zoom, 7:00 pm
Thursday	Senior Adult Council, WH, 10:00 am Brownies, 5:30 pm, FH Handbells, 6:00 pm Chancel Choir, 7:00 pm AA, Fellowship Hall, 7:00 pm
Friday	TheraPets, FH, 5:30 pm—8:45 pm
Saturday	Bi-District Training Day, 9:00 am—12 noon
Sunday, 1/23	Contemporary Service, Windsor Hall, 9:00 am Sunday School, 10:00 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