

## Offering Information



Offering needed to meet the monthly  
2021 budget: \$22, 682.92

Offering received in November (3 Sundays): \$13,138.00

## Food Pantry



December food pantry  
needs have been met.  
Thank you for all  
donations.

## Blue Bucket



December blue  
bucket is for the  
Senior Center.

Non Profit Org.  
U.S. POSTAGE  
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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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# THE VISION NEWSLETTER

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### OFFICE HOURS



9 AM - 1 PM

## Service Times

8:30 AM - Contemporary  
Service

10:30 AM Traditional Service  
-Sundays-

free hot coffee



## STAY CONNECTED WEBSITE

[www.winnerumc.org](http://www.winnerumc.org)



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help people grow deep in Christ

# December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			GPS kids, Confirmation, & MYF @ 6:30-7:30 PM Worship Team 7:30 PM Needle Night 7:30 PM			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Worship 8:30 AM Adult Sun. School 9:30 Simply Loved 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM		Men's Group 6:30 AM Bible Study @ noon Grief Group 1:00 PM AV Ministry 6:15 PM Trustees 7:00 PM	Golden Prairie 10 AM Elder Inn 11 AM GPS kids, Confirmation, & SH MYF @ 6:30-7:30 PM Worship Team 7:30 PM Needle Night 7:30 PM			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Worship 8:30 AM Adult Sun. School 9:30 Worship 10:30 AM		Men's Group 6:30 AM Bible Study @ noon Grief Group 1:00 PM	Live Nativity 6 PM & 6:30 Sounds of Christmas 7 PM			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Worship 8:30 AM Adult Sun. School 9:30 Worship 10:30 AM Leadership 11:40 AM		Men's Group 6:30 AM Bible Study @ noon Grief Group 1:00 PM	No GPS kids, Confirmation or SH MYF Worship Team 7:30 PM Needle Night 7:30 PM		Christmas Eve Services @ 5 PM & 9 PM	MERRY CHRISTMAS!
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Worship 9:00 AM			No GPS kids, Confirmation or SH MYF Worship Team 7:30 PM Needle Night 7:30 PM		New Year's Eve	

# *A word from Pastor John ...*

## **- Christmas -**

In Isaiah 61:1 it says, “*He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted.*” Christmas is a time we celebrate the coming of Christ. It is a time when Christ wants to be born in our hearts anew. If we are the hands and feet of Christ, how do we *bind up the broken hearted*? We may think of, “to bind” as to tie up or immobilize. That is not what is meant here. It is a picture of putting a bandage on a wound, to care for someone who has been

injured. We are injured many different ways. We can slip on the ice and hurt our back but it is so much more than that.

It may be the loss of a love one, or a job. It could have been sitting on the bench while the other kids got to play. Or may be you were raised in a home where love was based on performance. I knew a young man once who told me his father always said, “he wasn’t good enough.” I counseled a young woman who was taken at a young age by her dad’s brother and never got to experience growing up normally. There are so many broken hearted out there this Christmas season. December is a big month for suicide in the United States. The contrast of the Christmas season and their broken

hearts are just too much. When Mary Magdalene was at the tomb

Easter morning she was crying and staring into an empty tomb. She was crying for the man who had meant so much to her. Jesus who had delivered her of demonic possession. She had placed so much hope in Jesus, now He was gone. Her world was shattered. Then Jesus says to her, “Why are you crying?” Alive! Jesus told her to go to his disciples and tell

them he was alive. Mary tells them, “*I have seen the Lord!*” What hope! Mary wasn’t thinking about going to heaven, that wasn’t even a thought. To her the story continues. Jesus is alive, the ministry of “*binding up the broken hearted*” goes on. The disciples looked at the resurrection as, “Jesus beat this death thing so can we.” What can stop us? They went out and changed the world. Can we with Mary say, “*I have seen the Lord!*” Is He real this Christmas season in your life? What are you doing to “*bind up the broken hearted*?” Jesus does live on and He wishes to do so in your life. He still asks the question, “*why are you crying?*” Let us be those eyes, ears and hands this Christmas season and “*bind up the broken hearted.*”

# Leadership Council – Nov. 21, 2021

**Members present:** Pastor John, Alona Burtz, Malon Burtz, Yvon Burtz, Wade Burtz, Eva Watzel, Donna Duffy, Clint Vanneman, Jack Frantz, Dianne Fisher, Liz Farley, Dan Patmore, Coni Halverson, Brandy Biggins, and Vanessa Goodell.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Clint Vanneman at 11:50 am.

The opening prayer was given by Clint Vanneman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Wade made a motion to approve the minutes and Eva seconded. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT- ALONA:** The CD (that was moved to First Fidelity Bank) was a good move as we are receiving a higher return rate. Camp Scholarship money will be rolled over to next year. Jack made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report and Dianne seconded. Motion carried.

**PASTOR’S REPORT- PASTOR JOHN:** Ministerial Association met and worked on letters for Religious Exemption for the vaccine mandates. Sheriff’s department due to the possibility of an increase in demand for help with fuel costs this year since the fuel costs have increased.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION-VANESSA:** GPS Kids will be having a Live Nativity on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> with two showings (6 PM & 6:30 PM). The kids will meet Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> for a regular GPS kids and on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> will be a dress rehearsal for the Live Nativity. SH MYF will be having a parade float in the Parade of Lights this year.

**OUTREACH/HOSPITALITY - LIZ:** With the October blue bucket money they were able to purchase 13 food gift cards for Thanksgiving. They were able to make the calendar for the 2022 calendar year for blue bucket.

**STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS-CLINT:** They have not met. No discussion at this time.

**WORSHIP MINISTRY- WADE:** They have been meeting monthly. They decorated for Christmas in the sanctuary on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. The Sounds of Christmas (online & in person) will be Wed., Dec. 15 at 7:00 pm after the Live Nativity. Hoping to have 18-20 performances and still looking for performers. Christmas Eve services will be at 5:00 pm, and 9:00 pm on Friday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday, Dec. 26th, there will be one service at 9:00 a.m. with the worship team leading.

**TRUSTEES-DAN:** They met and are working on some projects.

**FINANCE-WADE:** They did not meet and will not meet until January. There was a motion from Finance Committee to adjust the yearly budget. Wade brought the motion from Finance Committee so there was no need for a second. Motion passed and the budget was adjusted to \$288,032.00.

**CARES-DONNA:** They made Halloween bags for Golden Prairie and Elder Inn. They gave \$50 to Trunk or Treat and \$100 for the Blue Bucket Thanksgiving meals.

**FUNERAL-LIZ:** None

**AUDIO/VISUAL-DAN:** They are working on getting a new camera to livestream the Live Nativity outside. They are working on the computer upstairs due to crashing issues and working on the computer downstairs due to hard drive issues.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The church will be starting a new mission type project called “Meet-A-Need.” More information coming soon. This will be in place of the Foster Care Wrap-Around services. Also we are still looking for helpers to take over the President’s Day dinner.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Prayerful consideration was given to changing the amount the church gives to the Builders Fund. Plus year-end reports are due for all committees.

**ADJOURN:** Dan made a motion to adjourn and Wade seconded. Motion carried.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Pastor John gave the closing prayer.

Next meeting is Dec. 19 at 11:40 AM.

Vanessa Goodell - Recording Secretary



## Birthdays

Darbi Nelson	12/1
Lisa Jankauskas	12/2
Avery Massingale	12/3
Ottilia Novotny	12/3
Joel Gilchrist	12/5
Tom Mathis	12/6
Rose Grossenburg	12/7
Justin Peterson	12/10
Jace Anderson	12/12
Evelyn Farley	12/12
Alvin Pahlke	12/13
Marlee Schaeffer	12/13
Bill Boerner	12/13
Mandy Audiss	12/14
Jim Haley	12/15
Byron Foreman	12/16
Curt Comp	12/17
Ed Watzel	12/17
Jayden Bruun	12/17
Darin Nelson	12/18
Joan Hauf	12/18
Todd Hauf	12/18
Elijah Peterson	12/19
Betsy Rohde	12/19
DeAnn Woods	12/19
Livvy Audiss	12/19
Jan Noteboom	12/21
Parker Mathis	12/23
Mike Dice	12/25
Jackie Stone	12/26
Tracie Haley	12/27
Tim Woods	12/27
Eric Schueth	12/28
Kelbi Meiners	12/28
Rachel Vogt	12/28
Adrienne Lewis	12/29
Jennifer Dougherty	12/29
Lillie Palmer	12/30

## Anniversaries

Chuck & Judy Mills	12/9
Craig & Lori Schaeffer	12/26
Tom & Bobbe Schramm	12/28
Scott & Calley Schuyler	12/30



## CHURCH COMMUNITY

### BULLETIN BOARD

Starting in the January newsletter, there will be a place for you to post “notes” on the community bulletin board.

Did you have a baby or grandbaby recently, do you want to thank someone in our church, or do you have important news to share with others? Then please send these “notes” to the church email at: [umc@gwtc.net](mailto:umc@gwtc.net) and we will post them in the January newsletter for you!

# Upcoming Dates

**December 15th** - Live Nativity showings at 6 PM & 6:30 PM (online and in-person for both showings)

**December 15th** - Sounds of Christmas at 7 PM. This event will be both in person and livestreamed on the church YouTube channel.

We are still looking for performers for this event.

**December 24th** – Christmas Eve services at 5 PM & 9 PM.

**December 25th** - Merry Christmas from the Winner United Methodist Church

**December 26th** - Special Sunday service at 9 AM

**Silent Auction** – Please stop by the church and take a look at what has been donated. Lots of great things on the silent auction this year! The silent auction will end December 15th after the Sounds of Christmas event.

**January** - Outreach will be hosting a Potluck Soup Supper (more details coming soon).

