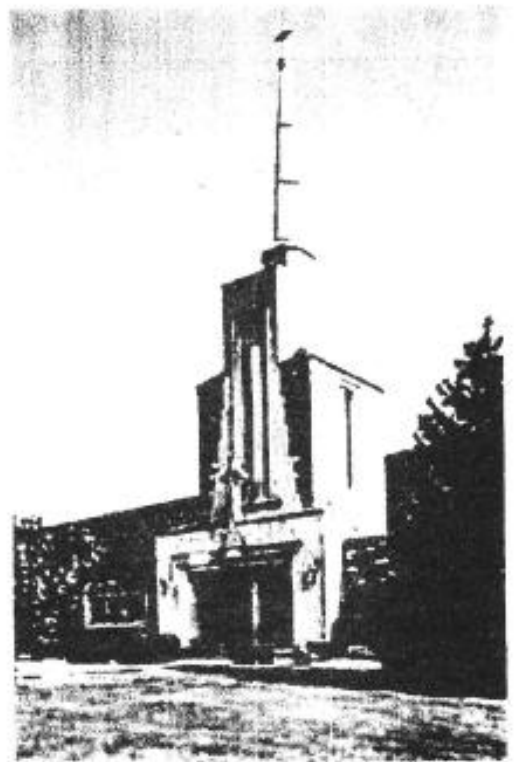


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Rev. Ira Barr, Pastor***

***Sunday Worship Services
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Contemporary Service
9:45 a.m.
Church School 9:40 a.m.***

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***Jesus Christ himself is our chief Cornerstone
Ephesians 2:20***

***Newsletter for
February, 2020***

WORSHIP FOR FEBRUARY, 2020

Traditional Worship Service: 8:30am & 11:00am
Contemporary Service: 9:45am
Church School: 9:40am

Sunday, February 2, 2020 - 4th Sunday after Epiphany
Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION AT ALL SERVICES
SOUPER BOWL OF CARING - non-perishable food collection



Sunday, February 9, 2020 - 5th Sunday after Epiphany
Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 112:1-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20
2nd SUNDAY BREAKFAST 9am-10:45am

Sunday, February 16, 2020 - 6th Sunday after Epiphany
Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8
1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

Sunday, February 23, 2020 - Transfiguration Sunday
Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9



Transfiguration
of the Lord

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 - Ash Wednesday
Services: 2pm & 7pm



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February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Holy Communion	OFFICE CLOSED	Bible Study 2pm & 7pm	GoodNews 6:30 Contemp 7:30	Admin/Finance 6:30pm	Kid's Bible Club 6:30- 8:30pm	OFFICE CLOSED
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
2nd Sunday Breakfast 9-10:45am	OFFICE CLOSED	Bible Study 2pm & 7pm	GoodNews 6:30 Contemp 7:30		OFFICE CLOSED Kid's Bible Club 6:30pm- 8:30pm	Rise Against Hunger/Lewis Hall 1pm-3pm
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	OFFICE CLOSED	Bible Study 2pm & 7pm	GoodNews 6:30p Contemp 7:30p		OFFICE CLOSED Kid's Bible Club 6:30pm- 8:30pm	wedding 1pm
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Party/Lewis Hall 1pm	OFFICE CLOSED	Bible Study 2pm & 7pm	Services 1pm & 7pm		OFFICE CLOSED Kid's Bible Club 6:30pm- 8:30pm	

BAPTISM
January 12, 2020

Raegen Leigh Cather
Parents: Misty & Jeff Cather



NEW MEMBER

Bruce McMillian



MARRIAGE

January 8, 2020

Christopher S. Hayden to Ria M. Dasco

DEATHS

Phyllis Bingman

Joined the AUMC Congregation May 31, 1959

Entered into the Greater Life January 7, 2020

Keene Gooding

Joined the AUMC Congregation March 29, 1956

Entered into the Greater Life January 7, 2020

Helen Klingebiel

Entered into the Greater Life December 25, 2019

IN OTHER WORDS

We're so accustomed to hearing the Bible's "love chapter," 1 Corinthians 13, at weddings and other occasions that we may not really hear its meaning anymore. It can help to listen to something familiar said in different words.

And now these three remain:

FAITH,.....
& HOPE
Love

..... But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

What new understandings of love does this paraphrase from *The Message* Bible reveal to you?

"Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, doesn't have a swelled head, doesn't force itself on others, isn't always 'me first,' doesn't fly off the handle, doesn't keep score of the sins of others, doesn't revel when others grovel, takes please in the flowering of truth, puts up with anything, trusts God always, always looks for the best, never looks back but keeps going to the end. Love never dies" (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a)



Dear AUMC Family,
Kelly and I would like to THANK everyone for all of our Christmas Cards,
Christmas Gifts and Blessings for a Happy New Year!
All of your special gifts and Christmas Blessings were greatly appreciated
by the tow of us and our family.

We wish the entire Arbutus United Methodist Church Family a Blessed and Happy New Year!

Rev. Ira & Kelly



I would like to thank everyone for all of my Christmas
Cards and *special* gifts.

I am very BLESSED to have so many wonderful, loving,
supportive people from AUMC in my life.

I would like to thank SPRC for your generous gift card. And a *special THANK YOU* to Rev. Ira
and Kelly for my wonderful Christmas Bag full of "just for Kathy" gifts.

I wish everyone a very Happy and Blessed New Year! *Kathy Myer*

Dear Arbutus UMC Staff and Members,
Merry Christmas to all!

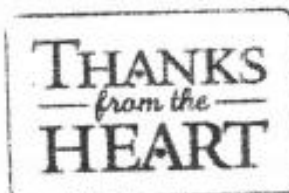
Once again, on behalf of Mom and the whole family, I want to say
"Thank You" for so faithfully reaching out to Mom with special
occasion cards, and "Thinking of You" notes. What a blessing you
all are to Mom and to us.

And I wanted to let you know that Mom celebrated her 98th birthday last June. She still has
her sweet tooth, so enjoyed the cake and ice cream! Most of all, she is content, which is a
great comfort to all of the family. The staff at Riderwood always comment on her sweet,
loving nature.

We feel truly blessed and grateful for all of you who have continued to remember Mom in
this long journey.

God bless you all. Have a blessed Christmas and a wonderful 2020!

Love in Him, Judy Wilhelm and Family



Thank you for packing shoebox gifts so that children around
the world can hear about God's love for them.

God Bless you, *Bethel Baptist Church*

Drop off Center for Operation Christmas Child

To my wonderful church family,

I thank everyone for all the Christmas Cards I received.

I also thank everyone at AUMC for your continued prayers and

"Thinking of You" cards as well as my birthday cards and phone calls. *Blessings, Pat Roper*



NEWS FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE



We would like to THANK each of you for your faithful financial support in 2019. While AUMC has fallen short regarding our Apportionments, we entered 2020 in a favorable position thanks to all of you.

During the month of January, our attendance and Offerings have kept pace with our expenses. We ask that everyone keep in mind the fact that the Tax Bill will, once again, come due in July, 2020. There is a plan in motion to help us be better prepared in 2020. We ask, if you are able, to help us by increasing your weekly Offering in advance which will help us to be even better prepared for the July payment.

Thank you for your regular attendance and timely Offerings which will aid in keeping AUMC and its Ministries growing in 2020. *Rev. Ira and the Finance Committee*

UNITED METHODIST MEN NEWS

Our next UM Men's Breakfast will be on Sunday, February 9, 2020 from 9am to 10:45am. Please join us for a delicious breakfast and a wonderful opportunity to Fellowship. ALL ARE WELCOME!



RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Packing Day is Saturday, February 15, 2020 from 1pm to 3pm. Our goal is to pack 15, 120 meals at a cost of \$3,451.00.



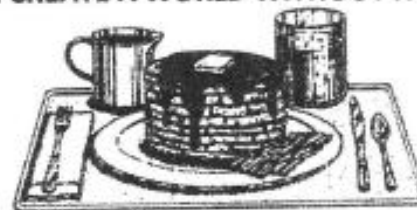
We are in NEED of \$370.00 in order to reach our goal.

We are also in NEED of at least 60 volunteers. If you have any questions, please see Wayne Keehner or give him a call at 443-865-5104.

WHEN WE RISE TOGETHER, WE CAN CREATE A WORLD WITHOUT HUNGER!

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

When: Tuesday, February 25, 2020
Where: AUMC Lewis Hall
Time: 4pm to 7pm



OPEN TO EVERYONE. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS PANCAKE DINNER WITH ALL THE FIXIN'S!!!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING INFORMATION

Sponsored by Arbutus UMC Youth
When: Sunday, February 2, 2020



During all 3 services. AUMC Youth will be collecting non-perishable items.



February 2	Margot Bruns
February 3	Beth Campbell
February 3	Barbara Grable
February 4	Amanda Stroud
February 13	Lilith Graham
February 13	Allison Farrish
February 14	Steven Farrish
February 14	Bunny Goetz
February 18	Michelle Meseke
February 19	Jessica Wheeler
February 19	Kim Bruns
February 20	Rebecca Meseke
February 21	Dale Wheeler
February 23	Tawnya Jones
February 26	John Lyons
February 27	Melanie Ziolkowski
February 28	Mabel Williamson

AWAITING THE CALL

The question we must ask our heart is, "Am I comfortable under the eye of God? Or is God getting too close?" We are strange and lovely creatures. We can ache for God tremendously yet find ourselves getting nervous if God gets too close. After all, the closer God gets, the more we hear the call to be divinized. It is both exciting and frightening to hear that call.

- MacRina Wiederkehr

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS





Kid's Bible Club

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Join us on Fridays this year. The following dates for the new year are: Jan. 3, 10, 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 from 6:30 to 8:30. Youth group (grades 5-12) will meet at this time also. We will meet in the Arbutus Room to begin. Please join us for bible study, snacks, crafts, games and so much more! Ages four and older are welcomed. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (410)379-5715. Hope to see you there!

Michele Ziolkowski



Friendship Squares

This tasty treat doubles as a game to play with a buddy.



What you need:

- Graham crackers
- Chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Raspberries
- Blueberries

What you do:

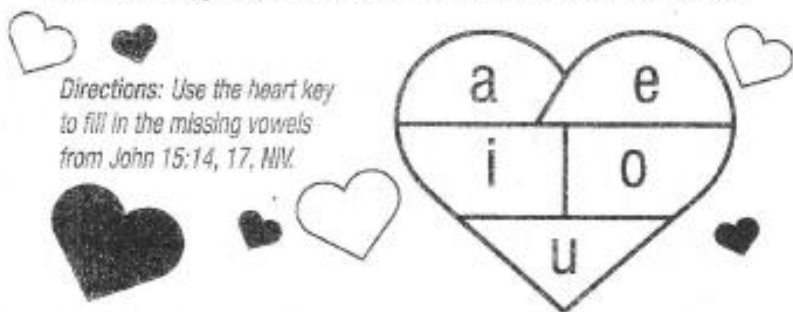
1. Gently break cracker sheets in half to form squares.
2. Heat chocolate chips in microwave for 30 seconds. Stir, then continue heating for 30 seconds at a time until melted.
3. Spoon melted chocolate into baggie and snip a small triangle from one bottom corner.
4. On each cracker, squeeze chocolate lines to form a Tic-Tac-Toe board. Let cool.
5. Using the fruit as X's and O's, play Tic-Tac-Toe with a friend. The winner gets to eat the treat!

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A friend in Jesus

In the Bible, Jesus shares what it means to be a true friend.



Directions: Use the heart key to fill in the missing vowels from John 15:14, 17, NIV.

“Y _ _ r _ my fr _ _ nds _ f
y _ _ d _ wh _ t _ c _ mm _ nd. . .

Th _ s _ s my c _ mm _ nd:

L _ v _ _ _ ch _ th _ r.”

JOHN 15:14, 17, NIV

Answer: “You are my friends if you do what I command. . . This is my command: Love each other.” John 15:14, 17, NIV

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