

*Our Savior's & Gilmanton United  
Methodist Churches*

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**Return Service Requested**

## Community Events

**Ruby's**  
**PANTRY**

Thursday, December 18  
4:00—5:30 pm  
Mondovi County Shop

# OUTREACH

DECEMBER 2025



Our Savior's, Gilmanton & Montana Salem United Methodist Churches

Dear Church Family,

As we journey through this season of Advent, we are reminded that Christmas is far more than a holiday marked by lights, gifts, and traditions. At its heart, Christmas proclaims the astonishing truth that God is with us. In Jesus Christ, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, bringing hope to the weary, peace to the troubled, joy to the brokenhearted, and love to all creation.

This message is especially powerful in times when the world feels uncertain or heavy. Christmas assures us that God has not abandoned us. Instead, He has entered into our human story, sharing our struggles and shining His light into our darkness. The birth of Christ is the promise that we are never alone, and that God's love is stronger than fear, sorrow, or even death itself.

This year, our churches will gather for a special Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Holy Communion with the theme "The ABCs of Christmas." Through scripture, song, and candlelight, we will reflect on the simple yet profound truths of the gospel, celebrating the gift of Emmanuel, God with us.

Christmas Eve Services – December 24

- Gilmanton Church at 4:00 p.m.
- Our Savior's Church at 6:00 p.m.
- Montana-Salem Church at 8:00 p.m.

I warmly encourage you to invite your family and friends to join us for these services, as well as our Advent worship gatherings. Together, we will rejoice in the good news of Christ's birth and share His love with one another.

May this holy season deepen your faith, renew your hope, and strengthen our bonds as a community of light. Let us welcome Christ into our hearts and homes, and let His presence guide us into the new year with courage and joy.

*"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). Matthew 1:23*

In Christ,

Rev. Hyuntae Kim, Ph.D

Happy Birthday!

- 12/1 Laurie Johnston
- 12/4 Bill Christ
- 12/5 Richard Putzier
- 12/7 Brandon Bursaw
- 12/7 Sharol Molland
- 12/7 Jim Williams
- 12/8 Aaron Johnston
- 12/8 Cheryl Molitor
- 12/9 Jeri Schaffner
- 12/12 Grace Branger
- 12/14 Roger Mock
- 12/15 Eastyn Dziekan
- 12/15 Karen Saxe
- 12/16 Lisa Bishopp
- 12/20 Kevin Johnston
- 12/20 Dora Johnston
- 12/20 Kara Nordahl-Klevgard
- 12/21 Tosha Bishopp
- 12/23 Bryce Parr
- 12/29 Ross Biederman
- 12/29 Pat Fichtenbauer
- 12/29 Neuretta Molland

Happy Anniversary!

- 12/10 Jack & Pat Luethi
- 12/31 Daniel & Amanda Schaffner



Keep in Prayer...

Members who are in long-term care facilities.

Military veterans.

All firefighters, EMTs, police, and military personnel.

Brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.

Charge Conference  
Tuesday, December 9, 6:00 pm  
At Gilmanton UMC



United Women in Faith  
Candlelight Ceremony  
December 10 at 12 pm  
Our Savior's UMC



Cranberry Fruit Nut Bread

- 2 c. flour
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 c. chopped nuts

Donna Moy

- 2 T. shortening
- 1 T. grated orange peel
- 1 egg, well beaten
- 1 1/2 c. cranberries, coarsely chopped
- 3/4 c. orange juice

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 5x9-inch loaf pan. Mix together flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and baking soda. Stir in orange juice, shortening, orange peel and egg. Mix until well blended. Stir in cranberries and nuts; spread evenly in loaf pan. Bake for 55 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean. Cool on rack for 15 minutes. Remove from pan; cool completely. Very good!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:00 pm SPRC Meeting at Gilmanton Dartball Away	2 6:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting at OS	3 5:30-7:00 pm F3/Confirmation	4	5	6
7 9:30 am Joint Worship with Holy Communion at Gilmanton	8 Dartball Away	9 6:00 pm Charge Conference at Gilmanton	10 12:00 pm UWF Candlelight Service 5:30-7:00 pm F3/Confirmation	11	12	13
14 9:30 am Gilmanton Worship 11:00 am Our Savior's Worship	15	16	17 5:30-7:00 pm F3/Confirmation	18 6:00 pm OS Council Meeting	19	20
21 9:30 am Gilmanton Worship 11:00 am Our Savior's Worship; Confirmation	22	23	24 Christmas Eve 4:00 pm Gilmanton Worship 6:00 pm Our Savior's Worship 8:00 pm Montana Salem Worship	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28 9:30 am Gilmanton Worship 11:00 am Our Savior's Worship	29 Dartball Home	30	31 New Year's Eve			



Refreshments will be served before church at Our Savior's on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month, starting at 10 am. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

December Worship Helpers at Our Savior's			
	Greeters/Ushers	Worship Leader	Money Counters
Dec 7	Terry Plank & Randy Moy	Terry Plank	Members of each church
Dec 14	Linda Johnston & Rita McDonnell	Ann Yelle	Katie Sandberg & Jan Bechel
Dec 21	Leah & Mary Beth Pichler	Mike Bruning	Leah Pichler & Jay Branger
Dec 28	Stephanie & Lily Stamm	Rita McDonnell	David Saxe & Mary Beth Pichler
Camera Operators: Saul Ness, Brendan Williams, Sarah Bengen			





Pastor's Appreciation Day—October 12



*Rosette-making in full swing, from mixing batter to dipping the irons. Delicate, crispy treats made especially for the Christmas Bazaar!*



*Lefse Day—the scent of flour, butter, and tradition was in the air. What a dedicated team!*



Christmas Eve Worship  
4:00 pm Gilmanton UMC  
6:00 pm Our Savior's UMC  
8:00 pm Montana Salem UMC

December Worship Service Schedule

Date	Location	Time	
12/07/2025	Gilmanton UMC	9:30 am	Joint Service with Holy Communion
12/14/2025	Gilmanton UMC Our Savior's UMC	9:30 am 11:00 am	
12/21/2025	Gilmanton UMC Our Savior's UMC	9:30 am 11:00 am	
12/24/2025	Gilmanton UMC Our Savior's UMC Montana Salem UMC	4:00 pm 6:00 pm 8:00 pm	Christmas Eve Services
12/28/2025	Gilmanton UMC Our Savior's UMC	9:30 am 11:00 am	