

**OUR SAVIOR'S & GILMANTON UNITED  
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**Return Service Requested**



**Community Events**



**MONDOVI SHARING TABLE**



Wednesday, December 13  
4:30—6:00 pm  
Central Lutheran Church

**Ruby's  
PANTRY**

Thursday, December 21  
4:00—5:30 pm  
Mondovi County Shop



**OUTREACH**



December 2023

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**PASTOR'S CORNER**

People in my churches sometimes call me a cameraman. This is because they often see me taking pictures. Since I started my ministry to this charge in July last year, I have experienced most of the events that happen in the churches, and I have taken pictures of them. There are some things that I didn't get to photograph. When looking at the pictures to write this letter, I see the faces of the people in the pictures all bright and joyful.



As the year draws to a close, I hope we all take a moment to give thanks. I am thankful that God has given us loving communities. I'm thankful to know those of you who love Jesus and serve the church faithfully. I am thankful for those who work for months to make items to sell at the Christmas Bazaar, for those who show up earlier than others to prepare for Sunday services, for those who shovel snow around the church, and for

those who serve in F3. Thank you and bless you for serving the Lord's church in so many ways with the talents God has given each of you.



On Nov 26, after the Sunday service, many of you put up Christmas decorations inside the church building, and On Nov 29, Wednesday, others set up a nativity scene outside the church. Decorating the church according to the church calendar is a way for us to reflect on the different aspects of God.

Advent, the first season of the church calendar, is four weeks of waiting for the birth of Jesus, his coming, and his coming again. As we reflect on Jesus Christ during Advent, may we deepen our experience of God's love through Jesus in our communities.

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."



Colossians 2:6-7

In Advent, as we wait for Jesus.  
Pastor Dr. Hyuntae Kim



### Happy Birthday

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

### Happy Anniversary

- 12/20 David & Lori Boley

## Keep in Prayer...

Rescue of hostages (Israelis, Americans, and others) abducted by Hamas. Israeli soldiers. Protection, restoration, and salvation of Israel. U.S. Military. Nations in peril: Israel, South Korea, Taiwan, Ukraine, U.S. against Palestine, Iran, North Korea, China, Russia.

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.



Thank you to everyone for your hard work and donations to make the 2023 Christmas Bazaar a success!

Special thanks to Jan Bechel, Chris Kramschuster, Bonnie Lindsay, Sue Sie, Debbie Holden, Kolleen Branger, Jill Poeschel, Lorraine Diener, and Sue Stoughton for the fancy cookies.

God Bless You All!

### Worship Service Helpers

	Worship Leader	Greeters/Ushers	Money Counters
Dec 3	MaryBeth Pichler	Randy & Dora Johnston	Jan Bechel & Katie Sandberg
Dec 10	Katie Sandberg	MaryBeth Pichler & Jan Bechel	Marvin Moy & Bill Lier
Dec 17	Brendan Williams	David & Lori Boley	David Saxe & Jay Branger
Dec 24	Ann Yelle	Ann Yelle & Rita McDonnell	Linda Johnston & Lorraine Diener
Dec 31	Dannica Zingshiem	Jim & Gloria Williams	Marvin Moy & MaryBeth Pichler

Camera Operators: Lori Boley & Saul Ness

as submitted by Ann Yelle.

On October 11, 2023, Women in Faith met with 10 people present.

Old Business: We have received a banner in memory of Norma Ward. No information has been received as to the United Methodist logo, the cross and flame logo possibly being discontinued.

New Business: Today we are going to celebrate World Thank Offering. Information was shared that in November our program will consist of information that Debbie Duncanson received at the Fall Gathering in September. December will be our candlelight service and January will be our pledge service. Discussion took place regarding October being Pastor Appreciation month. Our United Women in Faith group honors our pastors at Christmas. A motion was made and passed to gift \$50 at that time. At our November meeting we will talk about gifting to others. Minimal discussion took place regarding the Christmas Bazaar as a meeting was being held after this meeting. Posters need to get made and distributed ASAP and work lists made. In celebrating the October birthdays, it was noted that Bonnie Miles will be 98 years old. Julie Brunsch closed our meeting with a World Thank Offering Service.

#### Trustee Report (Sonny Sandberg, Chair)

Sonny reported there are cracks in the steps that need repair and a couple of bases on the main tower. He has no information on the lift.

Sonny has been in contact with the representative regarding the elevator who state they are having difficulty getting the parts. They informed Sonny that they would refund our money, but we would have to have someone else fix the elevator. Sonny will discuss this with another individual he has been in contact with regarding the repairs. Jay Branger suggested to Sonny that he should go ahead and contact that individual to see whether he could repair the elevator and provide a maintenance agreement. Council members were in agreement.

Dora Johnston reported that one of the freezers in the kitchen does not appear to be cooling properly. Sonny will check on it and contact Ross.

#### SPRC (Jim Williams, Chair)

Jim reported he has the forms printed out for completion for Annual Conference. SPRC meeting is scheduled for October 30.

Jim reported to Sonny that there are areas at the back of the church building that need repair.

#### Worship Committee (Rita McDonnell, Interim Chair, absent)

Dave Boley presented the following email from Rita in her absence.

Worship Committee met on 10/10/2023.

There will be an All Saints Day observed on Sunday, 11/5. We will have a reader and a votive candle lighter; there will be a few extra candles if someone wants to bring up a name that we have forgotten to read.

Planning a Thanksgiving Service with Gilmanton and Central Lutheran. This will be Tuesday, 11/21, at what time to be determined by Pastor and Central's Pastor.

We discussed serving apple crisp, ice cream, and coffee after, but no decision was made.

Planned on some items for Advent. Advent begins 12/3, the first Sunday in December.

We will decorate the sanctuary on 11/26, right after church services. We are asking for help to do this. There will be a sign-up sheet on the back table by the cookie sign-up sheet. Please sign up. We need to know what to plan on and how much to provide for lunch. Yes, there will be lunch provided. If you can't make it that Sunday, that's OK; we'll find something else for you to do. **Note: The Packers do not play on 11/26.**

We talked briefly about Charge Conference which is on Thursday, November 30, at 6 p.m. We do not know at this point what Pastor Peace's schedule will be, so do not know at this time if there will be a meal. We may be providing a small meal.

Sonny will put up the Christmas lights the week of October 30.

#### F3 Report (Dora and Randy Johnston)

Dora reported they are working on the grant application for VBS.

The date of the F3 Christmas Program has yet to be determined, either December 10 or 17.

Dora and Randy reported they need help for F3, and are requesting donations for Trunk or Treat.

#### New Business

Dave Boley reported Church Mutual had sent an email indicating the need to do a risk assessment for the church and asking for a contact person. Discussion ensued. Dave Boley will be the contact person.

Ann reported that prior to Charge Conference Jim Williams and Sonny Sandberg need to inspect the parsonage.

Sonny Sandberg asked regarding signs for the Christmas Bazaar. Sonny will follow up on the signs.

Dora Johnston asked regarding updating the marquee with the F3 and Confirmation information.

Dave Boley reported he is no longer working for the Post Office. Discussion ensued regarding mail pick up. Jay Branger made a motion to purchase a locked mailbox to be placed where the existing mailbox is. Ann Yelle seconded. Motion carried.

Dave Boley closed the meeting with prayer.

Motion to adjourn made by Jan Bechel, seconded by Jim Williams. Motion carried.

### Account Balances

#### Checking

\$3450.37

#### Elevator Repair

\$524.00

#### Local Disaster

\$390.00

#### New Ministries

\$2019.80

#### Christmas Walk

\$5400.00

#### Scholarships/Youth Awards

\$260.00

#### Sunday School

\$580.00

#### Total Account Balances

\$12,624.17



### Highlights from the Council Meeting—October 19, 2023

Council members present: Pastor Kim, Dave Boley, Jay Branger, Kolleen Branger, Ann Yelle, Sonny Sandberg, Linda Johnston, Dora and Randy Johnston, Jim Williams, Jan Bechel.

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Dave Boley.

Breakthrough prayer read in unison by Council members.

Next Meeting: November 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report

Motion to accept September 2023 Secretary's Report made by Kolleen Branger and seconded by Jim Williams. Motion carried.

Use of Church Facilities

The Council met with Kim Negus, music therapist, regarding the possibility of Kim using the church facilities for music therapy. She presented pamphlets on the Listening Program and Interactive Metronome. Music therapy is a program through the County for autism, anxiety, and ADHD.

Kim indicated the best day of the week would be Tuesday from approximately 2:30 to 7:00 p.m. It is one-on-one therapy which lasts approximately 40 to 45 minutes per child.

Kim indicated she carries liability insurance. She also indicated there is a fairly imminent need.

After thanking Kim for the presentation, discussion ensued within the Council with the following questions:

- Would we need to obtain approval from the Conference.
- Would there be coverage under the church's liability insurance.
- Would there need to be a contract.
- Should there be rent charged to cover increased costs to the church in regard to electricity, heating, etc.

Dave Boley will be in contact with the Conference regarding the questions for approval, contract and rent, and Jay Branger will contact Church Mutual Insurance regarding the liability insurance questions.

Discussion was held regarding a request from a community member to hold a daycare in Our Savior's. Dave Boley met with the community member to show her

the church facility and answer any questions. Dave reported to Council members regarding these visits. Discussion ensued. Jay Branger made a motion to decline the request for a contract for daycare in Our Savior's. Ann Yelle seconded. Motion carried.

Finance Committee (Jay Branger, Chair)

Jay presented the 2024 preliminary budget, and indicated Julie Brunsch and himself would review and present to the Council at the November meeting for approval. The major increases include the Pastor's salary and property insurance costs.

Executive Summary (Julie Brunsch, Treasurer, absent)

Kolleen Branger presented the Executive Summary information in Julie's absence.

Checking account totals are as follows: Beginning balance of \$16,554.59; deposits of \$9921.79; interest of \$10.38; expenditures of \$10,977.24; uncleared transactions of \$332.46 with an ending balance as of September 30, 2023, of \$15,177.06. Checking account reconciled with bank statement. Internal account balances are Checking \$5718.16; Elevator Repair \$524.00; Local Disaster \$390.00; New Ministries \$2019.80; Christmas Walk \$5400.00; Scholarships/Youth Awards \$260.00; Sunday School \$865.10 for balance of \$15,177.06. Other accounts: Building/Restoration \$1975.57; Youth Fellowship Account \$4157.66.

Kolleen reported per Julie a correction to the August Executive Summary in the beginning balance of the Building/Restoration Account. The beginning balance should have been \$1972.96 and ending balance \$1974.29.

Current checkbook balance is \$6753.95 with bills due of \$8823.14.

No Christmas Walk funds were used in September.

Memorial Report (Ann Yelle, Chair)

Balance as of August 30, 2023, \$19,215.50 with credits of \$7.63 and no debits with ending balance of \$19,223.13.

Ann presented a corrected August Memorial Report to show a credit of \$8.16 instead of a debit of \$8.16.

Finance Secretary (Kolleen Branger)

Kolleen reported that the third quarter

giving statements were either picked up or mailed to members.

Motion made by Randy Johnston and seconded by Sonny Sandberg to accept the September 2023 Executive Summary, Memorial and Finance Secretary Reports. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

**September 21 to October 19**

- Visits: Six member visits.
- Annual Conference event: School for Ministry at Green Lake Conference Center.
- Community events: American Lutheran Home service with Communion.
- Nationwide event: 2023 Special Session of Korean Association of United Methodist Church at First Chicago UMC, Chicago, IL.
- Confirmation class.

**Future Plans and Agenda**

- Ecumenical Service Schedule (Our Savior's, Gilmanton UMC and Central Lutheran Church). Thanksgiving Service, Tuesday, November 21, 6:30 p.m. at Our Savior's UMC.
- Prayerful idea for the future of the church: WUMF New Ministry Grant: Due November 1 (for 2024). Priority for application: Next-generation ministry – VBS in summer: We need children to come to Jesus. We can make a budget for teaching material costs, treat costs, volunteer training costs, etc., and apply for the Grant to WUMF—Cf. Applications may be made annually for a second and third year, but if awarded these grants will be for no more than 2/3 the original grant in year two and no more than 1/3 the original grant amount in year three. The typical requests per church or organization may be submitted per grant round.

Dora Johnston reported they are completing the application for the grant for VBS for material costs, food, etc.

United Women in Faith Report (Linda Johnston, Chair)

Linda Johnston presented the following

Our Savior's Children's Christmas Program  
Sunday, December 10  
10:30 am



United Women in Faith  
Annual Candlelight Service & Meal




United Women in Faith



December 13 at 1 pm


Christmas Eve Services  
4:00 pm Gilmanton  
6:00 pm Our Savior's



Food Pantry Sunday  
December 31

Pastor Appreciation at Our Savior's  
November 12

Thank you, Pastor, for all you do!  
For your faithfulness and kindness, too.  
You point to Jesus. You walk the walk!  
We really do listen when you talk.  
We think you're special! We think you're great!  
Give yourself a high five. Go ahead, we'll wait.  
You teach us God's Word. You love our church well.  
For that and much more, we think you're just swell.





# December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 <i>Holy Communion</i> 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am Our Savior's Worship	4 Dartball- Away	5 6:15 pm Worship Committee Meeting	6 5:30-7:00 pm F3 & Confirmation	7	8	9
10 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am Our Savior's Worship; Children's Program	11 No Dartball	12	13 1:00 UWF Candlelight Service with meal 5:30-7:00 pm F3 & Confirmation	14	15	16
17 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am Our Savior's Worship	18 No Dartball	19	20 5:30-7:00 pm F3 & Confirmation	21 6:00 pm Council Meeting	22	23
24 4:00 pm Gilmanton Worship 5:30 pm OS Choir Practice 6:00 pm Our Savior's Worship (no morning services)	25 No Worship Services No Dartball	26	27 No F3 or Confirmation 6:30 pm OS Choir Practice	28	29	30
31 8:30 am Gilmanton Choir Practice 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am Our Savior's Worship <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i> <i>New Year's Eve</i>	1 No Dartball	2	3	4	5	6

Thank you, God, for being with us in 2023.



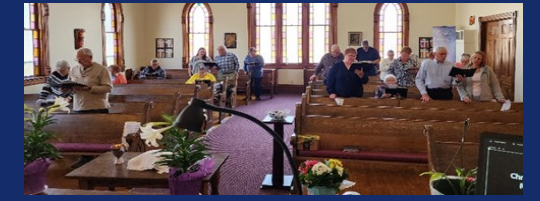
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 2022, Mondovi Our Savior's



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 2022, Gilmanton



Good Friday Community Service



Gilmanton Sunday Service



UWF Meeting



Gilmanton Sunday Service



Council Meeting



Christmas Bazaar



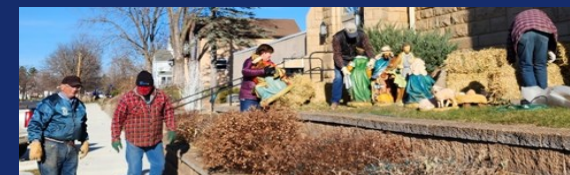
Christmas Bazaar



Thanksgiving Community Service, Choir Practice



During annual conference with Bishop



Christmas Decoration



Christmas Decoration



Christmas Decoration



Lenten, Soup & Sermon



Pickle Mission



Lenten, Soup & Sermon



Pickle Mission