

Fern Prairie United Methodist Church

January-February 2024 Newsletter

Happy New Year to all our friends and church family! We sincerely hope that all of you experienced the peace, hope, joy, and love offered through Christ this past advent season. We celebrate the gifts of the Spirit received at the “little white church on the hill” this past year. To all who have faithfully continued to support us through prayer, patronage, and presence we give thanks. We pray that we may faithfully continue to encourage, support, and listen and respond to the needs of our neighbors.

Our bible study series which ran November-December enriched our advent experience through scriptural readings, sharing individual stories, and exploring societal norms and expectations. The topics covered included: peace, hope, joy, and love through our Savior. Our advent wreath was central to all our worship services, and we were blessed by many forms of special music. Thank you to all who participated in making this a very special time!

The building was decorated just in time for our special visit from Santa on the 3rd of December, which was a roaring success thanks to the many helping elves present. The children were enthralled by Santa’s stories and gobbled up the cookies and cocoa so graciously supplied and served by several of our friends from Camas UMC. Photos were taken and together our participants were able to make six dozen cards which were distributed the next day by two ambitious elves to nearly sixty residents at Prestige Care Center in Camas. A truly fun time had by all! (The delivery elves continued to spread holiday cheer to several more households as well. 😊) We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our guest speakers who helped make our worship services so special during the holiday season: Carl Landerholm, Reverend Carol Davies, and Reverend David Nieda. Thank You!!!

As we look back over the past year, we are so grateful for the Spirit’s prompting and presence in our congregation and can’t wait to see where it will lead us in the coming year. Our prayers for you are to feel the Spirit’s presence in your life and to be richly blessed in the coming year. Please reach out and let us know how we can best serve you... you are all a loved and valued member of the family here at Fern Prairie!

We will be updating our church directory at the beginning of the year so you will find a separate piece of paper included that has the current contact information we have on file for you. If you wish to make corrections or change your mailing preference, please contact one of our council members or send us an email. Otherwise, we will continue to use the information we have on file for you. Thank you.

Our contact email is through our website at: fernprairieunitedmethodist.org

Our online giving link is: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZA35>

Upcoming Schedule of Events

Worship Service Every Sunday at 10:00am

In the event of inclement weather we will do our best to reach out and make people aware of church closure. You can help us by spreading the word or by calling one of our church council members directly.

January:

7th: Carl Landerholm, guest speaker

14th: Kathy leading service

21st: *"Remembering Phil Harder at Fern Prairie 1977-80; '02-'07."* - Joan H.

Church Family meal following service- All are welcome

Saturday, 27th: 2:00 PM- Memorial service at the church for former member, Don Davis

28th: Reverend Keith Hackett, Holy Communion

Church Council meeting following service

February

4th: Carl Landerholm, guest speaker

11th: *"Music Connexions"* - Joan H.

Wednesday, 14th: 6:00 PM- Ash Wednesday Service, followed by pancake dinner

18th: Marilyn leading service

25th: Reverend Keith Hackett, Holy Communion

****Save the date: May 19th: A visit by Mary Ann Swenson, former pastor at Orchards UMC and former bishop in Rocky Mountain and Calpac Conference. Church family meal will follow the service.***

