January-February 2025 Newsletter Fern Prairie United Methodist Church

Happy New Year to our friends and church family! We hope your Christmas and Advent season were filled to overflowing with God's love, hope, and peace. For some, the holidays are bittersweet, filled with memories of the past and uncertainties of what is to come. Wherever you find your heart and home to be at this time we pray that you feel surrounded by our love and prayers. For we are assured of this: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17

This past month was a lovely musical celebration that included many solos, duets, and even a choir accompanied by flute and piano. Thank you, everyone, for sharing your gifts! We had a great turnout of excited children lining up to visit with Santa and hear a story near the end of November. Cocoa and cookies were a yummy addition! The second Sunday of Advent was enjoyed by a troop of traveling elves who were blessed to visit the former Prestige Care facility and hand deliver nearly 70 cards, along with offering up song selections. The Christmas Eve Eve service not only warmed the hearts of those attending but enabled our offerings to be shared with the Vancouver Seafarers Center.

As we look back over the past year we remember those who have entered their heavenly home and keep their loved ones in prayer. If you have special prayer requests or other needs that we can help fill please let us know!

In His Service, Your friends and family at Fern Prairie UMC

Church website: fernprairieunitedmethodist.org

Online giving site: https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZA35

Calendar of upcoming events:

January 2025

- 5- Marilyn
- **12-** Special devotional service followed by council meeting and spaghetti potluck (all are welcome!)
- 19- Kathy/Sunday School
- **26-** Rev. Keith Hackett with Holy Communion

February

- 2- Marilyn
- 9- Special devotional service
- 16- Rev. Tom Tucker/ Sunday School
- 23- Rev. Keith Hackett with Holy Communion

Church Potluck Luncheon- All welcome!