

12/24/2016
Connection Card

Please place completed form
in offering plate.

Welcome! Whether you are a guest or a member,
we'd love to connect with you! Let us know how we
can help you.

- I need to update my contact information.
- I'd like to begin receiving the Gobin Weekly via email.
- I'd like to begin receiving the Gobin Monthly Newsletter via email.
- I'd like to begin receiving weekly emails for the Digital Prayer Chain.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

I AM A:

- Guest
- 1st time 2nd time 3+ times
- Out-of-town guest
- Regular attender
- Member

Prayer Requests or Prayer Needs

How can we pray for you?

Please feel free to send prayer requests to
prayers@gobinumc.org
throughout the week!

- For Prayer Team
- For Digital Prayer Chain
- Confidential

This Week

Please consider using the following resources
throughout the week ahead.

Questions for Reflection

This is a night for treasuring and
pondering the gift and mystery of
Christ's incarnation. How is it
possible, why is it necessary, and what
does it mean for God to be a human
infant, and for a human infant to be
God?

Morning Prayer

O Lord, I will sing you a new song
today; with all the earth I will bless
your name. I will smile with the
heavens and rejoice with the earth;
with the trees of the forest I will sing
for joy, for you have come to save us.
Amen.

Evening Prayer

Though I walk in darkness, O Lord, I
will not be afraid— for I know that
the morning will come, and the
great light of your glory will shine
all around me; through Jesus, the
light of the world. Amen.

Scriptures for Sunday, December 25

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm 98

Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)

John 1:1-14

Scriptures for each week can be found at:

lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu

**Question for Reflection & Prayer Question
and Prayers of the Day Resources:** Kimberly
Bracken Long (2013-09-16). *Feasting on the
Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A,
Volume 1: Advent through Pentecost* (p. 18).
Westminster John Knox Press. Kindle Edition.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE: DECEMBER 25 @ 10:30AM

No Sunday School on Christmas Day

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP IN THE NEW YEAR!
NEW WORSHIP SERIES BEGINNING JANUARY 8TH**

A Light in the Darkness:

*Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has
risen upon you. - Isaiah 60*

Winter can be a time of Seasonal Affective Disorder when the lack of
sunlight affects our moods and ability to cope effectively. But Spiritual
Affective Disorder can also be a factor as we lead lives that are too
crowded, busy, overcommitted, sometimes disturbing and uncertain. At
the turn of this new year, we will explore everyday life activities that can
become spiritual practices— deepening our experience of a meaningful
life and make us more "light-hearted."

MORNING PRAYER: WEDNESDAYS AT 8:30AM

Everyone is invited to morning prayer in Peace Chapel as we pray over Sunday morning
worship connection cards and prayer requests for the week.

DON'T FORGET— this is just a glimpse of what goes on at Gobin! All are welcome
to join in fellowship. To stay up-to-date and find out more, please visit our Events
page at gobinumc.org/news-events/events or call the church office at
765-658-6010 for more info!

HAVE AN EVENT YOU'D LIKE TO SCHEDULE AT GOBIN?

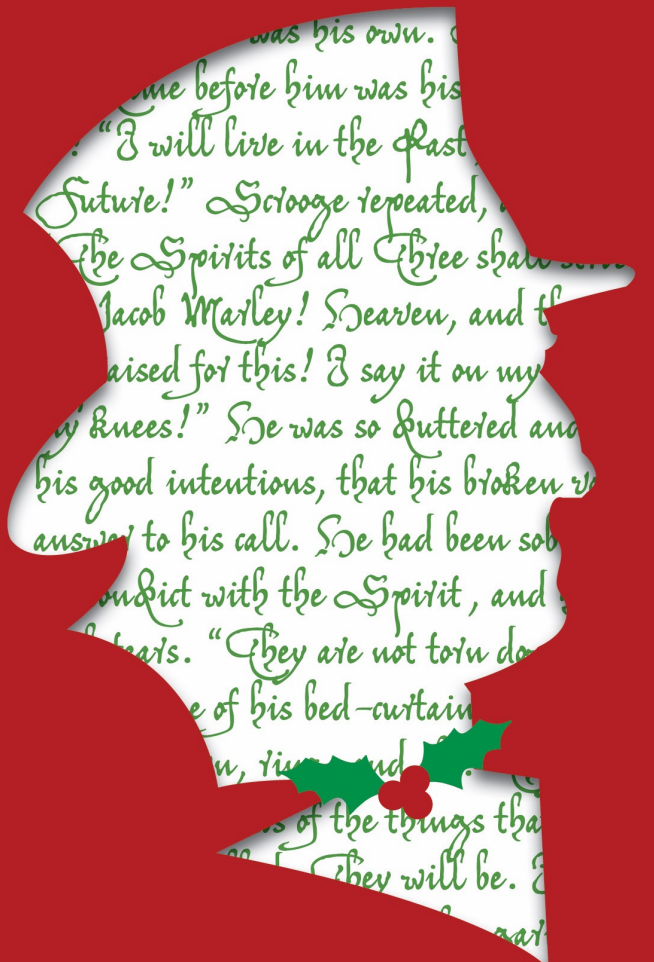
Gobin Church is committed to Radical Hospitality. We have a number of meeting
rooms to accommodate your gathering. Feel free to call the church office to reserve it
on the Gobin schedule! You can also put in a reservation request online at:
gobinumc.org/reserve-a-room/.



Gobin Memorial
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

connect. grow. serve.

Saturday, December 24, 2016



**The Redemption of
Scrooge**

Our Mission

The mission of Gobin Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the
world.

Our Vision

To create a spiritual community that is full of life by honestly sharing our whole selves with one
another in relationship.

—Rev. Bryan Langdoc, Pastor of Gobin
pastor@gobinumc.org

The Redemption of Scrooge:

Keeping Christmas Well

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2016

"God has pulled the powerful down from their thrones and lifted up the lowly. God has filled the hungry with good things..."

Luke 1

This Advent/Christmas series will take a look at how living in God's economy of grace and justice is the antithesis of the life-threatening addiction to money, success, exclusion and looking out for ourselves. The chimes of the clock-tower bells in Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol" provide a wake-up call for Ebenezer Scrooge and turn him from his resentment, fear and isolation. Just as God's presence was born anew into this world, we too can be born anew, woken up and redeemed into renewed life, joy, passion, generosity, humility and love.

WE GATHER

Gathering Music	Steven Snyder
God Bless Us Everyone	Gobin Choir
Welcome	Rev. Bryan Langdoc
Opening Prayer	
Opening Hymn	"Joy to the World" UMH #246
Passing the Peace	

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

A Blessing of the Children	Rev. Maureen Knudsen Langdoc
The Story	Luke 1:26 - Luke 2:20
Homily	Keeping Christmas Well Rev. Bryan Langdoc
Laying Our Burdens Down	
<i>Ring out your truth</i>	
<i>Ring out your love</i>	
<i>Reverberate in our lives</i>	
<i>Come, Lord, come!</i>	

WE RESPOND

Offering	
Offertory	Steven Snyder
Doxology	
<i>Praise God who blesses everyone!</i>	
<i>Praise Jesus Christ, who is to come!</i>	
<i>Praise Spirit, making Three-in-One!</i>	
<i>All praise the miracle has come!</i>	
Invitation to Communion	
Confession and Assurance	
Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!	
People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!	
Glory to God! Amen!	
The Great Thanksgiving	Rev. Bryan Langdoc
<i>(insert)</i>	
Breaking of the Bread and Lifting of the Cup	
Holy Communion	

WE GO FORTH

Closing Hymn	"Silent Night"	UMH #239
Benediction	There's a little Scrooge in each of us able to thaw out from our ice-cold fear and lean into all that love has to offer. This Christmas may you be visited by a surprising transformation that may surpass your understanding at first. And when you feel it, even if for just a fleeting moment, know the miracle has just begun in you, for the sake of the whole world.	
	May you be blessed by our God who loves you deeply; by Jesus, the true gift of God to each of us—this night and in all our days; and the Spirit who shows up just in time!	
Benediction Song	"God Bless Us Everyone"	
	<i>Come together, one and all, in the giving spirit.</i>	
	<i>Gifts abound here, great and small, joyously we feel it.</i>	
	<i>Blessings sent us from above guide us on our way.</i>	
	<i>We raise our voice as we rejoice, bow our head and pray.</i>	
	<i>A miracle has just begun. God bless us everyone!</i>	
Postlude	Steven Snyder, piano	

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Children & Nursery

We love it when children stay to join us in worship. Liturgy boxes are located near the South entrance and are available for children to use and participate in the worship service. In addition, a nursery is available for children ages 4 and under in Wesley Hall.

This Week's Scripture Reading

Scan this QR code to instantly pull up the Scripture Readings on your smart phone!



Online Giving

You can make donations to Gobin online at www.gobinumc.org or via text message from your smart phone or electronic device. If texting, please text your amount to: 765-253-4477.



Available in the Narthex.

