

12/4/2016  
**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](mailto: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**

- How might setting aside time to reflect on your past— both in terms of your personal story and of the larger story of God's people-be a valuable spiritual practice?
- How should our understanding and experience of God's redemption affect our attitudes toward other people?
- How can you bring the hope of God's redemption to those who need it most?

**Prayer for the Day**

God of Christmases past, you have been at work in our lives since the beginning. Open our eyes to all of the ways you have been at work in our memories and in the Advent and Christmas traditions that have been handed down to us. Give us courage to examine mistakes we've made in the past so that we will continue to grow into the people you created us to be. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Scriptures for Sunday, December 11**

Isaiah 35:1-10

Luke 1:47-55

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

Scriptures for each Sunday can be found at:

[lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu](http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu)

Question for Reflection & Prayer Resources:

(2016). *The Redemption of Scrooge Leader Guide*. Abingdon Press, Nashville.

**WE GO FORTH**

Closing Hymn

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

UMH #240

**Benediction**

There's a little Scrooge in each of us holding onto the fear and despair we have experienced in our lives. This week may you be visited by a surprising hope that may invite you to let go of those things of your past that no longer serve you. 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 season and in all our days; and the Spirit who shows up just in time!

**Benediction Song**

“God Bless Us Everyone”

**Come together, one and all, in the giving spirit.  
Gifts abound here, great and small, joyously we feel it.  
Blessings sent us from above guide us on our way.  
We raise our voice as we rejoice, bow our head and pray.  
A miracle has just begun. God bless us everyone!**

Postlude

Steven Snyder, piano

**EVENTS**

**PITCH-IN IS TODAY**

Stay for great food and even better fellowship after this morning's worship service!

**MITTEN TREE: NOVEMBER 28TH - DECEMBER 12TH**

Please help us decorate the tree outside the church office with your donations— we need hats, gloves, and scarves for both children and adults. Again this year, we will take the items to Head Start, Johnson & Nichols Clinic, and Beyond Homeless. Feel free to contact Joe & Rita Ferguson if you have any questions: 765-653-9258.

**POSADA: DECEMBER 6, 7PM @ UBBEN QUAD**

On behalf of DePauw's Center for Spiritual Life and Intercultural Life, you are invited to the "posada"-- a re-enactment of the pilgrimage made by Mary and Joseph, seeking lodging in Bethlehem. The event will begin at 7pm on Tuesday, starting at the tree on the Ubben Quad (in front of Reese Hall) and ending at the Cultural Resource Center, 509 Locust Street. In case of bad weather, the event will take place at the Cultural Resource Center, 509 Locust Street.

**FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS: DECEMBER 9, 7PM @ ST. PAUL'S**

You are invited to a Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols, a beautiful service whose readings and music tell the story of Christmas. This event will act as an ecumenical rallying point around the needy in our county, with pastors and leaders from local churches, including Pastor Bryan. Admission is free. A free will offering will be taken up to benefit the needy in Putnam County.

**ABUNDANT HEALTH DOWN HOME DINNER: DECEMBER 11TH**

The Abundant Health group is putting on a "Down Home Dinner" after Sunday morning worship on December 11. Funds raised will be donated to Maternal & Child Health.

**MORNING PRAYER: WEDNESDAYS AT 8:30AM**

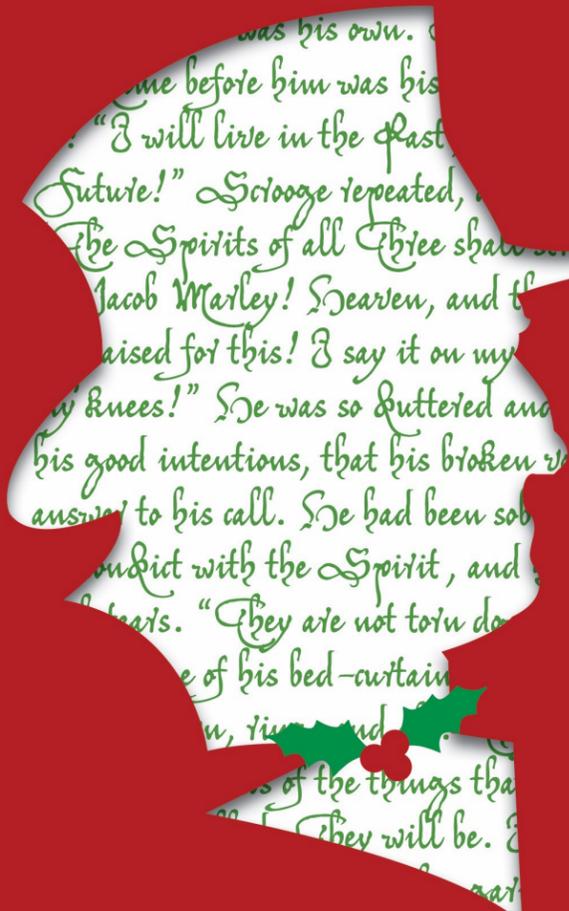
Everyone is invited to morning prayer in Peace Chapel as we pray over Sunday morning worship connection cards and prayer requests for the week.



**Gobin Memorial**  
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

connect. grow. serve.

Sunday, December 4, 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](mailto:pastor@gobinumc.org)

## The Remembrance of Christmas Past: Hope from Heartbreak

Second Sunday of Advent, December 4, 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	Emily Chen, <i>organ</i>
Welcome	Rev. Bryan Langdoc
Threshold Moment	Barbara Paré and Gobin Choir
Opening Prayer	
Opening Hymn	"God Almighty, We Are Waiting" insert
Passing the Peace	

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

A Blessing of the Children	Danielle Cummings
	<i>[children are invited to children's church]</i>
Scripture Reading— Pew Bible Page #683	Mary Taylor
	Isaiah 9:2, 6
Scripture Reading— Pew Bible Page #1014	Mary Taylor
	Luke 2:8-14
Caroling	"O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH #230 verses 1-3
Dramatic Reading	
Caroling reprise	
Choral Anthem	"Advent Lullaby" Gobin Choir
Sermon	The Remembrance of Christmas Past: Hope from Heartbreak Rev. Bryan Langdoc

## WE RESPOND

Offertory Solo Joseph Messick, *viola*

**Doxology**  
Praise God who blesses everyone!  
Praise Jesus Christ, who is to come!  
Praise Spirit, making Three-in-One!  
All praise the miracle begun!

**Prayer of Dedication**  
Generous God,  
we give you thanks for all you have given us  
and we offer our gifts  
for the sake of being your hands and feet as the Body of Christ.  
Open us to even more ways to give  
so that we can offer hope for a heartbroken world. Amen.

**Confession and Assurance**  
**Ring out your truth**  
**Ring out your love**  
**Reverberate in our lives**  
**Come, Lord, come!**

**The Great Thanksgiving**  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...And so,  
with your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:  
**Holy God**  
**of pow'r and might!**  
**Heaven and earth sing your praise**  
**A-lle-lu!**

**Blest is he**  
**who comes in your name!**  
**Heaven and earth sing your praise**  
**A-lle-lu!**

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died**  
**Christ is ris'n**  
**Christ will come again**  
**A-lle-lu!**

... Through your Son Jesus Christ  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

**Ring out your truth**  
**Ring out your love**  
**Reverberate in our lives**  
**Come, Lord, come!**

**Communion**

## Gobin Memorial United Methodist Church

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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. Children are invited to go to Children's Church immediately after A Time for the Child. 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 Epistle & Gospel Readings on your smart phone!



## Online Giving

You can make donations to Gobin online at [www.gobinumc.org](http://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.

All are welcome to join in fellowship. To stay up-to-date and find out what events are going on, please visit our Events page at [gobinumc.org/news-events/events](http://gobinumc.org/news-events/events) or call the church office at 765-658-6010 for more info!

## What's Next?

### Connect.

- I'm ready to follow Jesus.
- I've never been baptized and am interested in learning more about it.
- I'm ready for a do-over and would like to reaffirm the promises made at baptism.

### Grow.

- I'm interested in joining a small group.
- I'd like to have coffee with the pastor.
- I'm interested in learning more about church membership.
- I'm interested in joining a bible study.

### Serve.

- I want to volunteer for a ministry.
- I would like to be contacted by a leader.
- I'd like to learn more about mentoring young people.
- I'd be willing to read scripture in the worship service.
- I'd be willing to spend 30 minutes this week to clean the church.
- I'm willing to help put a fresh coat of paint on the walls.

## I'd like to serve on a team

- Coffee Ministry
- Sunday School
- Nursery
- Children's Church
- Hospitality
- Worship
- Education
- Stewardship/Finance
- Mission/Service

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