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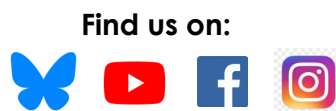
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Email cindy@good.org to receive the weekly e-news.

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Email jim@good.org for prayer requests or to receive the weekly prayer chain email.



Find us on:

Thank you...

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Nursery: Julie Kang, Shelly Kang
Fellowship Host: Caroline Carlin

WORSHIP
10:00 AM

January 18, 2026
Human Relations Day

Our Vision

Inspiring
Joyful Faith

Building a
Loving
Community

Serving
Neighbors
Near and Far

Today's
Scripture

Psalm 40:1-11
John 1:29-42



Who we are. What we do.



Good Samaritan United Methodist Church
5730 Grove Street, Edina, Minnesota 55436
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WELCOME !

Nursery care is available for ages 6 weeks-3 years.

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available from the ushers.

Hearing assist devices are available at the sound booth.

Thank you for supporting our ministries! Offering plates are available by the Sanctuary doors as you exit or scan this QR code to give securely online.



Please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall after worship.

*Standing or sitting.

PRELUDE "We Shall Overcome" ARR. ALBERT MENDOZA

GREETING & WELCOME

*HYMN "Glory (Let There Be Peace)" CHRIS STEVENS,
MATT MAHR, RACHEL POPADIC

**One star burns in the darkness, shines with the promise,
Emmanuel. One child born in the stillness, living within us,
Emmanuel.**

Chorus: We're singing: Glory, Glory. Let there be peace. Let there be peace. Singing: Glory, Glory. Let there be peace. Let it start in me.

**One voice speaks for the voiceless, hope for the hopeless,
Emmanuel. One love brings us together, now and forever,
Emmanuel.**

**Do not be afraid. His love is strong enough to save us.
Nothing stands in the way. His love is strong enough to lead us.** *(Repeat)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:
"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

**We come to this place, to this time,
at the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

In the name of Christ,
we accept the invitation to discipleship.

In the name of Christ,
as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,
we proclaim the God of Compassion.

In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up
whole lives, whole peoples,
we proclaim the God of Hope.

In the midst of indifference, violence, and apathy,
we proclaim the God of Love.

**Come, let us worship together
and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.**

HYMN "This Little Light of Mine" SPIRITUAL

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Everywhere I go...

All through the night...

This little light of mine...

CHILDREN'S TIME Jan Russell
After Children's Time, children are invited to Sunday School in 200.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC "Prayer Chant (We Resist)" MARK A. MILLER

SCRIPTURE Psalm 40:1-11; John 1:29-42 (NRSVUE)
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "A New Song" Rev. Max Richter

*HYMN "Sometimes by Step" RICH MULLENS,
DAVID STRASSER

**Sometimes the night is beautiful. Sometimes the sky was so far away.
Sometimes it seemed to be so close you could touch it, but your heart
would break. Sometimes the morning came too soon. Sometimes the day
could be so hard. There was so much work left to do, but so much you'd
already done.**

*Chorus: Oh, God, You are my God and I will ever praise You.
Oh, God, You are my God and I will ever praise You.
And I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways.
And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.*

**Sometimes I think of Abraham; How one star he saw had been lit for him.
He was a stranger in this land. And I am that no less than he and on the
road to righteousness. Sometimes the climb can be so steep I may falter in
my steps and never beyond Your reach.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God*, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*(*Mother, Father, Creator, etc. - use the word that is most meaningful for you.)*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

*HYMN "Glory (Let There Be Peace)" see lyrics on first page

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE "We Shall Overcome" SPIRITUAL

**We shall over come, we shall overcome,
We shall overcome someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
we shall overcome someday!**

**We shall all be free, we shall all be free
We shall all be free someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
we shall all be free someday!**

Call to Worship: from the *On Earth Peace* website. <http://www.onearthpeace.org/>
<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/Epiphany%203%20A>

Blessing: posted on the Worship Elements page of the Ministry Matters website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/article/entry/4549/worship-connection-january-12-2014>
<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/Epiphany%202%20A>



Good Sam Happenings

You're in a GOOD place to ... connect, grow, worship ...

Church Conference Next Sunday

A Church Conference (congregational meeting) will be held following worship next Sunday, January 25. We will discuss and vote to approve the 2026 budget.

Welcome and Information Table



On the Sunday mornings in January, during fellowship time after worship, there will be folks at a Welcome and Information Table in the Narthex near Aldersgate Hall (formerly Fellowship Hall). You can find information about

Good Samaritan activities and facilities, take a guided tour of the building, ask questions about Good Samaritan and Aldersgate history and traditions, and have an opportunity to meet and talk with members who might be new to you.

ASP Information Meeting Today

Our next Intergenerational Mission Trip is scheduled for June 20-28, 2026. We will have an informational meeting **today at 11:15 a.m. in Room 201** (off Aldersgate Hall).

Cost: \$500. Scholarships are available. Contact Jan Russell at jan@good.org. More Details can be found at good.org/event/appalachia-service-project-asp.



Be a Sunday Morning Greeter!



Help to make people feel welcome and valued when they attend Good Samaritan – be a Greeter! Introverted or extroverted and everyone in between is welcome. Can't commit to every Sunday? Not a problem. If interested, contact Dave Knutson 612-859-2940 or dhknutson73@gmail.com.

Small Groups Updates



The Monday night small group is reading *The Language of God* by Francis S. Collins. This group meets on the **1st & 3rd Mondays** of each month in the Lower Lobby (inside Door 4 off lower parking lot) and is reading the introduction and chapter 1 for its next gathering tomorrow, **January 19 at 6:30 p.m.**

The Thursday morning small group selected *Love Is the Way: Holding on to Truth in Troubling Times* by Bishop Michael Curry. This group meets **Mondays weekly at 10:00 a.m.** in the Lower Lobby.

Discovering Your Spirituality Type Class

This class has received enough interest in both the Saturday, January 24 session and the Sunday, January 18 (today!) and February 1 sessions! Therefore, both times will be available as originally put forth. If you haven't registered but would like to attend, feel free to do so – advanced registration is still encouraged so that materials and class activities can be better prepared. Go to tinyurl.com/GSDiscovering or email Pastor Jim at jim@good.org.



Tuesday Bible Study (TBS) Welcomes All!

We gather **Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30, Fireside Room**, always with laughter and prayers as we learn and tackle important ideas with the usual UMC Friendship, Faith, Fellowship, and Food.

- January 20: Blessed are the Women - Naming and Reclaiming Women's Stories from the Gospels, led by Jan Russell
- January 27: Ways We Encounter God: God's Majesty and My Reverence (from book by Tom Berlin), led by TBS team

No advanced sign-up is necessary. Just come on any Tuesday! If you have questions or would like to have your name added to our TBS group list for more detailed information and announcements, please contact Lynn Timmer, timmerlynn@gmail.com.

Feed My Starving Children Packing Event

There will be a special FMSC packing event at Cross View Lutheran Church, 6645 McCauley Trail W. in Edina on **Friday, January 30, from 3:30-5:30 p.m.** To sign up, email Jane Heimerl at jane.heimerl@yahoo.com.



Lenten Spiritual Growth Series

Pastor Jim continues to plan for a special Spiritual Growth series for Lent. "Remember Who You Are" will help us recall the stories from our Judeo-Christian faith, our United Methodist heritage, and our local church histories, which have shaped churches and our lives. Pastor Jim is looking for people from BOTH Good Samaritan and Aldersgate who are willing to tell a piece of their church's story:



- **Our Foundations** – founding stories of why and how each church began
- **Our Calling** – stories of being sent out into the world
- **Our Struggles and Trials** – stories of difficult times, struggles, mistakes, failures, and falling short of our moral ideals as a church
- **Our Finer Moments** – stories of impacting our communities and the world
- **Our Heroes and Heroines** – stories of people from the church known for their faith, sacrifice, and influence on others' spirituality
- **Our Evolution** – stories of major transitions the church has gone through

If you are willing to be recorded for 5-7 minutes and share a story or two related to one of the above topic areas, please let Pastor Jim know (jim@good.org). These recordings will take place later this month. It is hoped that as many people as possible from both congregations will take advantage of this Lenten series so that deeper levels of understanding and unity can be established.

Registration for these Lenten classes will begin later this month.

Join the Chancel Choir!



As we come together as one church family, we warmly invite you to sing with the choir. Whether you're a longtime chorister, coming back to it after many years, or brand new, all are welcome. Join us Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. downstairs in the Choir Room as we lift our voices together. Contact Carey at carey@good.org with questions.