



Good Samaritan welcomes and affirms all persons regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or socioeconomic background. We seek to reconcile any differences that divide us.

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### E-News

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

### Prayer Chain

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

Find us on:



### Thank you...

**Ushers:** Jane Heimerl, Janet Van Benthuyssen  
**AV Techs:** Noemi Dooley, Jeff Jelen  
**Liturgist:** Marilee Stevens  
**Special Music:** Homeward Bound - Scott Card, Brad Carlin, Josh Carlin, Nate Carlin, Tracy Fuller, Emma Hutson  
**Communion Servers:** Pastor Jim Beard, Pat Olson, Pastor Max Richter, Sue Shaw  
**Nursery:** Julie Kang, Shelly Kang  
**Fellowship Host:** Jeff Jelen

**WORSHIP**  
**10:00 AM**

February 1, 2026

## Our Vision

Inspiring  
Joyful Faith

Building a  
Loving  
Community

Serving  
Neighbors  
Near and Far

Today's  
Scripture

Micah 6:1-8  
Matthew 5:1-12



Who we are. What we do.



**Good Samaritan United Methodist Church**

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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 "The Silence of My Friends" TORONZO CANNON

Backbiters and haters talk behind my back,  
And you sit there while they attack,  
Maybe you agree or don't know what to do,  
But when your back is turned they say the same about you,

**Chorus:** I like it when people can get along,  
Like understanding words to a song,  
When you know the truth, you can't pretend,  
I don't like the silence of my friends!

You talk about women like pieces of meat,  
You think I should laugh but I can't agree,  
Wait a minute brother, don't go no further,  
What if I said that about your mother? *Chorus*

Don't sit and act like you don't know,  
Your silence helps evil grow,  
You kill evil at the root,  
'Cause people will do what you let 'em do!

They say all lives matter between me and you,  
But when you look closely, it don't seem true,  
So we protest to say what's on our minds,  
While you sit there quiet on the sideline, *Chorus*

## GREETING & WELCOME

### \*HYMN "All Who Hunger" FWS 2126

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God the Holy Spirit, You are the restless breath of love that sweeps through the world.

**All: You move where you will, breaking down barriers,**

Stirring hearts to change, making all things possible.

**Inspire each one of us to hunger and thirst for justice!**

Come, Spirit of God,

**Sweep through our world bringing great change.**

May the bounty of your goodness be shared more justly,

**So all may share in the rich blessings of your creation.**

And, for us, bring transformation in our praying and living,

**So that we may act justly, love mercy,**

**And walk humbly with you all the days of our lives.**

**Amen.**

## HYMN "Near to the Heart of God" UMH 472

## CHILDREN'S TIME Jan Russell

*After Children's Time, children are invited to Sunday School in 200.*

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

## SPECIAL MUSIC "Blood in the Snow" TRACY FULLER

You should sit down, and think about what you've done,  
You're the one, who went and pulled out a gun,

When ICE is in the streets, there's blood in the snow,  
The murdered and the grieved, do you think that they'll just go away?  
Do you hope they'll go away?

You should sit down, and think about what you've done,  
It was only ten seconds before you discharged your gun,

When ICE is in the streets, there's blood in the snow,  
A mother is lying dead. Do you think that she'll just go away?  
Do you hope she'll go away?

You should sit down, and think about what was lost,  
To a widow and a child, what kind of freedom has this cost?

When ICE is in the streets, there's blood in the snow,  
The wailing of a wife, do you think that she'll just go away?  
Do you hope she'll go away?

You should sit down. Do you think that you're so tough?  
There's blood on your hands, and the people have had enough,

When ICE is in the streets, and blood is in the snow,  
As you flee in shame, do you hope that we'll just go away?  
Do you hope we'll go away?  
Well, we'll never go away.

## SCRIPTURE Micah 6:1-8; Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSVUE)

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## MESSAGE "Rejoice and Be Glad" Rev. Max Richter

## \*HYMN "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" UMH 402

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

One: Loving God, whose touch can heal the broken places of life,

**All: meet us today...**

God of peace, whose spirit of peace can quiet our spirits of confusion and despair,

**reassure us today...**

Forgiving God, whose call to repentance promises grace upon grace,

**place your mercy in our souls today...**

You who heal the sick and liberate the imprisoned,

**who bring justice in the midst of oppression**

and strength in the midst of weakness,

**pour out your spirit of power upon us today.**

Open our hearts to new faithfulness,

**redirect our waywardness, and hold us gently in your goodness.**

We confess our need to you,

**and we turn to you with hearts filled with hope, remembering the promises you have made to us.**

May your name be glorified in us and through us.

**We ask it through Christ Jesus, your son, he who is our Lord and our Savior, our brother and our friend. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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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.)*

Receiving the Elements

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen or Alleluia.**

The cup of the New Covenant, poured for you. **Amen or Alleluia.**

Music During Distribution

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

SPIRITUAL

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

\*HYMN

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

FWS 2153

\*BLESSING

One: May the holy wisdom of God

**All: Guard our ways and guide our paths**

May the living truth of God

**Enlighten our hearts and open our minds**

And may the living Spirit of God

**Give us life, and life to the full!**

Amen!

\*POSTLUDE

"Trouble"

MIKO MARKS,

STEVE WYREMAN, AND JUSTIN PHIPPS

Tired of all the talkin' when nothing seems to change,  
Every generation's gotta fight the same damn thing,  
Politicians come and politicians go,  
Bringin' promises, they can tell but they can't show,

Lookin' for redemption for a nation that's been lost,  
All that good intention won't help to pay the cost,  
Blood on the bridges, I feel it runnin' in the street,  
That old time religion, no it ain't good enough for me

**Chorus:** I don't want no diamonds, I don't want no gold,  
All I want right now can't be bought or sold,  
I want trouble, oh yeah, to satisfy me,  
Gimme that good, good trouble -- good trouble's all I need!

I want trouble for the king who carries evil in his hand,  
And trouble for the queen who brings a curse upon the land,  
They build the altars, and we worship the crown,  
Til we shake the foundation, and watch 'em tumble down. *Chorus*

Gimme that good, good trouble - good trouble's all I need.

**Call to Worship:** posted on the Third Space website. <http://third-space.org.uk/blog>  
<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/Epiphany%204%20A>

**Prayer of Confession:** based on materials by Peter K. Perry, and posted on Richard Fairchild's Kir-shalom website.  
<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/confession>

**Blessing:** posted on *Literature & Liturgy*. <https://jesusscribbles.wordpress.com/>  
<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/Epiphany%204%20A>

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## Good Sam Happenings

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

### Need a Sub for the Super Bowl?

The ASP mission trip youth will be taking orders for sub sandwiches today at a table in the Narthex. Subs will be available for pick up next Sunday, February 8, after the service. The cost is \$10 for a 6" sub. Options are ham, turkey, or veggie.



### 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.

### Sunday School Helper Needed!

We have a great problem! We are at the point where we need a helper in the Sunday School room! Could you consider giving one Sunday a month to be the helper in Sunday School? Reach out to Jan for more information at jan@good.org.



### Giving Statements Coming Soon



The 2025 giving statements will be mailed out this week. Watch your mailbox and let Cindy in the office know if you haven't any questions - cindy@good.org or 952-929-0049.

## Lenten Spiritual Growth Series

In times when change swirls around you, leaving you unstable and unsure, it is good to remember where you have come from in order to focus you for where you are going. In times of trouble and strife, it is good to remember the troubles that you have already overcome. In times of concern, it is good to remember your times of joy. In times like these, it is good to remember who you are.



This Lent, let us remember together. Let us remember our Judeo-Christian faith, our denominational heritage, and our local church lore, so that we can remember that we are God's own people. Let us remember "in order that we may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light." (1 Peter 2:9)

This six-week series begins immediately after Ash Wednesday, February 18, and runs through Holy Week. Classes may be attended either Sunday mornings following worship, or Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Registration for these Lenten classes is now open! Go to [tinyurl.com/GSRemember](http://tinyurl.com/GSRemember) or sign up in the Narthex. Contact Pastor Jim with questions - jim@good.org or 952-452-9396.

### Stonebridge Book Fair



Do you remember the excitement of a book fair at your school, getting to pick out a new book of your own choice? Good Samaritan volunteers are organizing this year's Scholastic Book Sale at Stonebridge School. Set-up has already begun and the sale will be held February 5-12.

We need assistance with set-up and during the sale to help students and parents find books and to check out. JoAnn Knutson will be in the narthex this Sunday to sign up volunteers. We have many volunteer time slots, so please see her on Sunday or contact her at 612-240-9372 or joannknutson@hotmail.com.

We are also still looking for weekly volunteers in the library to help students find and check out books, and for tutoring in reading. Contact JoAnn for more information.