

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 16, 2022

**LOOKING AHEAD** – Rev. Beu will deliver the morning message on January 23, 2022. His sermon title will be, “Gifts of the Spirit.” Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** – All children are encouraged to view the worship service online with their families.

**PEOPLE TO REMEMBER** – We have received word that long-time member, Shan Freeman passed away in December. No further details are available. The memorial service scheduled for Carole Hugunin on January 30, 2022 has been postponed due to Covid concerns. Please continue to remember Greg Anderson, Karen Hill-Freeman, Kurt Mayo, Carol Schultz, Margi Thorsell, and Marymae Cioffi.

**ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP** – Next Sunday January 23 we conclude the 2-part discussion about the German theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, an extremely important German theologian from one of German's most socially elite families, who was ultimately executed at the direction of Adolf Hitler. In 1930 at age 24, upon completing his Doctor of Theology degree, he came to America and settled in Harlem, NY (the total opposite culturally from his German upbringing). The second part which deals with Dietrich's subsequent life in Nazi Germany, leading the Christian opposition to Hitler, will be presented by Rev. Baugh. All are welcome. We begin at 8:30 AM online at <http://zoom.us/j/3103723898>.

**SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH UPDATE** - We want to give the congregation a progress report on the search efforts for the next Sr. Minister. Like you we are anxious to find our next congregational leader. While we have received many profiles from prospective candidates, we have found that throughout the pandemic many ministers are staying at their current churches. Due to this we have not received as many as we expected.

An initial screening/review was conducted on all submitted candidates looking at the breath and quality of their experience. We also assessed their fit against the criteria in the MBCC profile. As their preaching skills are important, we have been able to watch many sermons online, which is very beneficial.

With qualified candidates we held first and second interviews. In the first interviews we used the same series of questions for all candidates. The second interviews went into more specific detail based on their individual backgrounds, vision, and education. We are now beginning to check references.

As we continue this process, we are also receiving new profiles. We do not want to miss any opportunities from ministers whose hand has been guided to MBCC.

This is an arduous process, but one that we believe is necessary to find the best potential new Sr. Minister for MBCC.  
Faithfully, MBCC Senior Minister Search Committee

**BIBLE STUDY** - Please note that, due to the pandemic surge caused by the omicron variant, all Bible Study classes will be zoom meetings only. We hope to resume in-person classes soon.

**BYOB Study**— On January 18 - The Bring Your Own Bible study continues its series on heresies as we look at Manicheanism, a Christian splinter group that became its own religion. The Manichaeans believed that the forces of good and evil were equally matched and locked in eternal battle. We will look at them and how their ideas affected the Christian understanding of evil and the devil. Rev. Baugh leads the class on Tuesdays at noon. At this time, the class is meeting on zoom only at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88971948936>

**World's Most Dangerous Bible Study**—On January 19, the WMDBS takes a look at true friendship and community. Our song, from the movie Toy Story, is "You've Got a Friend in Me." We will also be studying chapter 3 of Colossians, which has a lot of advice (good and bad) about life together. Rev. Baugh leads the class on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM on zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86717226061>

**REMEMBERING GRAHAM** - It looks as though the potentially large gathering to honor Graham Lewis should not be taking place after all, given the Covid surges. Bunny will be our guest January 13-18, and folks are invited to call with any questions concerning possible meet-ups.  
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**CHURCH OFFICE** - The church office will be closed on Monday, January 17 in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.

**ANNUAL MEETING** – The MBCC Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 13 immediately after worship.

**MBCC CHURCH CAMP AT PILGRIM PINES** - March 18-20, 2022  
Join your church family for our yearly Church Camp. This year at Pilgrim Pines! Registration is now open! Register at [MBCCFaith.org](http://MBCCFaith.org). Contact [sylvia.miller@mbccucc.org](mailto:sylvia.miller@mbccucc.org) with any questions!

REGISTRATION

Costs: Family \$500

Individuals: \$200

Children 14 and under: \$100