

United Christian Church, Yakima WA



Growing in Faith, Living in Hope, Serving with Love.

**JAN
2025**

From the Pastor's Desk :

Dear Church Family,

As we step into a new year, I find myself reflecting on the timeless wisdom found in the book of Ecclesiastes, particularly in chapter 3, verses 1-13. This passage reminds us that there is a season for everything—a time for every activity under heaven. In this ever-changing world, these verses invite us to pause and consider how we can move forward together as a community of faith.

The writer of Ecclesiastes highlights the rhythm of life: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to weep and a time to laugh. Each season brings its own challenges and blessings, and as we embark on this journey into 2024, we are reminded that we do not walk alone. We are called to support and uplift one another through every season of life.

In this new year, let us embrace the opportunities for growth and change. While some may see the unpredictability of life as daunting, we, as believers, can trust that God is sovereign over every season. Each moment—whether filled with joy or sorrow—is an opportunity for us to deepen our faith and to strengthen our bonds with one another.

As we reflect on the passage, let's consider how we can actively participate in this divine rhythm. Are there areas in our lives where we need to let go, to uproot what no longer serves us? Are there new seeds we can plant, both in our personal lives and within our church community? Moving forward together means being open to change while remaining rooted in our shared faith and mission.

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I encourage each of you to take some time this month to contemplate how you can contribute to the flourishing of our church. Perhaps it's through volunteering your time, sharing your gifts, or simply reaching out to someone who may be in need of support. Together, we can create a nurturing environment where everyone feels valued and loved.

Moreover, let's not forget the importance of gratitude. The passage concludes with a beautiful reminder that God has made everything beautiful in its time. As we move forward, let us cultivate an attitude of thankfulness for the blessings we have received and the experiences that shape us. By doing so, we acknowledge the hand of God in our lives and in the life of our church.

As we embark on this new year, let's commit to moving forward together, embracing the seasons of life with hope and faith. May we support one another, celebrate our victories, and walk alongside each other through challenges. Together, we can navigate the journey ahead, trusting that God is with us every step of the way.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Stephen

:: Jan 4th WorkDay Meal ::

Main Dish: Sandee Hodkinson

Fruit/Salad: Melissa Jennings

Dessert:



Serving This Month :

Elder : Robin Kabrich

Servers :

Mika Blakely

Tara Blakely

Calendar Highlights :

Jan 4th (Sat) : 9am Workday and Finance Board Meeting
Jan 19th (Sun) : Cookies and Gift Exchange (after service)
Jan 19th (Sun) : Congregational Meeting (after service)
Jan 19th (Sun) : New Year Potluck (after service)

Committee Reports :

Hands-On Mission:

Thanks to all of you that supported gift giving to our local elementary school. We were able to add some joy to three families for the Christmas season.

And thank you to those who helped prepare a meal for Rod's House. They provide vital services to our homeless youth and young adults.

For January our service project will be making sandwiches for the homeless on Jan 26th.

Sue will have the necessary ingredients to prepare them following worship.

If you have suggestions for projects other months --- please share them.

Thanks - Marilyn Young

Hospitality Committee:

The fellowship potluck will be on January 19th following the Congregational Meeting.

Theme to be announced!

Monthly Scriptures :

Jan 05, 2025 : Second Sunday after Christmas Day

- Jeremiah [31:7-14](#)
- Psalm [147:12-20](#)
- Ephesians [1:3-14](#)
- John [1:\(1-9\), 10-18](#)

Jan 12, 2025 : First Sunday after the Epiphany

- Isaiah [43:1-7](#)
- Psalm [29](#)
- Acts [8:14-17](#)
- Luke [3:15-17, 21-22](#)

Jan 19, 2025 : Second Sunday after the Epiphany

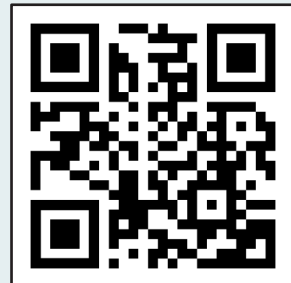
- Isaiah [62:1-5](#)
- Psalm [36:5-10](#)
- 1 Corinthians [12:1-11](#)
- John [2:1-11](#)

Jan 26, 2025 : Third Sunday after the Epiphany

- Nehemiah [8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10](#)
- Psalm [19](#)
- 1 Corinthians [12:12-31a](#)
- Luke [4:14-21](#)



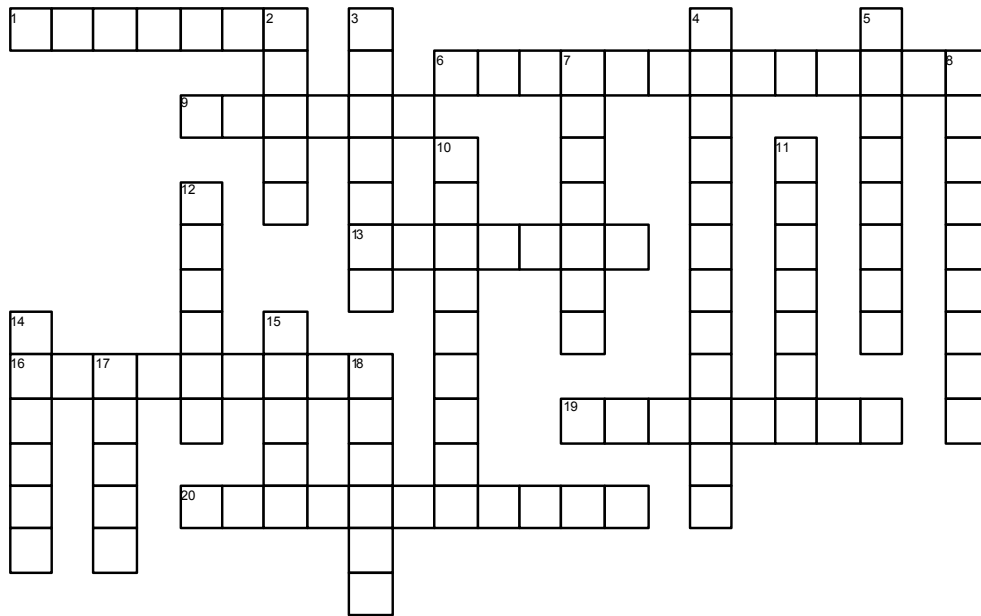
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ABRAM IS PROMISED A SON

Genesis 15



ACROSS

- 1 When the Lord told Abraham He had brought him out of Ur of the Chaldees to give him this land to inherit it, Abram asked, "How can I know that I will _____ it? (Gn. 15:7-8)
- 6 Abram believed in the Lord and counted it to Abram for _____. (Gn. 15:6)
- 9 The Lord told Abram, "Do not be _____. I am your shield, your very great reward." (Gn. 15:1)
- 13 When Abram confronted God because he was childless, who did Abram think would inherit the land? (Gn. 15:3-4)
- 16 In the same day that Abram had a dream and God reassured him of his blessings, God told him that the boundaries of the land promise would extend from the river in Egypt to which great river? (Gn. 15:18)
- 19 When God reassured Abram through a dream that he and his descendants would be blessed, God said in the fourth generation his seed will come again to the land of Canaan, for the sin of the _____ was not yet full. (Gn. 15:16)
- 20 When God reassured Abram through a dream that he and his descendants would be blessed, God said that his descendants would come out of Egypt with great _____. (Gn. 15:14)

DOWN

- 2 When the sun went down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot with a blazing _____ passed between the pieces of Abram's offspring which indicated God accepted Abram and his offering. (Gn. 15:17)
- 3 Who was Abram's servant? (Gn. 15:2)
- 4 When God reassured Abram through a dream that he and his descendants would be blessed, God said that his descendants would be slaves for _____ years. (Gn. 15:13)
- 5 When God reassured Abram that His blessings would continue each generation, he _____ the words of the Lord. (Gn. 15:6)
- 7 When Abram reminded the Lord that he had no seed (children), the Lord assured Abram that his heir would come from _____. (Gn. 15:3-4)
- 8 When God reassured Abram through a dream that he and his descendants would be blessed, God said that his descendants would be _____ in the land that is not theirs. (Gn. 15:13)
- 10 Abram told the Lord that because he was _____, no one would inherit the land. (Gn. 15:2)
- 11 Eliezer was Abram's _____. (Gn. 15:2)
- 12 The Lord told Abram, "Do not be afraid. I am your shield, your very great _____. (Gn. 15:1)
- 14 The Lord told Abram that his seed (descendants) would be as numerous as the stars in _____. (Gn. 15:5)
- 15 The Lord told Abram his seed (children) would be numbered as the _____ in heaven. (Gn. 15:5)
- 17 When God reassured Abram through a dream that he and his descendants would be blessed, God said that he would go to his fathers in _____ and be buried in a good old age. (Gn. 15:15)
- 18 The Lord told Abram not to fear; for He was his _____ and exceedingly great reward. (Gn. 15:1)



God makes a path through the Red Sea. Exodus 14:1-31



Thoughts and Prayers

We humbly pray for those caught in the midst of conflict and strife. May your love and peace surround them, offering solace and guidance during these challenging times. Grant them strength, courage, and the wisdom to seek peaceful resolutions. Let your compassion and understanding fill their hearts, and may they find a path towards reconciliation and harmony.

Submit a Prayer Online! uccyakima.org/prayer

We encourage members to give as they feel led.

Your contributions enable us to continue our mission of service and love within our community and beyond. **Every donation, big or small, helps in nurturing the seeds of faith, hope, and togetherness.**

Whether it's supporting our local food banks, contributing to the maintenance of our sacred space, or funding community outreach programs, your generosity is the cornerstone of our growth and outreach.

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JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:30a: Bible Study 10a : Service			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 9a: Work Day and Finance Board
5 8:30a: Bible Study 10a : Service	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 8:30a: Bible Study 10a : Service ~11a : Potluck	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 8:30a: Bible Study 10a : Service ~11a : Potluck Congregation Mtg & Cookies & Gifts	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21	22	23	24	25
26 8:30a: Bible Study 10a : Service	27	28	29	30	31	Every 1 st Saturday - Work Day Every 3 rd Sunday - Potluck

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