

First United Methodist Church

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January 5, 2025 — January 11, 2025

"Epiphany Sunday"

Usher/Greeter: Sharon Feichtenbiner Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin
Liturgist: Bette Jahn Children's Worship: Natalie G./Needed
Altar Flowers: Poinsettias Fellowship: Carolyn Williams
Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Pastor's Discretionary (Deacon's) Fund

Monday (1/6) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM
Tuesday (1/7) United Women in Faith Meeting 1 PM
Wednesday (1/8) Pasty Prep 7:30 AM / Sales 10 AM-1 PM
Thursday (1/9) Pasty Prep 7:30 AM / Sales 10 AM-1 PM
Friday (1/10)

January 12, 2025 — January 18, 2025

"Baptism of the Lord"

Usher/Greeter: Needed Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin
Liturgist: Gordie Barry Children's Worship: Natalie G./Needed
Altar Flowers: Poinsettias Fellowship: Needed
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Monday (1/13) Trustees (Stairs project) 9 AM / Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM
Tuesday (1/14) Worship Committee 10 AM
Wednesday (1/15)
Thursday (1/16) Vitality Committee 10 AM
Friday (1/17) Education 10 AM
Saturday (1/18)

Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

1/5/25 Isa 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-7, 10-14 (UMH 795); Eph 3:1-12; Mt 2:1-12

1/12/25 Isa 43:1-7; Ps 29 (UMH 761); Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Penny Tracy & family concerns, Bill Tracy & family, Jesse Baker, Carol Weinert, Sandi Kolder, Martha Weeks, Barbara Schneider, Phyllis Burge, Curt & Celie Norton, Ted Burson, Mary Prater, Joel Prater, Lynn LaRose, Katie Putnam, Sharon V. & Celie N.'s brother, Kerry Billings family concerns, Michael Haynes, Connie Meade, Jo Nell Rubick, Connie Whitsitt, and unspoken requests.



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January 5, 2025
“Epiphany Sunday”



WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne Pipe Organ

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

***PRAISE CHORUS:** UMH 186 Alleluia

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: Today is Epiphany Sunday, a day on which Christians commemorate the visit of the magi to see the new King. The magi were gentiles, so this visit represents the introduction of the Jewish Messiah to the gentiles as a foretelling that all people, not just the Jews, are God’s children.

P: Praise God! Jesus came for all, not for only the Jewish nation.

L: This fact was not recognized at first. In fact, even after Jesus’s crucifixion and resurrection, it was difficult for the disciples to recognize the gentiles as being among God’s beloved and chosen ones.

P: Today we know that as Christians, God loves us, even though we are not Jewish.

L: Do we recognize that God loves everybody, not just Jews, and not just Christians? He loves **EVERYBODY!** This means that Christians are to share the Good News, so that all may have the opportunity to know Jesus and believe in Him and the promise which God has made.

P: Remind us, O Father God, that Christians are not recipients of God’s gifts and promises to simply enjoy them and keep them to themselves. Rather, we are to share the Good News, through how we live our lives, speak the word to others, and allow God to use us as He will to complete His work on earth.

***OPENING HYMN:** UMH 203 Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

***APOSTLES’ CREED:** UMH 881

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

CHILDREN’S TIME

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** UMH 245 (v. 1, 2, 4, 5) The First Noel

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON: They All Gather Together

PRAYER TIME Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

PRAYER HYMN: FWS 2193 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: What a Friend We Have in Jesus by CC Converse

***DOXOLOGY:** UMH 95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE—EPIPHANY Various Hymns

***CLOSING HYMN:** UMH 242 Love Came Down at Christmas

***BENEDICTION**

***PARTING HYMN:** FWS 2186 Song of Hope

POSTLUDE: The King of Glory by D. Wells

The Altar Rail is always open to all.

January Mission Noisy Offering—Pastor’s Discretionary (Deacon’s) Fund

This noisy offering is used by Pastor B.J. for needs per his discretion outside the church walls.
 God is working through us. Thank you for your support!

* DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)

* PLEASE BE SURE TO SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE