

Birthdays...

December
29 Justin Malm
30 Brenda Bell
Darlene Hankey
Taytum Sargent
Dean Ver Mulm

January
1 Laura Blanchet
Mackenzie Sargent
2 Candy Bisenius
3 Norma Shaffer
George Tonderum
4 Cindy Magee
5 Danny Whitten

Anniversaries...

29 Clifford & Nancy Hinrichs

Attendance ...

12/22/19	159
Christmas Eve	197

Empowering

EFUMC Ministry...

12/22/19 Service-	
General Fund	\$ 2,388.85
Total	\$ 2,388.85

Christmas Eve Service-	
General Fund	\$ 3,043.61
Trustees	\$ 42.00
Total	\$ 3,085.60



This Week...

Sunday, December 29

10:00 AM Worship Service

Monday, December 30

4:00 PM Intercessory Prayer @Emerald Oaks

Wednesday, January 1

**No Youth Group until January 8, 2020*

1:30 PM Upper Room Bible Study @Emerald Oaks

Friday, January 3

**Office Closed*

9:30 AM Men's Prayer Group in the Library

12:00 PM Horizon's Bingo @Family Life Center

Sunday, January 5

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Worship Service & Children's Christmas Program

**Sunday Brunch after Worship Service in Family Life Center*



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Call to Worship,
Opening Prayer,
and Benediction
derived from:
Psalm 148
Hebrews 2

We Three Kings

A Christmas carol that was
written in 1857, by
John Henry Hopkins Jr.

During his final year of
teaching at the seminary
Hopkins wrote "We Three
Kings" for a Christmas
pageant held at the college. It
was noteworthy that Hopkins
composed both the lyrics and
music; contemporary carol
composers usually wrote
either the lyrics or music but

First Sunday after Christmas

December 29, 2019, 10:00AM

Welcome! We're glad you're here.

When you see the [], people are invited to arise as able.*

*Hymns No. 57-734 are in the red hymnal (The United Methodist Hymnal),
2000's are in the black hymnal (The Faith We Sing).*

PRELUDE

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Women: Praise the Lord!

Let all the angels praise the Lord!

Men: **Praise Him, sun and moon;**

Praise Him, shining stars;

Praise Him, highest heavens.

Women: Let them all praise the name of the Lord!

Men: **God commanded,**

And the universe was created,

Fixed in place forever.

Women: Praise God,

Kings and all peoples,

Princes and all other rulers,

Girls and young men,

Old people and children too.

Men: **Let us all praise the name of the Lord,**

And worship the Prince of Peace.

***OPENING HYMN**

254 We Three Kings

***OPENING PRAYER**

Holy Creator, loving God,

We thank you for the special gift

Of your child Jesus

Generous Creator, giving God,

With the moon and stars,

And all that lives,

We join praise and thanks! Amen.

not both. Originally titled "Three Kings of Orient", it was sung within his circle of family and friends. Because of the popularity it achieved among them, Hopkins decided to publish the carol in 1863 in his book Carols, Hymns, and Songs. It was the first Christmas carol originating from the United States to achieve widespread popularity, as well as the first to be featured in Christmas Carols Old and New, a "prestigious" and "influential" collection of carols that was published in the United Kingdom.

Star Child

Star Child was written in 1994 by New Zealander Shirley Erena Murray (b. 1931).

United Methodist Bishop Joel Martínez once said, "each generation must add its own stanza to the great hymn of the church." This is especially true of songs of the Incarnation. We cannot rely only on the Christmas carols of the past, but must ask ourselves, what does the God who came to earth in a human form mean for us today?

Shirley Erena Murray answers this question with a poignant text set to a beautiful melody by Carlton Young (b. 1926).

The text "Star-Child" has a New-Age sound to it at first, but a closer examination of the words reveals a song rooted in Christian and human reality.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Josh Gonzales

JOYS CONCERNS PRAYERS

*SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 8:4-8

⁴While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: ⁵"A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. ⁶Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown."

MESSAGE OF LIFE Ted Ellis

"Applying the Word"

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

95 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

*OFFERTORY

*CLOSING HYMN

2095 Star Child

*BLESSING

L: Let us go into the new year with Jesus, common in origin with us.

P: We go into the new year with Jesus, who treats us as family, as brothers and sisters.

L: Let us go, placing our trust in God, just as Jesus did.

P: We go as children of God, with Jesus by our side.

L: And all of God's Christmas people say together:

P: Amen!

*SONG OF SENDING FORTH

226 My Master, See, the Time Has Come

POSTLUDE

Have a Blessed New Year!

Liturgist

Vicki Ellis

Organist

Rosemary Matthews

Pianist

Kelley Fog

Choir Director

Dave Fog

Bell Choir Director

Melanie Flynn

Computer Operator

Duhn Family



Nursery Available...

Nursery care is available during the worship service for children (Newborns up to the second grade). The nursery is located on the second floor.

Although nursery care is provided during the worship service, children are welcome and encouraged to participate in our worship services

Don't Forget!

There will be a Sunday Brunch in the Family Life Center following the church service next Sunday January 5th!

Please join us then for food and fellowship!



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Begins on
January 12, 2020
See

Danielle & Todd Ditch for details!

In Our Prayers ...

Bill DePue
Elyssa Flannigan
Brandi Fehr
Steve & Lynne Farnsworth
Karen Chism
Sharon Hobart
Jane Stevens
Devin Morey
Abby Burns
Deb Weir
Irene Goff
Florence Malm
Richard Henrichs
Will Farlow
Carol Ensley
Joyce Muller
Lincoln Coakley
(grandson of Joann Coakley)
Scott Sanne
(Grandson of Pearl Whitmore)
Philip Christenson
(brother of Marge Solberg)
Kort Freeman
Lois Lowman
Ted Strohman
Deb Nissen
(sister-in-law of Deb Wickman)
Marjorie Solberg
Vi Sampson

**The families & loved ones of members who passed away, this past year including:*

Mardell Truog
Rick Jones
Daryl Underwood
Wayne Truog
Keith Bare
Gwen Carmichael
Bev Hankey
Vida Krough
Ethel DeJung
Shirley Weisbrod

**Those who have been hospitalized & our military members.*