

### Birthdays...

- 5 Danny Whitten
- 6 David Fog  
Susan Embrock  
Dean Simonsen
- 8 Maureen Horsley
- 9 Gerard Ruiz  
Beckham Shirk
- 11 Mary Lou Morrison
- 12 Ted Ellis

### Anniversaries...

- 7 Howard & Rosie Argabright

### Attendance ...

12/29/19 92

### Empowering EFUMC Ministry...



12/29/19	
General Fund	\$ 3,215.00
Bldg Fund	\$ 5,500.00
Wed Youth Food	\$ 100.00
Trustees	\$ 175.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,990.00</b>



### 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.

### This Week...

#### **Sunday, January 5**

10:00 AM Worship Service

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

#### **Monday, January 6**

4:00 PM Intercessory Prayer @Emerald Oaks

4:30 PM Girl Scouts @Family Life Center

#### **Tuesday, January 7**

6:00 PM Intensified Prayer Meeting @War Room

#### **Wednesday, January 8**

1:30 PM Upper Room Bible Study @Emerald Oaks

3:30 PM 345 ALIVE in the basement

5:30 PM Jr UMYF in the basement

6:00 PM Bell Choir Practice in the Sanctuary

6:30 PM Sr UMYF @Family Life Center

6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting in the Narthex

7:30 PM Admin Council Meeting in the Narthex

#### **Thursday, January 9**

6:00 PM MOPS "Jammies & Junk Food" @Family Life Center

#### **Friday, January 10**

*\*Office Closed*

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

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

#### **Sunday, January 12**

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Worship Service

4:30 PM Financial Peace University @Family Life Center

**Financial Peace University**  
Begins on  
January 12, 2020  
See  
Danielle & Todd Ditch  
for details!



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### Epiphany/Three Kings Day

Epiphany is the day Christians remember the coming of the Magi to visit Jesus, bringing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. It occurs on January 6<sup>th</sup> every year, the 13th day of the Christmas season. The word "epiphany," from the Greek word "epiphania", which means appearance or manifestation.

The arrival of these visitors was a sign that the incarnation of God in Christ had been made known and was recognized by the heavens to the whole world, so that even wise men from the East came to pay him homage.

### Epiphany Sunday

January 5, 2020, 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**

L:: Arise! Shine!

**P: God's light has come to reveal  
The Way in this New Year**

L: Arise! Shine!

**P: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

L: Arise! Shine!

**P: God's light penetrates the darkness  
that covers the world.**

L: Arise! Shine!

**P: Nations shall come to God's light and  
kings to the brightness of God's dawn.**

**All: Arise! Shine!**

**For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us!**

#### **\*OPENING HYMN**

245 The First Noel

#### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Light of God, illuminate the path that leads us  
to healing, hope and salvation.**

**Glory of God, Fill this sanctuary and expose  
the darkness that stalks our souls.**

**Light of God, shine with such brightness  
that we marvel in awe**

**Glory of God, fill each temple  
of the Holy Spirit present today**

**Light of God, We welcome you in this place.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** Sarah Strohman

## Epiphany in some other cultures...

In many Hispanic cultures, Epiphany is a day of great rejoicing, often kicked off by a parade the night before in which people dressed as the three kings or carrying statues of the three kings pass through the towns and villages throwing out candy and small gifts to all around. People look forward to Dia de Los Tres Reyes (Three Kings Day) as a time for presents, feasting and celebration. Attending church services that include the communion is also common in many of these cultures.

In England and some other European cultures, Jan. 5 is known as Twelfth Night, the culmination of the 12 days of Christmas feasting and partying. On Twelfth Night, many families gather in homes to celebrate with friends, food, singing and gifts. It is at these Twelfth Night celebrations that "Chalking the Door," asking God's blessing on those dwellings and upon all who live there, is most often observed.

In New Orleans, Twelfth Night begins another season of celebrations that comes to fulfillment at Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday). Epiphany itself, Jan. 6, becomes the kickoff day for that season, but is also often observed with a full celebration in church, complete with incense, elaborate processions, choral celebrations, and Eucharist.

## JOYS CONCERNS PRAYERS

### \*SCRIPTURE READINGS Matthew 13:24-43

<sup>24</sup>Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup>But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. <sup>26</sup>When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

<sup>27</sup>"The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'"

<sup>28</sup>'An enemy did this,' he replied.

"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'"

<sup>29</sup>"No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

<sup>31</sup>He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. <sup>32</sup>Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

<sup>33</sup>He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough."

<sup>34</sup>Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. <sup>35</sup>So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet:

"I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world."

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

<sup>37</sup>He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

<sup>40</sup>"As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. <sup>42</sup>They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where

there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

**MESSAGE OF LIFE** Sarah Strohman  
"Epiphany in Today's World"

### OFFERING

#### \*DOXOLOGY

95 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

#### \*OFFERTORY 254 We Three Kings (Verses 2-4)

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

2173 Shine, Jesus, Shine

#### \*BLESSING

#### \*SONG OF SENDING FORTH

2226 Bind Us Together

### POSTLUDE

*Happy New Year!*

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#### Liturgist

Bev Schmidt

#### Organist

Rosemary Matthews

#### Pianist

Kelley Fog

#### Choir Director

Dave Fog

#### Bell Choir Director

Melanie Flynn

#### Computer Operator

Embrock Family

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### Don't Forget!

There will be a Sunday Brunch  
in the Family Life Center  
following worship today!

Please join us  
for food and fellowship!



## In Our Prayers ...

Noah Kollasch  
(Nancy Hunsaker's great grandson)  
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

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