

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
Total	\$ 8,990.00



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 6th 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**

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

²⁷"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?'

²⁸'An enemy did this,' he replied.

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

²⁹"No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰Let 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.'"

³¹He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³²Though 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."

³³He 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."

³⁴Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. ³⁵So 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."

³⁶Then 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."

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

⁴⁰"As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The 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. ⁴²They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where

there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then 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!

Liturgist

Bev Schmidt

Organist

Rosemary Matthews

Pianist

Kelley Fog

Choir Director

Dave Fog

Bell Choir Director

Melanie Flynn

Computer Operator

Embrock Family

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.*

Don't Forget!

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

Please join us for food and fellowship!

