

In Our Prayers

Our Members

Travis Berry, Bill Bradley, Lou Collier, Sarah Dotson, Marita Eden, Dean Elliott, Peggy Heath, Pierce Horton, Elaine Reese, Dixie Roberts, Sally Sharp, Betty Vassey, Coy Williams

Our Community

Willis Bethea, Jr., brother of Lisa Pettit
Margaret and Thomas Monroe
Tim Smith

Our Sympathy

The Sympathy of the pastor and congregation is extended to Phyllis Jarvis and family on the recent death of her brother, Earl Deal.

To God Be The Glory

The flowers that grace the chancel today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the church staff given by Wynona Cox, Debbie and Bill Dunn.

In Ministry Today

Ushers: Ethan Geiger, George Garner, Gary McWhirter, Coy Williams, Debbie Wood, Sam Wood
Greeters: Marilyn Rainwater (9:00 a.m.); Janice McPherson, Ann Garner (11:00 a.m.)
Nursery: Deborah Adams, Katy Ghent
Acolyte: Debbie Wood, Crucifer: Pat Clancy
Counters: Sara Hagins, Carolyn Plyler

Attendance and Stewardship (December 31)

Worship: 11:00—106
Offering received \$23,208.00 (Weekly need: \$8,234.00)

Announcements

Share the Warmth

Through January, please donate your new/gently used coats and sweaters and new gloves and socks for those in need. The donation box is located outside the church office.

This Week at FUMC

Today

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship (Installation of UMW Officers)
5:30 p.m. UMYF

Monday, January 8

10:30 a.m. Hannah/Mary Circle
2:00 p.m. Morning Bells
5:30 p.m. Praise Band
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

Wednesday, January 10

6:00 p.m. Jubilant Ringers
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Saturday, January 13

8:00 a.m. UMW District Training (FUMC)

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Sunday, January 7, 2018

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Encountering God

Building Community

Transforming Lives

Early Service

Words of Welcome

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Song: "We Three Kings"

Graul and Millard

Children's Message

Pastor Shelly

Morning Prayer

*Song: "Welcome to our World"

Rice

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12

Message: "Where Is the Child?"

Pastor Charles

Reaffirmation of The Baptismal Covenant

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Song: "God of Brilliant Lights"

Shust and Cash

*Sending Forth

11:00 Worship

Gathering to Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WORDS OF WELCOME

INSTALLATION OF UMW OFFICERS

*GREETING

Arise, shine; for the light has come.

For the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Nations shall come to the light and to the brightness of dawn.

For the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Lift up your eyes and look around,

For the glory of the Lord has risen upon us. Alleluia.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 251

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Afro-American Spiritual

*OPENING PRAYER

Hearing God's Word

*HYMN OF PREPARATION UMH 440

Let There Be Light (verse 1, 2, 6)

Concord

FIRST LESSON Ephesians 3:1-12

SECOND LESSON Psalm 72 (UMH 795)

GOSPEL LESSON

Message:

Matthew 2:1-12
"Where Is the Child?"

Pastor Charles

Responding to God's Word

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT UMH 50

*INVITATION TO THE TABLE UMH 12

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Shall We Gather at the River

arr. Fred Bock

*THE DOXOLOGY UMH 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (UMH 13)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit... Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (UMH 895)

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*The bread and wine are given to the people.
Gluten-free communion wafers are offered to those
with food allergies. Unfermented juice is served.*

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

UMH 618

Let Us Break Bread Together

Afro-American Spiritual

UMH 620

One Bread, One Body

Foley

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Into the World

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT UMH 219

What Child Is This

Greensleeves

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE (2005)

Arise, Shine

Gary Alan Smith

*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY