

January 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | |  1 | 2 Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 @ Western Sizzlin' | 3 | 4 |
| 5 SS: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m. | 6 | 7 | 8 Choir: 6:00 p.m. | 9 | 10 | 11 UMM @ 8:00 a.m. |
| 12 SS: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Circle of Care by: Raquel Razien | 13 Dinner Therapy: 6:00 p.m. @ Fred's | 14 | 15 Choir: 6:00 p.m. | 16 Finance mtg: 6:30 p.m. | 17 | 18 |
| 19 SS: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m. | 20 MLK day | 21 UMW: 10:00 am mtg Grace Day mtg: 5:45 p.m. | 22 Choir: 6:00 p.m. | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 SS: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m. | 27 Admin mtg: 6:30 p.m. | 28 | 29 Choir: 6:00 p.m. | 30 | 31 | |



MLK Day- January 20, 2020:

King was the chief spokesperson for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement, which successfully protested racial discrimination in federal and state law. The campaign for a federal holiday in King's honor began soon after his assassination in 1968. President Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed three years later. At first, some states resisted observing the holiday as such, giving it alternative names or combining it with other holidays. It was officially observed in all 50 states for the first time in 2000.

Bible scholar William Barclay notes that John the Baptist was “startled and unwilling” when Jesus asked to be baptized. The evangelist thought *he* needed what *Jesus* could give, not the reverse!

We are pros at taking our needs to God — indeed he invites this: “Call on me in the day of trouble” (Psalm 50:15). But God also comes to *us* with needs: “Mortal, I am sending you” (Ezekiel 2:3, NRSV); “Go ... make disciples” (Matthew 28:19); “Carry each other’s burdens” (Galatians 6:2, NIV).

Apparently, God prefers partnership to acting solo. From the beginning, God has invited people to name the animals, tend the garden, welcome strangers, build the tabernacle, proclaim his word, ensure justice and mercy, share his love.

What does God need from you, as Jesus needed baptism from John? Salvation is God’s alone to accomplish, but then he calls us to share work with him, for the world’s sake. So we echo Jesus: “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this” (Matthew 3:15).



Of all persons, the Christian should be best prepared for whatever the New Year brings. ... In Christ he has disposed of a thousand enemies that other men must face alone and unprepared. He can face his tomorrow cheerful and unafraid because yesterday he turned his feet into the ways of peace and today, he lives in God. The man who has made God his dwelling place will always have a safe habitation.

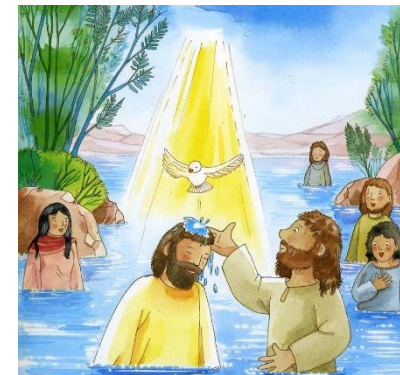
January at Grace....



**January 1, 2020:
Grace Day & church office closed.**



January 6, 2020: Epiphany



January 12: The Baptism of Jesus

