



Worship Service Sunday, January 1st 2023

What better way to start the new year than with a special worship service. It is pajama Sunday. Come in your pj's or sweats or whatever is comfy. Worship will be held in the Fellowship Hall around tables. There will be coffee, cocoa and donuts and great fellowship. The "sermon" will be based on the visions and dreams the congregation shared in November.



EPIPHANY SEASON

January 6 is the day of Epiphany and the season of Epiphany continues until the beginning of Lent. Tradition holds that the Wise Men (Magi) found the infant Jesus on January 6. It is very important because it symbolizes the Jewish Messiah becomes the Savior of the whole world, not just the Jewish faith. Through the visit of the Magi, the Messiah becomes known throughout the world, because tradition says the Magi were from different parts of the known world. We hope you will join us each week of Epiphany as we get better acquainted with the Messiah.



SCRIPTURES/SERMONS

- January 1
Ecclesiastes 3:1-3
"This is the Season"
- January 8 Epiphany
Matthew 2:1-12
"The Gifts we Bring"
- January 15 Week of the Laity
- January 22
Matthew 4:12-23
"Being before doing"
- January 29
Micah 6:1-8
"What does the Lord require of me?"

Pastor's Ponderings

January is often the time when people reflect on the past year and think about their hopes and dreams for the new year. Some even make resolutions or set goals for themselves for the new year. I try to set some goals, but I don't always accomplish them.

We have now been in ministry together for 6 months-half a year. It is a good time to stop and reflect on the past 6 months and to think about our hopes and dreams for this new year. We are going to begin on January 1 with a fun worship service in the fellowship hall and over coffee/tea and donuts we are going to talk about your dreams for ministry at MCC. Maybe we will even talk about some goals.

My first sermon here we used Jeremiah 29:11-13: New International Version. 11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

As we enter the second half of our ministry together I still believe God has a plan for this congregation to prosper and to have a future in hope. Now it is time to talk about how we are to do ministry together to reach that future of hope and prepare for your settled pastor.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Blessings

Pastor Alice

Judy Helm-Burns
Craig Horrigan
Ann Pearson
Joanne Reiman
Floyd & Dona Seiberling
Our pastoral search team

For God's active Spirit moving through our congregation.
For our local, state, national and world leaders.

Worship Leader: Jim Bane

Pianist: Penny Zaugg
Worship Service Tech Support: Jeff Zaugg,
Casey Hope, Tammi Dillavou

Jan 1st-10:30am Happy New Year! Pajama Sunday with worship in the fellowship hall. We will have donuts, coffee, cocoa, and tea.
Jan 4th-7:15pm Executive Board Meeting
Jan 10th-5:30pm Preschool Board Meeting
Jan 8th-5pm White Elephant Christmas Party & "UnDecorating" the church
Jan 22nd-9:15am Elders Meeting
4pm Discovery Time Preschool Winter Program
Jan 29th-All Church Quarterly Meeting



Birthdays: January 1st-Carly Hope, 3rd-Kerri Fink, 9th-Lorraine Fink, 12th-Hollee Fink, 14th-Steve Dillavou, 30th-Ted Olson, Virginia Thomas
Anniversaries: None

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