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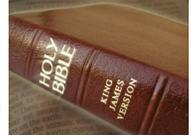
Where God is exalted, Everyone matters, and You belong!

11:00 a.m. Worship

January 2021 - Newsletter



HAPPY NEW YEAR



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

~ Pastor Allegra Hoots ~

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:18-19

Dear Friends,

In the Scripture noted above, speaking through the prophet Isaiah centuries ago, God encouraged Israel not to dwell on their past struggles. Instead, they were urged to remember God's previous feats on the nation's behalf, keep faith in God, and look forward to the good things God would do for them.

Fast forward to the present, having just come out of a tumultuous year, God's people can gain optimism from embracing the hopeful message denoted in Isaiah 43:18-19, *"I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."*

The words penned in Isaiah 43 reassure the people of God in every generation, since by adoption through faith in Jesus Christ, they are grafted into Abraham's family, that God will provide physical, psychological, and spiritual healing and well-being. God promises to make way for his people when it seems there is no way. He offers comfort in place of grief, and optimism replaces hopelessness, those exhausted in spirit receive relief and rest.

The passage from Isaiah is one of many Scriptures that tell of God's promise to help the people of God get through and overcome the effects of challenging times.

Jeremiah 29:11 announces God's commitment "to prosper and not to harm and God's plans to give hope and a future to his people." Romans 8:28, "All things work together for the good of those who love the Lord and are called according to God's purpose," reassures believers

that they can depend on God to turn disappointments and those things that cause anxiety, despair, embarrassment, humiliation, and even grief to God's glory and their good.

God's promises are reminders that God cares about us, and joy follows sorrow (Psalm 30:5), or as the elders used to say, "Trouble don't last always." This knowledge gives hope and is encouraging.

God's promises inspire us to look back only to remember where God has brought us and recognize the conditions and settings in which past atrocities and troubles occurred and flourished. God does not want us to wallow in the past. Instead, he wants to move us forward to the abundant life found in Christ Jesus and to reflect on the past to avoid repeating previous pitfalls.

I do not know about you, but when I think of Isaiah 43: 18-19, it sets the perfect tone for a new year's theme for 2021 – Look Forward to God's Deliverance.

As we make new year resolutions, let us consider making one of those resolutions a commitment to focus on one of God's promises each day. Just think of the possible outcomes of intentionally focusing on positive thoughts from Scripture for three hundred sixty-five consecutive days!

If the Lord is willing, next January, let us share the results of our 365-day experiment.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Hoots

Stay safe ❖ Mask up ❖ Spread out

Sunday Worship
Pastor Allegra Hoots
11:00am
Livestream on YouTube*

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**Sunday Fellowship**  
 2:00 - 3:00pm via ZOOM  
**JOIN US**



**Book Reading & Discussion**

January 21st for 13 weeks  
 Weekly on Thursdays  
 7:00pm via ZOOM

*The book*  
**“In His Steps”**  
*by Charles M. Sheldon*

See Page 5 for more info..

**WATCH NIGHT SERVICE: Dec. 31st—10:00 pm to midnight**

**ALL EVENTS ARE VIRTUAL**

**NOTE: WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY HAS BEEN SUSPENDED**

The link address to all events may be found on the church’s website: <http://www.upcplainfield.org/>

**BIBLE STUDY**

| Day              | Time         |                           | Connection |
|------------------|--------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Monday to Friday | 12:00-1:00pm | Noon Day Prayer           | ZOOM       |
| Thursdays        | 7:00pm       | Book Reading & Discussion | ZOOM       |

**TO CONNECT BY COMPUTER OR TELEPHONE, GO TO THE CHURCH’S WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION:**

<http://www.upcplainfield.org/> OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE

One of the noblest pursuits a child of God can embark upon is to get to know and understand God better. The best way we can accomplish this is to look carefully at the book He has written, the Bible, which communicates who He is and His plan for mankind.

**Upcoming Events**

**See calendars for more activities and events**

**January**

| Date  | Time   | Event                              |
|-------|--------|------------------------------------|
| 1     |        | New Year’s Eve                     |
| 6     |        | Epiphany of the Lord               |
| 10    |        | Baptism of the Lord                |
| 18    |        | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day        |
| 18-25 |        | Week of Prayer for Christian Unity |
| 20    | 7:30pm | Board of Session Meeting           |

**February**

| Date | Time   | Event                                |
|------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| 1    |        | World Interfaith—Harmony Week begins |
| 7    |        | Souper Bowl of Caring                |
| 14   |        | Transfiguration of the Lord          |
| 15   |        | Presidents Day                       |
| 17   |        | ASH WEDNESDAY                        |
| 17   | 7:30pm | Board of Session Meeting             |

### Watch Night Service

(New Year's Eve Service—December 31st)



**Watch Night**, also called **Freedom's Eve**, Christian religious service held on New Year's Eve and associated, in many African American churches, with a celebration and remembrance of

the Emancipation Proclamation (enacted January 1, 1863), which freed slaves in the Confederate states during the American Civil War. Many mainline Protestant churches in the United States sponsor a Watch Night service on **New Year's Eve**.

The tradition of Watch Night may be traced to the early 18th century in Moravian churches, when churchgoers began marking the occasion with a vigil to reflect upon the year past and to contemplate the one to come. John Wesley adopted the practice for his Methodist followers, who held similar vigils monthly with the full moon. It was given new significance among African Americans on December 31, 1862, when, according to tradition, slaves in the Confederate states gathered in churches and private homes on the night before U.S. Pres. Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation was expected to go into effect, pending his signing of the document. The soon-to-be-free slaves stayed awake all night and watched the night turn into a new dawn while waiting for news that the Emancipation Proclamation had been issued, thus making all the slaves legally free.

Church services on Watch Night generally begin sometime between 7:00 and 10:00 PM and end at midnight. The services tend to be attended by family groups. Many attendees go on to New Year's Eve parties afterward.

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Watch-Night>

### Baptism of the Lord (January 10th)

At the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus presents himself to John to be baptized in the Jordan. The heavens open, the Holy Spirit descends as a dove and we hear the voice of God: "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased" (see Psalm 2:7).

At this festival of the Christian year, we not only remember Jesus' baptism, but we celebrate our own: the baptism we share with Christ. Accordingly, on this Sunday (January 10<sup>th</sup>) is an appropriate time to celebrate the sacrament of baptism or the reaffirmation of the baptismal covenant. It also foreshadows the season of Lent, as Jesus was immediately driven into the wilderness for 40 days after his own Baptism.

#### God's rule inaugurated

An excerpt from the *Companion to the Book of Common Worship* (Geneva Press, 2003, 148)

The Baptism of the Lord is closely related to Epiphany and should be considered in relation to that feast. Jesus' ministry to bring in God's rule was inaugurated in his baptism. As he came out of the water, the Spirit rested on Jesus and a sign of God's approval was heard. On this day, we celebrate not only Jesus' baptism but our own as well, for our baptism is rooted in Christ. Baptism joins us to Christ and his church, and with all of the baptized we are called to share in Jesus' ministry. In the waters of baptism we are buried with Christ, cleansed of our sins, and raised to share in his resurrection. The Spirit is given to us and we are declared the children of God.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated by Presbyterians, Methodist and some other parishes on the second Sunday in January, after the feast of the Epiphany has already occurred.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/baptism-lord/>



| BAPTIZED                                                       |                                                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| TAKE UPON US THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST <small>CS PG. 77</small> | ALWAYS REMEMBER HIM <small>CS PG. 71</small>            |
| KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS <small>CS PG. 146-147</small>            | HAVE HIS SPIRIT TO BE WITH US <small>CS PG. 105</small> |
| RETURN TO LIVE WITH HIM <small>CS PG. 2-3</small>              |                                                         |



### Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was a social activist and Baptist minister who played a key role in the American civil rights movement from the mid-1950s until his assassination in 1968. King sought equality and human rights for African Americans, the economically disadvantaged and all victims of injustice through peaceful protest. He was the driving force behind events such as the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the 1963 March on Washington, which helped bring about landmark legislation as the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 and is remembered each year on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a U.S. federal holiday since 1986.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia, the second child of Martin Luther King Sr., a pastor, and Alberta Williams King, a former school-teacher.

Along with his older sister Christine and younger brother Alfred Daniel Williams, he grew up in the city's Sweet Auburn neighborhood, then home to some of the most prominent and prosperous African Americans in the country.

A gifted student, King attended segregated public schools and at the age of 15 was admitted to Morehouse College, the alma mater of both his father and maternal grandfather, where he studied medicine and law.

Although he had not intended to follow in his father's footsteps by joining the ministry, he changed his mind under the mentorship of Morehouse's president, Dr. Benjamin Mays, an influential theologian and outspoken advocate for racial equality. After graduating in 1948, King entered Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania, where he earned a Bachelor of Divinity degree, won a prestigious fellowship and was elected president of his predominantly white senior class.

King then enrolled in a graduate program at Boston University, completing his coursework in 1953 and earning a doctorate in systematic theology two years later. While in Boston he met Coretta Scott, a young singer from Alabama who was studying at the New England Conservatory of Music. The couple wed in 1953 and settled in Montgomery, Alabama, where King became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church.

The Kings had four children: Yolanda Denise King, Martin Luther King III, Dexter Scott King and Bernice Albertine King.

<https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/martin-luther-king-jr#:~:text=Photo%20Galleries-,Martin%20Luther%20King%2C%20Jr.,until%20his%20assassination%20in%201968.&text=King%20was%20awarded%20the%20Nobel,U.S.%20federal%20holiday%20since%201986>

### Epiphany, the Feast of The Three Kings

*Epiphany is celebrated 12 days after Christmas on 6th January*

and is the time when Christians remember the Wise Men (also sometimes called the Three Kings) who visited Jesus.



Epiphany is also when some Churches remember when Jesus was Baptized, when he was about 30, and started to teach people about God. Epiphany means 'revelation' and both the visit of the Wise Men and his Baptism are important times when Jesus was 'revealed' to be very important.

Some Churches celebrate Epiphany to remember both the visit of the Wise Men and Jesus's Baptism!

Epiphany is a big and important festival in some parts of the world. In Spain it is known as 'The festival of the three Magic Kings' - 'Fiesta de Los tres Reyes Magos', and is when Spanish and some other

Catholic children receive their presents. In Portugal, people take part in Epiphany carol singing known as the 'Janeiras' (January songs). In Belgium, children dress up as the three wise men and go from door to door to sing songs and people give them money or sweets.

Epiphany means 'revelation'

In the Ethiopian Orthodox Church (which celebrates Christmas on 7th January), twelve days after Christmas, on 19th January, the three day celebration of Ethiopians Timkat starts. This celebrates Jesus's baptism.

In New Orleans, Louisiana, in the USA, on Epiphany/King's Day, the Christmas Tree is either taken down or the ornaments are replaced with Purple, Gold and Green ones and it's then called a 'Mardi Gras Tree'!

Epiphany Eve (also known as Twelfth Night) marks the end of the traditional Christmas celebrations and is the time when you were meant to take Christmas decorations down - although some people leave them up until Candlemas.

### The Magi

The Gospel of Matthew (2:1-12) speaks of Magi, or wise men, who followed a star from the East to Bethlehem in search of a newborn king. There they found Mary and the baby Jesus and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. As gentiles who acknowledged Christ's divinity, the Magi claim an essential role in the Epiphany, the manifestation of God to the world. Yet Matthew's brief description of the episode provides so few details about them that biblical scholars have had to speculate on their number, appearance, and origins.



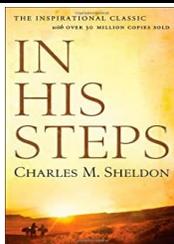
<https://www.whychristmas.com/customs/epiphany.shtml>  
<https://www.nga.gov/features/rubens-magi/biblical-magi.html>

## Book Reading & Discussion

Starts January 21st for 13 weeks  
Weekly on Thursdays @ 7:00pm via  
ZOOM

**Book:** *"In His Steps"*

**Author:** Charles M. Sheldon



### Summary:

*In His Steps* is a best-selling religious fiction novel written by Charles Monroe Sheldon. First published in 1896, the book has sold more than 50,000,000 copies, and ranks as one of the best-selling books of all time. The full title of the book is *In His Steps: What Would Jesus Do?*.

Though variations of the subtitle "What would Jesus do" have been used by Christians for centuries as a form of imitatio dei, the imitation of God, it gained much greater currency following publication of the book.

*In His Steps* takes place in the railroad town of Raymond, probably located in the eastern U.S.A. The main character is the Rev. Henry Maxwell, pastor of the First Church of Raymond, who challenges his congregation to not do anything for a whole year without first asking: "What Would Jesus Do?" Other characters include Ed Norman, senior editor of the Raymond Daily Newspaper, Rachel Winslow, a talented singer, and Virginia Page, an heiress.

The novel begins on a Friday morning when a man out of work (later identified as Jack Manning) appears at the front door of Henry Maxwell while the latter is preparing for that Sunday's upcoming sermon. Maxwell listens to the man's helpless plea briefly before brushing him away and closing the door. The same man appears in church at the end of the Sunday sermon, walks up to "the open space in front of the pulpit," and faces the people. No one stops him. He quietly but frankly confronts the congregation—"I'm not complaining; just stating facts."—about their compassion, or apathetic lack thereof, for the jobless like him in Raymond. Upon finishing his address to the congregation, he collapses, and dies a few days later.

That next Sunday, Henry Maxwell, deeply moved by the events of the past week, presents a challenge to his congregation: "Do not do anything without first asking, 'What would Jesus do?'" This challenge is the theme of the novel and is the driving force of the plot. From this point on, the rest of the novel consists of certain episodes that focus on individual characters as their lives are transformed by the challenge. Source: Wikipedia

achieved their goal 22% more often when they engaged in goal setting, wherein resolutions are made in terms of small and measurable goals (e.g., "lose a pound a week" rather than "lose weight").

\*One by one, during the last feast of the Christmas week, they would place their hands on a live or roasted **peacock** and recommit themselves, for the next 12 months, to the ideals of chivalry.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New\\_Year%27s\\_resolution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Year%27s_resolution).

## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

A New Year's resolution is a tradition in which a person resolves to continue good practices, change an undesired trait or behavior, to accomplish a personal goal, or otherwise improve their life.

### Religious origins

- Babylonians made promises to their gods at the start of each year that they would return borrowed objects and pay their debts.
- The Romans began each year by making promises to the god Janus, for whom the month of January is named.
- In the medieval era, the knights took the "peacock vow"\* at the end of the Christmas season each year to re-affirm their commitment to chivalry.
- ***At watchnight services, many Christians prepare for the year ahead by praying and making these resolutions.***

This tradition has many other religious parallels. During Judaism's New Year, Rosh Hashanah, through the High Holidays and culminating in Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement), one is to reflect upon one's wrongdoings over the year and both seek and offer forgiveness. People can act similarly during the Christian liturgical season of Lent, although the motive behind this holiday is more of sacrifice than of responsibility. In fact, the Methodist practice of New Year's resolutions came, in part, from the Lenten sacrifices. The concept, regardless of creed, is to reflect upon self-improvement annually.

**Participation:** At the end of the Great Depression, about a quarter of American adults formed New Year's resolutions. At the start of the 21st century, about 40% did. In fact, according to the American Medical Association, approximately 40% to 50% of Americans participated in the New Year's resolution tradition from the 1995 Epcot and 1985 Gallop Polls [6] A study found 46% of participants who made common New Year's resolutions (e.g. weight loss, exercise programs, quitting smoking) were likely to succeed, over ten times as among those deciding to make life changes at other times of the year.

**Success rate:** In a 2014 report, 35% of participants who failed their New Year's Resolutions admitted they had unrealistic goals, 33% of participants didn't keep track of their progress, and 23% forgot about them; about one in 10 respondents claimed they made too many resolutions.

A 2007 study by Richard Wiseman from the University of Bristol involving 3,000 people showed that 88% of those who set New Year resolutions fail,[9] despite the fact that 52% of the study's participants were confident of success at the beginning. Men

### Prayers for Healing

Remember our sisters and brothers listed below and call them if you are able to. Let us know if there are members who are not on this list.

- Emory Dawson
- Helen Foerster
- BJ Klikus
- Frank Klikus
- Liz Mangan
- Jack Perry
- Marianna Perry
- Gail Stokes
- Izaiyah Stokes
- Jamie Sweeney



### NOTICE:

Because we are not able to meet in the Church building, donations received for flowers will be used when we are able to congregate again.

### Give to the Flower Ministry

With your donation of \$25 or more to the Flower Fund, the Deacons will provide a beautiful floral arrangement for the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. After worship, the arrangement will also brighten the day of a member or friend of UPC who is unable to join us for worship.

Flowers may be made in honor or memory of a loved one. Honoree names will be listed in the church bulletin.

You may complete the form below or add your information to the flower chart in the Narthex.

Blessings,  
Zorina Bowers

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your generous support of  
UPC's Flower Ministry

Board of Deacons



### Passing of Carl Foerster

It's with great sadness that we share the passing of Carl Foerster. Carl passed away on Saturday December 26th. As we mourn and grieve his passing, we do so with the certainty that Carl now rests for all eternity in the Glory of our Father. Carl was a man of service-- service to his God, to his Church, to his family and to the Boy Scouts.

Continue to keep Helen, his wife, and their families in your prayers as they face this transition. More information will be shared as they become available.



### January

- 6 Bola Falowo
- 15 Izaiyah Stokes
- 17 Christopher Lecky
- 19 Jessica Dawson
- Stanley Awobue
- 21 Madison Darius

### February

- 5 Tania Hemans
- 7 B J Klikus
- 27 Kayode Falowo



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Parents, please read this to your younger child(ren)



### Theme

Baptism is a symbol of new life in Christ

### Object

Several new items.

### Scripture

And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. Mark 1:4-5 (NIV)

Sometimes, when we meet a friend we may say, "What's new?" It has only been a couple of weeks since Christmas, so if I were to ask you, "What's New?" you would probably have a lot to tell me about. (If time permits, allow the children to tell about something new that they have.) All of us like new things, don't we? Don't you just love the look and feel of new clothes? Well maybe children don't get as excited about new clothes as we adults do, but I am sure you get excited about new toys! You have probably spent hours playing with the new toys you received for Christmas.

One thing I really enjoy is a new beginning. We are at the beginning of a new year. What an exciting time! It is a chance to start over. It is a time to try to do things better than we did last year.

Today, we are going to talk about another new beginning. It is better than the beginning of a new year -- it is the beginning of a new life. A new life in Jesus.

In the Bible we read about a man called John the Baptist. John went all around the countryside in Judea telling people to repent and ask God to forgive them of their sins. When they confessed their sin and asked God to forgive them, John baptized them in the river Jordan. They were baptized to show the world that God had forgiven their sins and they were washed clean. This was a new beginning for them. Even Jesus himself went to John the Baptist and was baptized by him.

We still baptize people today. Perhaps some of you have been baptized. When we are baptized, it is a picture of what Jesus has done for us. He died, was buried, and rose again to wash away our sin and give us a new life in him. Now, that's what I call a new beginning!

# A New Life in Jesus

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### The Baptism of Jesus

As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:10-11

Choose the word that best matches the definition.  
Answers can be found in Mark 1:4-11 (NIV)



- \_\_\_ 1. The liquid used to baptize someone.  
A. wine B. vinegar C. honey D. water
- \_\_\_ 2. The river where Jesus was baptized.  
A. Nile B. Amazon C. Jordan D. Danube
- \_\_\_ 3. Name of the man who baptized Jesus.  
A. John B. Peter C. Matthew D. Paul
- \_\_\_ 4. To pardon for sins.  
A. forgive B. sin C. repent D. dove
- \_\_\_ 5. A sticky, sweet fluid made by bees.  
A. water B. wine C. honey D. milk
- \_\_\_ 6. To break one of God's commandments.  
A. sin B. baptize C. repent D. forgive
- \_\_\_ 7. To turn away from sin.  
A. repent B. forgive C. baptize D. preach
- \_\_\_ 8. What was heard when Jesus was baptized.  
A. voice B. wind C. dove D. locusts
- \_\_\_ 9. The Spirit came down from heaven like a \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. river B. voice C. repent D. dove
- \_\_\_ 10. To admit that you have done wrong.  
A. baptize B. confess C. dove D. voice

## 2021 PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT Never too Late!

Your annual Per Capita is \$45.00 and is shared as follows: General Assembly \$8.98, The Synod of the North-east \$4.10, The Presbytery of Elizabeth \$31.92. Per Capita is a member assessment used to fund the operating expenses of governing bodies. (Book of Order; G-9.0404 d).

**Consider paying more than your share to help cover the cost of others who are unable to pay**

### Important:

Deadline is the 20th of each month for the Newsletter. Leave your news in the Church Office or email it to [upcnews525@gmail.com](mailto:upcnews525@gmail.com)

Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-3pm

#### Schedule of Pastor's Office Hours

Monday 12:00 – 4:00 pm  
Wednesday 8: 30 – 3:30  
Sunday: 10:00 am—3:00 pm

Please call the Church Office for an Appointment  
or to contact the Pastor

#### Session Members (Elders)

Al Tate (Clerk)  
Emory Dawson  
Patricia Dawson  
Avril Lecky  
Marcia Marsh-Hinds

#### *John 1:9*

*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”*

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## JANUARY 2021

|                                                                            |                                                                                        | TUESDAY                                                                            | WEDNESDAY                                                                  | THURSDAY                                                     | FRIDAY                                                            | SATURDAY                                        |
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|                                                                            |                                                                                        |                                                                                    |                                                                            |                                                              | 1                                                                 | 2                                               |
|                                                                            |                                                                                        |  |                                                                            |                                                              | <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b><br>Global Family Day<br><br>Noon Day Prayer | 7:00pm Prayer, Praise & Scripture Reading —Zoom |
| 3                                                                          | 4                                                                                      |                                                                                    |                                                                            |                                                              | 5                                                                 | 6                                               |
| 11am Livestream Worship Service<br>Communion Service                       | Noon Day Prayer                                                                        | Noon Day Prayer                                                                    | Noon Day Prayer<br>7:00pm Bible Study —Zoom<br><b>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> | Noon Day Prayer                                              | Noon Day Prayer                                                   | 7:00pm Prayer, Praise & Scripture Reading —Zoom |
| 10                                                                         | 11                                                                                     | 12                                                                                 | 13                                                                         | 14                                                           | 15                                                                | 16                                              |
| 11am Livestream Worship Service<br><br>YOUTH SUNDAY<br>BAPTISM OF THE LORD | Noon Day Prayer                                                                        | Noon Day Prayer                                                                    | Noon Day Prayer                                                            | Noon Day Prayer                                              | Noon Day Prayer                                                   | 7:00pm Prayer, Praise & Scripture Reading —Zoom |
| 17                                                                         | 18                                                                                     | 19                                                                                 | 20                                                                         | 21                                                           | 22                                                                | 23                                              |
| 11am Livestream Worship Service                                            | Noon Day Prayer<br><br><b>MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY</b><br><br>WEEK OF PRAYER BEGINS | Noon Day Prayer                                                                    | Noon Day Prayer<br><br>7:00pm Session Mtg                                  | Noon Day Prayer<br><br>7:00pm Book Reading & Discussion—Zoom | Noon Day Prayer                                                   | 7:00pm Prayer, Praise & Scripture Reading —Zoom |
| 24/31                                                                      | 25                                                                                     | 26                                                                                 | 27                                                                         | 28                                                           | 29                                                                | 30                                              |
| 11am Livestream Worship Service                                            | Noon Day Prayer<br>WEEK OF PRAYER ENDS                                                 | Noon Day Prayer                                                                    | Noon Day Prayer                                                            | Noon Day Prayer<br><br>7:00pm Book Reading & Discussion—Zoom | Noon Day Prayer                                                   | 7:00pm Prayer, Praise & Scripture Reading —Zoom |

NOTE: CALENDAR EVENTS MAY CHANGE BASED ON THE STATES POLICY ON GROUP MEETING. CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES

The calendar reflects regularly occurring events and subject to change. Check with the Church Office for changes

Communion & Deacon Sunday —1st Sunday Monthly  
 Youth Sunday—2nd Sunday monthly  
 Dedication Sunday—4th Sunday Monthly

### Committee Meetings (unless stated otherwise):

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## February 2021

| SUNDAY                                                                           | MONDAY                                                                              | TUESDAY               | WEDNESDAY                                                                            | THURSDAY                                                           | FRIDAY                                                             | SATURDAY                                              |
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|  | 1<br>Noon Day Prayer                                                                | 2<br>Noon Day Prayer  | 3<br>Noon Day Prayer                                                                 | 4<br>Noon Day Prayer<br><br>7:00pm Book Reading & Discussion—Zoom  | 5<br>Noon Day Prayer                                               | 6<br>7:00pm Prayer, Praise & Scripture Reading —Zoom  |
|                                                                                  | 7<br>11am Livestream Communion Service<br><br>Super Bowl of Caring                  | 8<br>Noon Day Prayer  | 9<br>Noon Day Prayer                                                                 | 10<br>Noon Day Prayer                                              | 11<br>Noon Day Prayer<br><br>7:00pm Book Reading & Discussion—Zoom | 12<br>Noon Day Prayer                                 |
| 14<br>11am Livestream Worship Service<br><br>YOUTH SUNDAY<br>BAPTISM OF THE LORD | 15<br>Noon Day Prayer<br><br>Presidents' Day                                        | 16<br>Noon Day Prayer | 17<br>ASH WEDNESDAY<br><br>Noon Day Prayer                                           | 18<br>Noon Day Prayer<br><br>7:00pm Book Reading & Discussion—Zoom | 19<br>Noon Day Prayer                                              | 20<br>7:00pm Prayer, Praise & Scripture Reading —Zoom |
| 21<br>First Sunday in Lent<br>11am Livestream Worship Service                    | 22<br>Noon Day Prayer                                                               | 23<br>Noon Day Prayer | 24<br>Noon Day Prayer                                                                | 25<br>Noon Day Prayer<br><br>7:00pm Book Reading & Discussion—Zoom | 26<br>Noon Day Prayer                                              | 27<br>7:00pm Prayer, Praise & Scripture Reading —Zoom |
| 28<br>11am Livestream Worship Service                                            |  |                       |  |                                                                    |                                                                    |                                                       |
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**NOTE:**

**CALENDAR EVENTS MAY CHANGE BASED ON THE STATES POLICY ON GROUP MEETING. CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES.**

The calendar reflects regularly occurring events and subject to change. Check with the Church Office for changes

Communion & Deacon Sunday — 1st Sunday Monthly

Youth Sunday—2nd Sunday monthly

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