

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

⁴When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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Love, Hope, a place to Belong

Pastor Carolyn Westlake
January 1, 2017, Epiphany Sunday
New Year's Day

UMH (United Methodist Hymnal) **FWS** (Faith We Sing)
(*Indicates for Congregation to stand if able)

Announcements / Birthdays & Anniversaries

Time of Reflection

Pianist: Joel Blair

****Hymn #2098 (FWS)** *The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy*

****Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Wade B

L: Eternal God, as a new year dawns,

P: may our love for you be made known in our love for one another.

L: Help us let go of past failings,

P: even as we open our hearts to the possibilities that lie before us.

L: Guide our footsteps,

P: that we may live as your beloved children.

****Hymn #245 (UMH)**

The First Noel

(vs 1,2,3,5)

Children's Sermon

Bill B

Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven; hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done; on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

****Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Scriptures

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Hymn #254 (UMH)

We Three Kings

Message

“The Wise Still Seek Him”

Pastor Carolyn Westlake

Celebration of Holy Communion

Giving of Our Tithes and Offering - Please sign Pew Pad.

****Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

****Offertory Prayer**

Radiant Christ, shine through these gifts, that your love may shine through them for all the world to see and follow. Shine through our lives, that your love may shine through us for all the nations to perceive and embrace. Amen.

****Hymn #383 (UMH)**

This is a Day of New Beginnings

(vs 1,2,3,4)

Benediction / Greeting/ Postlude

Prayer for Living Generously

Gracious and Generous God, send your Holy Spirit to:

- Break through and renew and revive our churches, unleashing your gifts of radical hospitality, saving grace, and abundant life on a broken world.
- Empower our clergy and lay leadership to offer you, O God, all the gifts you have bestowed upon them.
- Boldly use me, without limits, delays or excuses to live generously and serve the full arrival of your reign on earth.
- Create in me a generous heart and a desire to live in your presence with ever-growing gratitude.

I pray in the name of Jesus whose love, mercy and justice know no bounds.

Amen

Fellowship: Please join us for fellowship time following the service downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. **Nursery:** Available for your use.

Liturgist: Wade Bluemer

Children's Sermon: Bill Brueck

Usher: Dean Sorum & Family with Confirmation Students

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Monday **OFFICE CLOSED**

Tuesday 10:30am Communion at Evergreen, 7pm Trustee Meeting

Wednesday 9am Better Brew, 3:30pm Confirmation,
6pm Meal, 6:30pm Children's Worship

Thursday 10am Disciple

OFFERINGS FOR: December 24 & 25, 2016

General Fund: \$2,009 Apportionments: \$1,300 Christmas: \$1,020

Food Shelf: \$60 Street Assessment: \$100 Attendance: 186

JOYS & CONCERNS:

- **Prayers for the families of** Norma Budenseik, Margie Finnegan (Greg's Mother), Russell Lundy, Gin.
- **Prayers for** Ruth (Carl M's sister), Susan (Naomi's friend), Danny V. (Diane M's brother), Eric (Rachel's Friend); Eddie, Walter & Ken (Jo's family), Carl & Elisabeth I, Tom & Jackie S. (Pastor Carolyn's parents), Bev M; Judy (Ken H's sister), Sheila (Stephanie E's mother-in-law), Diane (Bob M's friend), Pete (Carrie C's step father), Izzy & Hailey, Arlene (Sandy B's Aunt), Kelly L., David (Chris D's friend), Linda D, Ed (Carrie C's father).
- **Prayers for** Baiwalla UMC in Sierra Leone.
- **Prayers for** Kevin W (Alicemay's grandson) deployment in Kuwait.

In order to try to keep the prayer list up to date, we will be removing names from this list after a month. If you would like them to be included once more, please lift them up again. We would also love to receive updates on your loved ones.

PLEASE NOTE:

- **Pastor Carolyn's Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings at the church office and Wednesday from 9am to 12 noon at Better Brew. To contact Pastor Carolyn, please call: Office 507-356-4553, cell 507-208-5842 or pastorc@bevcomm.net. Feel free to call her cell number if you cannot reach her at the Church Office.
- **Please Remember Office will be closed on Monday, January 2.**
- **Giving Envelopes:** Don't forget to pick up your giving envelopes that are located in the back of the Sanctuary. If your name is not listed, please sign the sheet provided, and we will make sure you get your envelopes.
- **Reminder:** Committee members please don't forget to check your mail boxes in the small kitchen. Thank you.
- **Mission Box** for January will be donated to Pine Island Ministerial Fund. **Pine Island Sharing Shelf** for January is Hamburger Helper month.
- **The Pine Island Lions Club** invites you to attend a fund raiser for the Eagle's Cancer Telethon on Sunday, January 15, 2017 from 11am to 1pm. The club will be serving a Swedish meatball dinner at the American Legion Club. Prices are \$10 for adults plus a \$5 donation to the telethon and \$8 for Children.
- **Wednesday Night:** We will resume our Wednesday night meal and Children's Worship on Wednesday, January 4.
- **Sunday School Dates to Remember:**
January 1, 2017 no Sunday School
January 8, 2017 Sunday School Resumes

