

January 6-13, 2019

This Week

Sunday, January 6

Epiphany of the Lord

Communion, Hawkeye Food Bank

- 8:30-11:30 Nursery through Preschool, *Room 105*
- 8:30-10:00 Coffee Hour
- 8:45-9:45 Sunday School for All
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Take Down Christmas Decorations
(All help is appreciated!)
- 11:00 a.m. KCMR Radio Broadcast, 97.9 FM
- 11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class, *Youth Room*

Monday, January 7

No Church Events

Tuesday, January 8

Troy Out of Office

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting, *Office Conf. Room*
- 5:30-7:00 Girl Scouts, *Fireside Room/Classroom*

Wednesday, January 9

- No Jubilee Bell Ringers
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 10

- 8:00 a.m. Bible Study, *Pies & More*
- 9:15 a.m. Ruth Circle
- 9:30 a.m. Sarah Circle
- 9:30 a.m. Esther Circle, *Upper Room*
- 6:00 p.m. Scouts Pack 9, *Fireside Rm/Class*

Friday, January 11

No Church Events

Saturday, January 12

- 5:00 p.m. Worship Service, *WAYside Chapel*

Sunday, January 13

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Christmas Decorations

The Worship Committee will be taking down Christmas decorations, including the Nativities, on **Sunday, January 6, 2019**, immediately following worship service. This shouldn't take long, so if you can stay and help it would be appreciated. If you are one who donated a Nativity, please make sure and pick yours up. Thank you. – Julie Hunt



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25, 2019

Every January, the Christian church worldwide marks the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This ecumenical "octave," or eight-day observance, lasts from January 18 (the Feast of St. Peter) to January 25 (the Feast of St. Paul). The week is based on Jesus' prayer to his heavenly Father in John 17:21 that his followers "may all be one ... so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (ESV). Jesus knew that if Christians were fiercely divided, people outside the faith wouldn't want to learn more about him. The theme for the 2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from Deuteronomy 16:20 (NRSV): "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue."

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St. Olaf Choir

Sunday, January 20, 2019

The world-renowned St. Olaf Choir is excited to be presenting a concert on Sunday, January 20, at 3:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 213 N Pennsylvania Ave, Mason City. This concert program will consist of a wide variety of contrasting sacred and secular repertoire of the highest caliber. Tickets (\$20 adults & \$10 students) are available at stolaf.edu/tickets or by calling 800-363-5487.

Meals on Wheels

February 11-15, 2019

First UMC will again serve Meals on Wheels for Routes 1, 2, and 3 the week of February 11-15. The sign-up board is in the Narthex. Your help is greatly appreciated!

UMW Sunday

March 24, 2019

Mark your calendars for March 24, 2019, and help celebrate United Methodist Women Sunday! The women are busy making plans and invite everyone to join them, following the 10:00 a.m. service on March 24, for a meal in Fellowship Hall. The UMW will provide everything – just come and enjoy!

Keeping in our thoughts and prayers...

Prayers for our church members who are dealing with an illness or medical issue for themselves or a loved one, those dealing with the loss of a loved one, those who are caring for a loved one, those who are dealing with issues for their self or family members and those who are serving or have served in the Armed Forces. They could use our prayers today. **Prayer Chain – Please submit prayer requests to Anne Wallace at 641-424-9255.**

Recent Hospitalizations/Continued Prayers

Dotty Brown

Karen Wilmarth (West Campus Room 214)

Dorothy Riekens (Hospice home care)

Jordon Roggeman

University Hospital Clinic, Level 11 Room 1118
SFCH

200 Hawkins Dr

Iowa City, IA 52242

<https://www.gofundme.com/jordon-roggeman>

Congratulations

Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating their special day!
There are no anniversaries this week.

Address Update

Dotty Brown now resides at The Colony, 431 Prairie Center Dr, Eden Prairie, MN 55344-5375.

Sympathy

Our sympathy to the family and friends of **Adola Wilson**, who has passed away at the age of 95. Information regarding services is pending at the time of this printing.

Radio Supporters Making a Difference

RADIO MINISTRY CONTRIBUTIONS

11:00 a.m. delayed broadcast on KCMR, 97.9 FM

Jan. 6 – In memory of my wife, Faye Lee.
- Marlyn Lee

The radio calendar is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office, or you may call the office at 423-4905 and request to sponsor a special day. The cost to sponsor a Sunday is \$80. Thank you!

Available Dates: Feb. 3, Feb. 17 & Feb. 24

Upcoming Dates

Jan 14 – Newsletter Deadline

Jan 15 – Pastor Dan at meeting in Des Moines

Jan 18-25 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Jan 19 – Scouts Pinewood Derby, 1:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Jan 20 – Human Relations Day (offering), Potluck & all committee meetings following worship in F.H.
No Confirmation Class

Jan 21 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan 22 – Pairs & Spares, 6:00 p.m. Village Court Restaurant

Jan 24 – Newsletter Mailing

Jan 27 – Ecumenical Sunday

Committee Meetings 2019

Sunday, January 20

11:15 a.m. with Potluck

Members of all committees are to meet in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship on Sunday, January 20. Please join in and bring a potluck item. It is important that meetings begin promptly and finish in time to allow a report to Church Council, with the goal of Council being completed by 1:00 p.m.

A New Year's Blessing

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain,
but by strengthening you to bear it as it comes;

Not by making your path easy,

but by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from you,

but by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,

but by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,

but by showing you when people and their causes need you most,

and by making you anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

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