



*Epiphany
Sunday*

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

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Epiphany Sunday

John Wesley's Covenant Renewal Prayer



(◆ All are invited to stand.)

(Resource Key: UMH—United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS—The Faith We Sing)

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE

(Please register your attendance.)

PRELUDE

(Please observe this time as an opportunity for silent prayer and meditation.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, Searcher of all our hearts,
you have formed us as a people and claimed us for your own.
As we come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace,
and to enter anew into covenant with you,
reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us.

Let your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being,
and receive us in mercy, for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen. *

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

◆ RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

◆ OPENING HYMN, No. 245 UMH "The First Noel"

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE 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.

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks for all of God's mercies.
O God, our Covenant Friend,
you have been gracious to us through all the years of our lives.
We thank you for your loving care,
which has filled our days and brought us to this time and place.

We praise your holy name, O God.

You have given us life and reason,
and set us in a world filled with your glory.
You have comforted us with family and friends,
and ministered to us through the hands of our sisters and brothers.

We praise your holy name, O God.

You have filled our hearts with a hunger after you,
and have given us your peace.
You have redeemed us, and called us to a high calling in Christ Jesus.
You have given us a place in the fellowship of your Spirit
and the witness of your Church.

We praise your holy name, O God.

You have been our light in darkness
and a rock of strength in adversity and temptation.
You have been the very Spirit of joy in our joys
and the all-sufficient reward in all our labors.

We praise your holy name, O God.

You remembered us when we forgot you.
You followed us even when we tried to flee from you.
You met us with forgiveness when we returned to you.
For all your patience and overflowing grace,

We praise your holy name, O God.

ANTHEM "Christmas List" *Faith Gregory*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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♦ DOXOLOGY, No. 94 UMH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

{8:30 & 11:00}

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON, Isaiah 60:1-6

♦ **HYMN**, No. 2172 TFWS "We Are Called"

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON, Matthew 25:31-46

WESLEY'S COVENANT PRAYER

It is necessary, therefore,

that we consider what it means to be a servant of Christ.

Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:

Let me be your servant, under your command.

I will no longer be my own.

I will give up myself to your will in all things.

Lord, make me what you will.

I put myself fully into your hands:

put me to doing, put me to suffering,

let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,

let me be full, let me be empty,

let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and with a willing heart

give it all to your pleasure and disposal.

I renounce my own wisdom, and take you for my only guide.

I renounce my own will, and take your will as my law.

Glory be to you, O God the Holy Spirit,

who by your almighty power have turned my heart from sin to God.

O mighty God, the Lord Omnipotent, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

you have now become my Covenant Friend.

And I, through your infinite grace, have become your covenant

servant. So be it.

And let the covenant I have made on earth be ratified in heaven.

Amen.

You are advised to make this covenant not only in your heart, but in word; not only in word, but in writing. Therefore, with all reverence lay the service before the Lord as your act and deed. And when you have done this, sign it. Please bring your signed covenant insert forward to lay on at the altar after you have received communion.

SERVICE OF THE TABLE, No. 17 UMH "Setting A"

[Please come to the nearest communion station, and stand to receive the bread and cup. A server will place the bread in your hand, after which you dip the bread into the chalice and partake. After receiving, return to your seats, or kneel at the rail, for meditation and prayer. Notify an usher if you need assistance, or if you need to receive the sacrament at your seat. Please remember to place your monetary gift at the kneeling rail to support our Good Samaritan Fund that assists needy friends and neighbors in York County and Poquoson.]

♦ **CLOSING HYMN, No. 383 UMH "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"**

SENDING FORTH OF COMMUNION VISITORS

[During the singing of the closing hymn, you are invited to kneel at the altar in prayer. If you would like one of the pastors to pray with you, look at them. They will come to you.]

♦ **GOING FORTH WITH THE LIGHT**♦ **BENEDICTION**♦ **POSTLUDE**

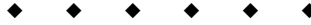
Welcome to St. Luke's! We're glad that God has brought you to worship with us today. We especially welcome newcomers to our community. We invite you to consider making us your church home. Talk with one of the pastors for details.

Please sign our Friendship Register found in the red pads in the pews and pass it to the person next to you. When everyone has signed, please return it to the end of the pew nearest the center aisle. If you are a guest please complete the yellow Visitor card in the pew rack and return it to the Hospitality Center in the Narthex (lobby). A gift is waiting for you there. The Hospitality Host/Hostess is there to give you information about St. Luke's and answer questions.

Today we extend our Communion table to Bob Krutsch, Tom & Ann Spivey, Bob & Eleanor Misner, Helen Gaddis, Betty Severt, Wilbert & Barbara Tyler, Cecilia Tweedy, Ann Kelly, Myra Cobb, Evelyn White, Lee & Ann Person.

Stay connected! We are pleased to offer our 11:00 AM on the web through a streaming live broadcast. If you miss the service you can also access archives of our services. Just go to our website www.stlukesyorktown.org and click on the "Eleven o'clock Service i-Broadcast." Sunday bulletins are posted on Fridays prior to worship.

Infants and toddlers may enjoy our Nursery Ministry during all services; ask an usher for directions to our nursery facilities. Large print bulletins and hymnals, and hearing assist devices, are available from our ushers. Please note: Activity Bags are available in the narthex for younger boys and girls. Please return the bags as you leave worship.



Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

Convalescents: Bayside Convalescent – Tom Brewer – Rm 202
The Chesapeake – Marjorie Bennett – Rm 315
Dominion Village – Geannette Holland
The Hidenwood – Bob and Eleanor Misner – Rm 320
Walter Reed Rehab(Gloucester – Irene Hall – Rm 19B
Warwick Forest:
Marilyn Beckman – Keswick Place- Rm 555
Myra Cobb – Rm 539
Bob Krutsch – The Gardens- Rm 305A
Ruth Smeland – The Gardens – Rm 522A
Tom Spivey – The Evergreen - Rm 602
Evelyn White – Keswick Place – Rm 545
Katherine Crocker – Rehab (Dennis' mother)

Hospitalized: York Convalescent - Sarah Tingen – 1B (Jake Capps mom)
Grace Lyon – PA hospital (Tom Lyon's mother)
Patrick Cothorn – Miami Hospital (Nephew of the Stone family)

Home from Hospital: Phyllis Anderson, Herb Fisher

Prayers and Sympathy to: Don and Avoline Warden on the death of her brother-in-law, Bill, December 25, 2009.

Other members: Mae Burcher, Ann Burnette, Mildred Epperly, Ann Fink, Helen Gaddis, Jeanette George, Sheryl Gibbs, Clark Houston, Bill Hunter, Joe Jewel, Ann Kelly, John Masten, Ron and Betty Miller, Nancy Mullins, Gloria Nuckles, Ann and Lee Person, Mildred Smith, Ben Trevillian, Cecilia Tweedy

Extended family and friends: Travis Allen, Andy Anderson, Tarmara Batt, Shannon Begy, Alston Black, Art Booth II, Johanna Brumheller, Anna Bryant, Kevin Butler, Lauren Burke, Joe Cannon, Nancy Clark, Betty Collins, John Collins, Judy Collins, Mike Collins, Louis Cordle, Chuck Crisp, Shawn Crummel, Elsie Curtis, Burt Daniel, Audrey Diperse, Ann Edgath, Ken Engebretson (in Herndon), Marie Frazier, Vince Grande, Steve Grev, Sydney Harris, Michael Hatton, Karen Higbee, Eric Hogge, Joe Hughes, Win Hunter, John Johnson, Bernice Jones, Billie Jones, George Jordon, Myrtle Jordon, Shirley Kong, Joe Kuch, Brooke L., Mary Lurowski, Frank Maness, Carol Masser, Ivy Miller, Brian Murphy, Loretta Moncrieff, Ruth Mulliken, Michael Overall, Bob Parrish, Shannon Pate, Terry Phillips, Mary Posey, Mason Quimby, Liz Rich, Debra Robinson, Shirley Roller, Sandy Scott, Sandy Sherrin, Joshua Snell, Traci Snell, David Stephens, Diana Teaford, Andre Tennant, Don Thompson, Jayson Thompson, Neil Turk, Donald Warden, Jr., Paula Watts, Shirley Wilson, Ken Wrisley, Tim Zelner, Mary Zurowski, Carol Zsolinski

Our Military especially those deployed:

David Cluxton, Scott Glass, Paul Mowery, Jon Prindle, Jeff Satterfield

Pray that post-deployment reunions will be a joyful time for military families.

Acolytes: (8:30) Carrie Frecker and Shawn Knox ***Crucifer:*** Lynne Frecker
(11:00) Kara Parr and Jessica Campbell ***Crucifer:*** Hannah Cooper

Shepherd Ministry: Margie Smith

Attendance on December 27, 2009: Worship – 333

ST. LUKE'S IN ACTION - Week of January 3, 2010

TODAY		Simply Christian Class will meet again January 10
	11:00	Young Adult Sunday School Class (rm 29)
	11:00	Prayer Ministry Team (room 4 – all are invited to join)
	4:00	Disciple IV Bible Study
	5:00	Youth Praise Band
	5:00-6:30	Middle School Fellowship of Clay
	6:00	Women's Bethy Moore Study
	6:00-8:00	High School Fellowship of Clay
MO	9:30	M-F Preschool resumes
	4:00	Outreach Ministry meeting
WED	11:30	Easter Egg Project Org. Meeting
	5:30	Worship Ministry meeting
	5:30	Fellowship Dinners resume
	6:00	High School Youth Bible Study
	6:15	Hand Bell Choir rehearsal
	6:15	Discovery Kids
	6:15	Enhanced Men's Chorus rehearsal
	6:30	Middle School Youth Bible Study
	6:30	Disciple I Bible Study
	7:15	Chancel Choir rehearsal
FRI	9:00p.m.-Sat. a.m.	High School Lock-In
SAT	7:00-8:30	God and Grits Men's Bible Study



Radical Hospitality

Fellowship Time has finished for the season...but not to worry it will return when the warmer weather returns.

Wednesday Supper – 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the fellowship Hall. Menu: Chicken Pot Pie , Mixed Greens with Cranberries and Pecans, Pudding and Drinks. Reservation cards are in the pew racks and on the kiosk and must be in by **Sun. noon**. Cost: Adults \$5; Children (10 and under) \$3.00; Families \$20. Families of deployed eat free the first Wed. of each month. Reservation cards may be placed in the offering plate and you pay at the door.

Need a Name Tag? Please sign the book at the Hospitality Center to request one. If you've requested one please check at the Hospitality Center to pick it up.

Interested in Being a Greeter? It's a great way to meet people and see people on Sunday morning. Contact Marjorie Crosswell for more information, 890-2873.

Bread Bakers are Needed. We need two more bread bakers to bake 12 mini loaves of bread four times a year for our hospitality gift on Sundays. We have pans available. Contact Avoline Warden for more information or to volunteer, 875-0419.

Risk Taking Mission

Fire Wood Available - We've been given a sizeable amount of oak firewood. If you are in need of firewood. Call George Boyles at (h)867-8857 or Ron Dorenbush at 872-4666 or at (c) 817-0196 or email rdorenbush@aol.com.

ASP-FOGG—Early Spring 2010 Trip—SLUMC Service Ministry is seeking adult volunteers for a week of service (Feb. 21-27, 2010) at the year round Guyan Valley Center in Brenton WV. Previous experience in home repair is not necessary and anyone can help out. If interested, please contact ASP volunteer Joe Vallow at phone 898-3912 (H), or via email at vallow@cox.net.

Overeaters Anonymous is being offered at St. Luke's beginning this month on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:00 AM. If you have any questions about the purpose of the program, go to www.aa.org. Lynn is the leader of the group at St. Luke's. She may be reached at 757-898-3455.

Intentional Faith Development

New Studies Coming - We will be offering many studies during the winter and spring months. Some in process now include another Short-Term Disciple class, a special class for parents of preschoolers, a study in Acts, the Lenten Portion of Handel's Messiah, Our Lenten Workshop on Making Crosses (Feb. 16th), and many others. Be sure to watch our newsletter, bulletins, and website for more information.

Our Building Ministry link has new updates please go to our website and click the "Ministries" link to access our Building Ministry link.

Extravagant Generosity

The **Miracle of Christmas** is that God gave to us extravagantly – abundantly – far more than we could ever ask or imagine. He didn't just give us what we want, He gave us what we truly need. And it is a gift that keeps on giving, not just at Christmas, but all throughout the year. You did the same. **Our "Christmas Miracle" offering came in at \$50,704.98!** While there is a certain amount of personal satisfaction that comes from helping a needy family at Christmas, the reality is, far more people need far more help throughout the year than just at Christmas. Your unselfish generosity will enable us to share the miracle of Christmas all throughout the year to those who are the most needy. As Senior Pastor, I have never been more proud of a group of people than I am of what we have accomplished this year. WELL DONE good and faithful servants! ~ Pastor Doug

Phone Cards for the Troops: The UMC Phone Card program is administered by the United Methodist Endorsing Agency (UMEA), the entity which endorses United Methodist Chaplains to the Armed Forces. UMEA sends the cards to deployed UMC chaplains, who distribute them within their units as they see the need. The program is supported entirely by donations - a 120-minute card costs \$4.95. To help our troops stay in contact with loved ones back home, send a check payable to:
United Methodist Endorsing Agency (UMEA),
General Board of Higher Education & Ministry
PO Box 340007, Nashville, TN 37203-0007

Egg Project Organizational Meeting, this Wednesday, January 6th at 11:30 AM in Room 21. This meeting is to inform, discuss & vote on plans for the 2010 project. Plan to have lunch - Debbie will prepare a delicious soup! Contacts: Tricia Church or Debbie Frecker

PORT Homeless Shelter – Peninsula Korean Baptist Church, 972 Harpersville Road, NN, Monday, Jan 25, 2010. We need volunteers to help with guest in-processing (8), over-night duty (4) and out-processing (3). Dinner and breakfast meals are covered. Please contact Rich Zeimet, (H) 877-0753 and leave a message or sign-up in the Narthex if you are interested in serving. You may also donate fleece blankets, and/or LARGE and VERY LARGE men's clothes (coats, pants, shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, shoes - sizes 11, 12, 13). Donations may be brought to the church and placed in room 11.

The Easter Egg Project (EEP) falls under the Service Ministry, which was asked to draw up criteria for distributing the largest portion of the funds from the egg sales. Through a small committee, the EEP will be distributing the funds to individuals or families who are in acute, life changing, or threatening situations. The funds are a gift to the recipients and repayment will not be accepted. The needs will be evaluated by the EEP in a respectful and completely confidential manner. If you are in such a situation, or know of someone who is, please let us help. Applications may be obtained from the church office or you may call the office at 898-3017.

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