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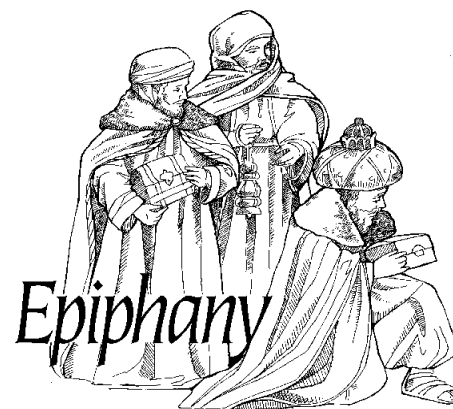
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Epiphany

Help Un-Hang the Greens

on Sat. Jan. 7 at 10 AM

WORSHIP LEADER:

Steve Simmons—Jan. 8

Lisa Bleeke—Jan. 15

GREETERS:

Frank Lakins—Jan. 8

Office Hours

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Brad Medlin

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Rob Duerr

Organists:
Jacque Fisher
Mary Jane McBride
Shelley Outlaw

Chapel Worship: 8:45 AM
Morning Worship: 10:45 AM
Sunday School: 9:30 AM
Bible Adventure: 10:45 AM

Ushers:

8:45 AM **10:45 AM**
Gary Etter Frank Taylor
Arlene Uldrich
Charlene Brown

ON PUBLIC WORSHIP

I mentioned in my message Sunday that sometimes I hear more the word “they” than “we” sometimes when it should be a “we” activity and not a “they” activity. Because the church cannot stand on a few, it needs the participation of everyone to be strong and vibrant and growing. The following kind of puts it all in to perspective for us. It was from an article by Samuel Miller, pastor of First Baptist Church in Clemson, South Carolina.

“We do together what we can never do alone.” There is a world of difference between listening to a football game on television and being one of eight thousand on a Saturday afternoon. Solos and lone instrumentals are fine, but nothing can replace the sound of a Choir that’s good or an Orchestra that know how to play. Dr. Miller was right: there are some things that we must do together.

Some time ago the Episcopal Church posted ads in several magazines. The ads show a communion set, with bread and wine, atop a television set. The caption says: “With all due regard to TV Christianity, have you every seen a Sony that gives Holy Communion?” The worship of the church is always a communal arrangement.

We are participants or the act is empty. Bow your head and pray during the prayer-time. Pick up a songbook and sing during the hymns. Bring your Bible and follow the reading for the day. Drop in your offering and use those moments to think of all the good gifts you have been given. Sing the Doxology from the depths of your life. Listen to the anthems and give thought to the sermon. The last hymn we call commitment. Use these moments to make a new commitment of your life and your week to God. I like the way John Killinger puts it: “Christianity is not a spectator religion—its Founder had nail prints in his hands.” Romans 12:1-18 reminds us that we are all needed to make the church strong—because if U R not there the Church as a whole will suffer.

In His Service, Dr. Bob

Attendance Dec. 18, 24, 25, 2011

And Jan. 1, 2012

8:45 — Dec. 18—14
10:45 — Dec. 18—122,
Dec. 25—75
Jan. 1—78
Christmas Eve—150
Sunday school —

Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$15,850)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Dec. '10	- \$ 15,964	+ \$114
Jan. '11	- \$15,252	- \$598
Feb. '11	- \$ 13,545	- \$2,305
Mar. '11	- \$12,209	- \$3,641
Apr. '11	- \$14,261	- \$1,589
May '11	- \$13,157	- \$2,693
June '11	- \$10,387	- \$5,463
July '11	- \$14,577	- \$1,273

Happy Birthday

Pasko Evanoff—Jan. 8
Jacque Fisher—Jan. 11
Taylor Steinbrunner—Jan. 11
Frank Lakins—Jan. 13
Janine Rayney—Jan. 13
Betty Lingg—Jan. 13
Ryan Brodowski—Jan. 14
Dave Fisher—Jan. 14
Kim Elliott—Jan. 18
Emily Gastineau—Jan. 18
Dotti Gastineau—Jan. 19



In Our Prayers

Toni Bailey	Glenda Boddie
Jim Coleman	DeAnn Decker
Jerry Edwards	Gary Etter
Jamie <i>Geswein</i>	Beverly Guffey
Ken Hambrick	Judy Hirshman
Vern Hine	Bill Hine
Carol Hildebrecht	Ruth Ingles

Marilyn Jones	Dan Jones
Nova Kigar	Dustin Knowlton
Vince Knowlton	Erik Landing
Mary Lehman	Nancy Lyttle
Bob McCray	Lauren McClure
Marcella Miller	Karolina O'Donell
Cindy Ramono	Harriet Shawhan
Mary Reynolds	Calire Riccos
Laura Ruppert	Tom Scheit
Paul Stutz	Danny Tomaz
Gloria Van Camp	Flo Warner
Evelyn Wheeler	Mary Willett
Paul White	Diane Yost

Those in Nursing Care

Mary Lou Chaney – Bethany Vlg.
Margaret Cobb – Walnut Creek
Margaret Dill – Masonic Home
Marion Farren—Trinity Home
Sharon Gilmore—Heartland—Kett.
Ginny Hambrick—Walnut Creek
Mildred Heath – Walnut Creek
Lottie Jaeger – The Oaks, West Kett
Dan Jones – Patriot Ridge Nursing
Lena Patterson – Liberty Woods
Charles Warren – East Moline, IL
Vera Westfall—Elm Croft, Washington
Tnsp.

Military

Ian Bader - USA, (Brown's grandson)
Scott Certain – USA
(Jo Anne Jay's son-in-law)
Andrew Hayden – USA
(Edna Holland's grandson)
Tyler Mantia – Afghanistan
Michael Mantia – USA (Mantia family sons)
Nathan Nicholas—USA
Brian Nicholas—Korea (Nicholas family sons)
Adam Reeves—USA (Edna's grandson)
Sam Rogers—USA (Jen Roger's son)
Casey Ryan - USA (Weyrauch son-in-law)
Kevin Stites— USA (S Stites grandsons)
Ryan Stites - USA

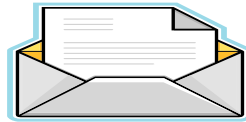
"In Sympathy"



We extend our prayers to the family of Tom Wheeler, upon the passing of his mother, Jessie Wheeler on Dec. 27, to eternal life. May God comfort Tom and the family at this time of loss.

- Your GOPCC family

We extend our prayers to the family of Jim Farra, who passed onto eternal life, Dec. 29. Rev. Smitley officiated at his funeral service on Jan. 2, 2012. May God comfort Ellen, Diana and the family at this time of loss.



"Thank You"

Dear Church Friends,

Thanks to all of you who have shown us support and care in Jim's declining health.

We ask for your continued prayers for God's will in our lives.

Thanks to All, Ellen Farra and family

Dear Congregation,

Thank you for making my Christmas more pleasant with the Christmas basket I received on the 17th of Dec. I appreciate the sacrifices your congregation make in the name of Jesus. May God bless you during this Christmas season and always.

Sincerely, Patricia Rinderle

Dear Church family,

I thank you for the beautiful Christmas cards. I so enjoyed each one. They were all so different and nice. I also thank Rev. Smitley for his visit, it was nice.

Sincerely, Rosemary Alystock

Pastor Search Committee Selected



At the December Official Board Meeting, the Pastor Search Committee candidates were presented and approved by the Board. **They are Frank Lakins, Anna Slaidins, Loretta Liesch, Greg Goodner, Nikki Taylor, Brian Hager, Laura Von Holle, Ken Hambrick, Jr., John Slaidins, Ron Lyttle, Meg Roalef, Jane Simmons, Joyce Kelly, and Don Keltner. Rev. Dr. Bob Smitley, our interim pastor, will be a part of this team as well.**

They will meet for the first time as a committee on Thursday, January 12, 6:00 P.M., at church. At this meeting, **Rev. Ruth Brandon, our SONKA Minister,** will orient the group to the task they face, and help "jump start" the next step in the process...that of developing a church profile. Soon after meeting with Rev. Brandon, the Search Committee will select a chair, a recording secretary, and any other position within the committee that will help it perform in the best way. As they move forward, they will provide updates on how the process is moving along. There will probably be a time when they will request input from the congregation. When they do, let's all commit to providing the information the commit-

tee needs.

I would like to thank Brad Medlin, Jamie Fisher, and Lisa Bleeke, who worked with me on the subcommittee to establish this Pastor Search Committee. A special thanks and **"well done"** goes to Lisa...as the new committee members know, Lisa was the voice on the phone and in the church that asked **you** to be a part of this great endeavor in the life of our church.

Thank you, Pastor Search Committee, for volunteering your time and talents!

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion... (Phil 1:6a)

Take Care, Bob Beall

Administrative Chairperson, 2011



Un-Hanging the Greens

—Sat. Jan. 7

Come join in un-decorating on Saturday, Jan. 7 at 10 AM. We will pack away the Christmas ornaments and trees. Many hands will make light work, please come and help out.

Youth News

Youth Groups Fall Schedule



Footprints— (K to 2nd grade)

1st Sunday of month

Crusaders - 3 to 5th grade

3rd Sunday of month

Girls of Grace—Jr High girls

Last Sunday of month, 6to 8pm

Christian Nighthawks—Sr High boys - TBA

Jr High youth—6th to 8th

1st & 3rd Saturday evenings
8 to 11PM

5th Quarter—Sr High youth
2nd & 4th Saturday evenings
8 to 11PM

The Jr High held a LOCK-IN before thanksgiving and had around 30 attend.

The Sr High held a LOCK-IN this past weekend. They had 40 attend. They also joined in the early worship service Sunday morning. GREAT JOB—Sheri and all your chaperone helpers!

Chimes Article Deadlines are:

Jan. 16, Jan 30.

Save your used Christmas cards—bring them to the church office. Cheryl Barnett will collect them for use at a Nursing Home in the coming year.

Official Board 2012 RETREAT

All 2012 Official Board Chairpersons are asked to mark your calendar for Saturday, Jan. 28, @ 9 AM for the annual planning Board RETREAT.

Please let the church office know if you will be unable to attend.

- Brad Medlin,

Administrative Chair, 2012

“Silk Arrangements” are lovely

We thank Marilyn Foskuhl and Barb Etter who have given their talents in silk flower arranging, for making such nice Altar flower arrangements. Just to remind everyone, the Official Board decided to use silk flowers to adorn the Altar for the coming year, since the cost of fresh flowers was not being met.

If you wish to purchase real fresh flowers for a particular Sunday, you must make the arrangements and payment yourself and just let the church office know, so your special gift may be recognized. - Worship Committee

2012 Bulletin Chart posted

If you wish to donate Sunday Worship bulletins, please sign-up on the Bulletin Chart posted across from the church office. The cost of the bulletins is \$14. You can drop your payment into the offering plate, just mark it for bulletins. Your participation in our worship services by this gift is greatly appreciated.

- - Worship Committee

Sub Sale 2012



At this time every year we have a submarine sandwich sale in order to provide a few extras for the Preschool. The church is going to work with us on the sale. This year the profits from sandwiches sold by Preschool parents will go for many of our special programs. These include Breakfast/ Lunch with Santa, field trips, Voyager Puppet Shows, the Philharmonic String Quartet and picnics in the park. Some of last year’s profits went for a new gymnastic mat, new tables and chairs, and now radios. The profits from sandwiches sold by church members will go to their special projects The profits from sandwiches sold by church members who are also Preschool parents will be equally divided between the church and preschool Last year we sold 2170 sandwiches.

The sandwiches are really delicious! They are prepared with Pepperidge Farm buns. This year we are offering an option of ham, salami and pepperoni with pizza sauce, cheese and mild peppers. You may order them with or without the peppers. The other option is turkey with provolone cheese and lettuce. They are wrapped individually in plastic bags. They cost \$3.50 each.

All orders must be turned in by Sun., Jan. 29. You may put orders in the offering plate, Church office or

Preschool office. Then on Fri., Feb. 10 at 3 PM all the fun begins! From 3 to 5 PM we need a few people to make sandwiches for special orders The from 5 to 7 PM we need as many helpers as can come to continue to make sandwiches. We also need a few people to help with baby-sitting from 5 to 7 PM. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the church bulletin board. It really was a lot of fun last year! Baby-sitting will be available for your young children from 5 to 7 PM.

We really need you to pick-up all of your orders on Friday night, Feb. 10 from 7 to 8 PM. In the Donut Room downstairs. We also require that you pay for all your orders at the time of pick-up If you cannot pick up your orders on the pick-up date, please notify Ruth Fulmer by Fri. Feb. 3.

Thank you so much for all your help! If you have any questions please call me at 252-8740 or 298-0703.

- Ruth Fulmer, Director of Green-Oak Preschool



Hello, Welcome,

Hand Shakes & Hugs

If you like doing these simple and caring acts, then consider being a 2012 Greeter. Volunteers may sign-up for a Sunday on the bulletin board across from the church office.

Please consider sharing these warm gifts before the 10:45 worship hour. Just come at 10:30 AM and greet fellow worshippers at the sanctuary door. - Membership Comm.

