



Virginia Avenue United Methodist Church

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Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

January 7, 2007

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Processional: "Soon, and Very Soon"

All

♪ *Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King; Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King; Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King; Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.* ♪ (CCLI #1311345)

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, all you who are thirsty. Come to the source of living water.

People: Some of us feel flooded -- too much to do too soon. We feel in danger of going under.

Leader: Come, rest beside the still waters and feel the ease of the cool stream.

People: Some of us feel empty -- always giving and pouring ourselves out with no time to tap into the Source.

Leader: Come, taste the eternal springs of living water, drink deep and long.

People: Some of us feel blocked and stagnant -- judgments, denials, wounds and frustrations limiting the flow of grace.

Leader: Come, be plunged deep into the healing waters and fresh rivers of God's love.

People: We come to touch the living water and remember our baptism. Let the joyful water flow.

* Opening Hymn: "When Jesus Came to Jordan"

No. 252

Extending the Hand of Fellowship and Welcome

All

Morning Prayer

Pastor

The Lord's Prayer *(as found at No. 895)*

A Minute of Silent Prayer

Offering

* Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow"

No. 95

* Offertory Hymn: "This is the Spirit's Entry Now"

No. 608

Children's Message

Rev. Goodman

Choral Praise: "To Crown Him King of Kings"

Choir

Scripture: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon:

Rev. Goodman

The Congregational Renewal of our Baptismal Vows

(Please join in the ritual as it begins on page 50 in the hymnal.)

* Closing Hymn: "Wash O God, Our Sons and Daughters" No. 605

* Pastoral Benediction

* Indicates that you may stand, as you are able

TODAY'S HOSTS

Pastor: Rev. Terry Goodman

Pianist: Debbie Dixon

Ushers: Willie Lowe, D. J. Johnson
Jeff Buchanan, E. E. Erskine

Greeters:

Hospitality:

Nursery: Rita Pauley

Children's Church: *Will begin meeting again in February.*

CALENDAR

Today:

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship & Children's
Church
12:00 p.m. Fellowship Luncheon

Monday:

6:30 p.m. Parent's Session

Tuesday:

7:00 p.m. Ewilda Whitenack Circle

Wednesday:

6:00 p.m. Youth & Children's Classes
7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday:

7:00 p.m. McGuire/Warden-Gill Circle

Friday-Sunday

Youth Trip to Resurrection, Gatlinburg, TN

January Birthdays

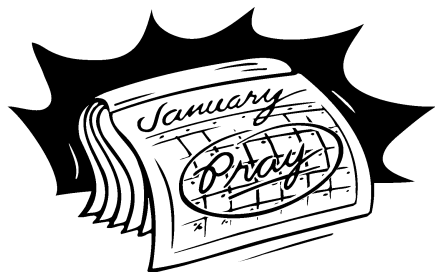
2 Linda O'Neal
6 Jill Gillenwater
7 Cari Lowe
12 Brenda Nash
13 Joe Stevenson
16 Wally Rangeo
Alesia Simpson
20 Sherry Cook
Baylee Bowen
22 Adam Bowen
30 Barbara Amburn
31 Mark Nash
Bonnie Angove
John McGinnis

January Anniversaries

14 Dwayne & Pam Nuckols

January 2007 Calendar

	1	2	3 12:00 PM Sarah Creasy Circle	4	5 7:00 AM UMM Breakfast	6
7 12:00 PM Fellowship Luncheon	8 6:30 PM Parent's Session	9 7:00 PM Ewilda Whitenack Circle	10	11 7:00 PM McGuire/ Warden - Gill Circle	12 <i>Resurrec- tion</i>	13 <i>Resurrec- tion</i>
14 <i>Resurrec- tion</i>	15 7:00 PM Council on Ministries Office Closed	16	17	18	19	20
21 6:00 PM Administra- tive Board	22	23	24	25	26	27 3:00 PM - 10:00PM Fellowship Hall Reserved <i>UMM Sandwich Ministry</i>
28	29 7:00 PM Staff/ Parish Relations	30	31			



Start the New Year with
Prayer

Welcome to the New Year and a New Look for the Weekly Bulletin

We will be using the larger format as a cost saving means. The paper costs more than our old bulletin size, but we can cut the copying costs in half, since we will have two less sides to run through the copier each week.



On the Avenue

The 2007 Church Directory Will Be Available Soon

During 2006 we published our first Church Directory. We will update the directory for 2007 with a new list of phone numbers, church officers, 2007 budget, birthdays, anniversaries and much more. This year, in order to save mailing costs, we are simply going to put the directories on the table in the narthex. If you want one, then you need to make sure and pick up a copy. If you know of someone that does not attend church regularly that would like a copy, then please have them contact the church office. Better yet, why don't you take a copy to the person that might want one and invite them to come back to church on a regular basis.

Remember, There is No January Newsletter

The December and January newsletters were combined and we will be publishing our next newsletter at the end of this month for February. If you have any information that you would like to include in the newsletter, then please have it to the church office by Monday morning January 22nd. We will be compiling the newsletter that week and mailing it out on the 29th.

The Council on Ministries will Meet January 15th

The Council on Ministries will have its first meeting of 2007 on Monday night January 15th at 7:00 p.m. We need to get off to a good start in 2007. All members should attend.

Our First Self Directed Study is Now Available

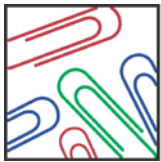
If you want to learn more about the topic of prayer, then you should get a copy of our first self directed Bible Study. You need to let Leisa know and she will make a copy for you. It might take a couple of days for her to put your copy together. We are only making them on an as requested basis. I think you will find the guide to be challenging and helpful. Other topics that are underway include: Fellowship, Evangelism, Worship, and Service. If there is a topic for which you'd like to see a guide created, then send that topic to the pastor and he'll see if he has access to the materials to make it into a study.

Christmas Card Exchange



We still have several Christmas Cards that have not been picked up. Please check the list of names below to see if you, or someone you know, still have undelivered cards. The cards will be available for pick up in the Narthex until January 14th. If you see someone on the list that does not attend regularly, or is homebound,

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Allen	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Maupin
Mr. & Mrs. David Alvis	Mr. & Mrs. John McGinnis
Ms. Bonnie Angove	Mrs. Charlotte Nuckols
Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Blankenship	Mr. & Mrs. David Olinger
Mrs. Bessie Brewer	Mr. & Mrs. John O'Neal & family
Mr. & Mrs. Luster Brooks	Mr. & Mrs. Murray Pope
Mr. & Mrs. James Brown	Mr. & Mrs. Terry Reed & family
Mr. & Mrs. Boyd	Mr. & Mrs. Alan Simpson & family
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Buchanan	Mrs. Judy Smith
Mrs. Dorothy Chudina	Mr. & Mrs. Joe Stevenson
Mr. & Mrs. Don Darlington	Mrs. Mildred Wilburn
Ms. Dru Ferguson	Mrs. Dottie Williams
Mrs. Ruth Fleshman	Mrs. Lousie Wilson
Mrs. Opie Forbes	Mrs. Irene Wince
Mr. Layne French	
Mr. & Mrs. Darrow Harman	
Mrs. Stephanie Haver & family	
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hicks & family	
Mr. & Mrs. William Horton	
Mrs. Myrtle Kinser	
Mr. & Mrs. D. J. Johnson	
Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Leffel	



FROM THE
CHURCH
OFFICE

I would like to thank everyone for their gifts and the kindness I received during the Christmas Season. For all who gave to the staff appreciation love offering, for those who left me yummy treats, for the beautiful cards, and also to those who left gifts anonymously, you all have my heartfelt gratitude. Your thoughtfulness has blessed me.

With much love,
Leisa Moten

A Prayer for the New Year

Come, Holy Spirit,
Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always.
Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.
Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.
May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us,
A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,
A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,
A time for growing in virtue and goodness.

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