



Virginia Avenue United Methodist Church

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Third Sunday After the Epiphany
January 21, 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

If my lips could sing as many songs

As there are waves in the sea:

If my tongue could sing as many hymns

As there are ocean billows:

If my mouth

Filled the whole firmament with praise:

If my face

Shone like the sun and moon together:

If my hands

Were to hover in the sky like powerful eagles

And my feet

Ran across mountains as swiftly as the deer;

All that would not be enough to pay you fitting Tribute,

O Lord my God.

* Opening Hymn: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 57

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: No.150

"God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

Children's Message Rev. Goodman

Choral Praise: Choir

Scripture: Luke 4:14-21

Sermon: Rev. Goodman

* Closing Hymn: "Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" No. 340

* 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: Norma Davis

Hospitality: Michelle & Tom Carter

Nursery: Sherry Cook

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

4:00 p.m. UMW Planning meeting

6:00 p.m. Administrative Board

Wednesday:

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

7:00 p.m. Choir

Saturday:

UMM Sandwich Ministry

3:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m. *Fellowship Hall reserved*

January Birthdays

22 Adam Bowen

Gospel

READING

Luke 4:12-21

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.

15 He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. 17 The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to release the oppressed,

19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."[\[a\]](#)

20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, 21 and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

The 2007 Church Directory Available TODAY

During 2006 we published our first Church Directory. We have updated 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 have simply put the directories on the table in the narthex. If you want one, then you need to make

sure and pick up a copy. **Please pick up only one copy per household.** 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.



On the Avenue

The UMW will Meet Today

The UMW will have a planning meeting at 4:00 p.m. this afternoon. All Circle leaders and any other women interested in the UMW are asked to attend.

The Administrative Board Meets Today

The Administrative Board will hold its first meeting of 2007 tonight January 21st at 6:00 p.m. All members of the Board should attend this meeting.

End of Year Contribution Statements

Patty will have the 2006 contribution statements ready next Sunday, January 28th. They may be picked up in the narthex. We are asking people to pick them up if at all possible so that we can save the cost of mailing them all out.

The Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee Meets Jan. 29th

The Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee will meet on Monday night January 29th at 7:00 p.m. at the church. The primary item on the agenda will be the recommendation for pastoral assignment for the upcoming annual conference year. Members of the committee are: Derrill Douthat, Chairperson, Dave Parris, Donna Ward, Willie Lowe, Dona Kirby, Opie Forbes, Deana Hicks, Betty Owoc, & Betty Rorrer.

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.

February Newsletter Article Deadline is Today!

If you have any information to be included in the February newsletter, then it needs to be into the office by tomorrow morning. Leisa will be typing the newsletter tomorrow afternoon and it will be in the mail by Tuesday or Wednesday.



Alpha Course 3 to Start in February

We are going to start a new Alpha Course on Tuesday February 13th at noon in the fellowship hall. This course will be a one hour meeting with each person bringing a sack lunch for the session. We are going to use the shorter versions of the video to allow a quick study of the material. There are 15 sessions in the Alpha Course and we will finish up in late May.

If you are interested, then please contact the church office and let us know so that we can order a student book for you. The cost of the book will be \$10.00.

In case you haven't heard by now, Alpha presents the basics of the Christian faith and helps those attending draw closer to one another in a small group setting.

For more information on Alpha, contact one of the graduates and ask them about the course: Buzzie & Linda Douthat, Bonnie Angove, Barbara Nash, Glenda Estep, Boyd & Donna Comer, Cindy Workman, Joe & Jewel Johnson, Dave & Judy Parris, Dorothy Chudina, Opie Forbes, and Betty Owoc.



- Roxie Angles - 94
- Christopher Bowen
- Bessie Brewer
- Pauline Childers
- Dottie Chudina's Sister-in-Law
- Jerry Connelly
- Randy Davis
- Matthew Dixon
- Carrie Gooden family
- Roscoe & Margaret
- Mary Beth Gills
- Ruth Gilpin
- Terri Groseclose
- Shirley Helmondollar
- Vernon & Hop Hopkins
- Ronnie Houchins
- Tracy & Betty Janutalo
- Norma Morgan
- Judi Parris' brother
- Kenny Sawyers
- Sydney Shepherd
- Robert Simpson
- Judy Smith
- Wanda Stevenson
- Lloyd Walker
- George Wampler family
- George Walker
- Unspoken Requests

Ewilda Whitenack Circle Invites You to A Special Valentine's Meal

On Sunday February 11th. The Ewilda Whitenack UMW Circle will host a fund raising meal at the church immediately following the worship service. They will also be selling personalized heart-shaped cakes for the occasion. If you would like to order a cake for someone please see the insert in today's bulletin to place your order.

- Menu:
- Spaghetti
 - Salad
 - Bread
 - Drink

Assorted desserts

**Take-out trays available.

Cost of the meal

- \$5.00 — ages 13 and up
- \$2.50 — ages 6-12
- Free— ages 5 and under



Valentine's Meal