

“And now these three remain:

**FAITH,
HOPE
and
LOVE.**



But the greatest of these is
LOVE.”

1 Corinthians 13:13

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Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

January 28, 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

Loving Christ, you are our gentle Shepherd.

We are your people, we long to know your will and to live in your way.

Keep us safe and secure in your compassionate hands.

People: Lead us, gentle Shepherd, lead us into new paths of love and service.

As you lead and guide us, touch our hearts and minds in this worship time,

So that our spirits may be refreshed and our lives filled with joy and praise.

* Opening Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

No. 110

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: "We'll Understand It Better By and By" No. 525

Children's Message

Rev. Goodman

Choral Praise:

Choir

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13

Sermon:

Rev. Goodman

* Closing Hymn: "Here I Am, Lord"

No. 593

* 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: Boyd & Donna Comer

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

5:00 p.m. Administrative Board

Monday:

7:00 p.m. Staff/Parish Relations

Wednesday:

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

7:00 p.m. Choir

Friday:

7:00 p.m. United Methodist Men's Breakfast

January Birthdays

30 Barbara Amburn

Lisa Angove

31 Mark Nash

Bonnie Angove

John McGinnis

February

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1 Corinthians 13 (New International Version)

New International Version (NIV)

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Love

1If I speak in the tongues[a] of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames,[b] but have not love, I gain nothing.

4Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. 11When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. 12Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

13And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

In the February Newsletter, it was erroneously reported that the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper would be held on February 6th.



NewsLetter
Correction

Please note that the correct date for the supper will be Tuesday February 20th from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

The 2007 Church Directory Are Available Today

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. 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 Administrative Board Meets Today at 5:00 p.m.

The Administrative Board will hold its first meeting of 2007 this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. All members of the Board should attend this meeting.

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.

United Methodist Men's Breakfast is This Friday

The United Methodist Men will hold their monthly breakfast on Friday February 2, 2007 at 7:00 a.m. All men of the church are invited to attend this meal.

Youth Sunday Scheduled for February 11th

The Youth of the church will plan and lead the worship service on Sunday February 11th. They'll let us know about Resurrection 2007 and challenge our faith. Please be present for this special worship service.

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.



Alpha Course 3 to Start in February

Alpha
USA

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
Sue Barbery
Christopher Bowen
Bessie Brewer
Pauline Childers
Martha Jane Chudina
Jerry Connelly
Dylan Cook
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
Joe Johnson
Nancy Lester
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

Cost of the meal

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

**Take-out trays available.



Valentine's Meal