

Nottingham United Methodist Church
January 3, 2021 11:00 am Morning Worship
First Sunday of Epiphany

"When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh". [Matthew 2:10-11](#)

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

MUSIC MINISTRY OF PATSYAND JIM

OPENING PRAISE "His Name is Wonderful" -----UMH 174
"He is Lord"-----Chorus

WELCOME AND PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP "Good News"-----Insert

HYMN "Go Tell It on the Mountain" -----UMH 251

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -----UMH 881

† THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER TIME

MUSIC MINISTRY OF LIZ KISER

SCRIPTURE/SERMON-----Pastor Bill Porter

HYMN "My Tribute"-----UMC 99

†CLOSING PRAYER

MUSIC MINISTRY OF PATSYAND JIM

† CONGREGATION STANDING

PASTOR: *Bill Porter*

MUSICIANS: *Patsy Mercer, Jim Putman, Liz Kiser*

AUDIO/VISUAL TECH: *Aaron Sams*

LAY LEADER: *Velena Wheatley*

TELLERS: *Velena & Jean*

Records for Sunday, December 27, 2020 - No service- snow and ice

Sunday School |On Line Worship n/a| Morning Worship n/s|

Tithes/Offerings \$2120.00| Wednesday Bible Study 9|

Property Fund \$696.76| Paving Fund \$1157.00

Records for Sunday, December 20, 2020

Sunday School |On Line Worship n/a| Morning Worship 29|

Tithes/Offerings \$724.00| Wednesday Bible Study 8|

Property Fund \$696.76| Paving Fund \$1157.00

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS. *You can continue to mail checks or give at Church. Offering containers are located on foyer tables or go to Nottingham's Website and click ONLINE GIVING if you are interested in this way of giving. Thank you!*

Prayer List: Gary Smith Family, Sharon Leonard Edwards Family, Annalee Begley Family, Jerry Elliott Family, Eva Kilbourne Family, Vivian Farley Family, Rev. Ken Pierce Family, Carolyn Tipton Family, Patricia Jo Taylor Family, Tweed Family, Robert Snodgrass Family, Gerald Cox Family, Donald Ray Family, Brian Davis Family, Bob Miller Family, John Renfro Family, James Tilley Family, Eddie McMillan Family, Kyle Donihe Family, Burton Keese Family, Shirley Blackburn Family, Mary Cole Family, Ray Yates Family, Larry Falin Family, Sam Kelly Family, Marian Kurapka Family, Stan Wells Family, Helen Tipton Family, Gladys Goode Family, Charlie & Lois Anderson, Anna Bishop, Bird Blackburn, Edna Carico, Otis Dockery, Kristen Dykes, Midge Falin, Faye Fansler, Terry and Anna Farmer, Gran Fields, Orbin Fleeenor, Charles Goode, Wanda Helms, Kenneth & Patsy Herron, Danny Horne, Melanie Horne, Nadine Horton, Carl and Lynn Johnson, Richard & Sherri Jones, Bessie Keene, Drexie & Ken Key, Herb & Lois Kyllonen, James Lane, Jackie McConnell, Mike McConnell, Scott McConnell, Sally McDowall, Patsy Mercer, Rev. Jeff Moncier, Shelia Newton, Perkins Family, Kim Potts, Linda Porter, Nell Powers, Jim Putman, Elise Richards, Ruth Richards, Martha Richardson, Bonnie Robinson, Michelle Salling, Brenda & Jerry Sams, Norma Smith, Joan Taylor, Karen Taylor, Kate Warren, Flo Wolfe, Rev. Jeff Wright & Sandy Wright, the lost, our troops, the brokenhearted & discouraged, our President and leaders.

Love and Sympathy - We are mourning the loss of Gary Smith. Gary went to be with Jesus early Saturday morning, December 19. We miss him. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date.

Advent Wreath -The word "Advent" is a Latin word meaning "Coming". That is what Advent is all about - Preparation for the coming of Jesus. The First candle was lit for Hope - Hope in God's Presence with us. Then we lit the second candle for Peace - Peace in each step of our Journey. We lit the third candle, the candle of Joy. It reminds us of the joy the world received at the birth of Jesus - Joy experienced and shared. Last week we lit the fourth candle of Love. Love one another. Today, we light the Christ Candle, the candle of Christ's Light.

Mendota Worship - Sundays, 3 pm.

Wednesday Bible Studies - Continue this week at Mendota @ 11 am and Nottingham @ 1 pm.

Children's Gift Bags. There were 31 children/youth blessed by this ministry. Thank you for your donations of stocking stuffers and \$.

Christmas Day -We celebrated Christmas Day with a Meal Pick-up/ Delivery Ministry. The menu was ham, chicken, sweet potato casserole, chunky cooked apples, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and a variety of desserts. Twenty -five individuals were blessed that day with a hot meal.

Remember - There are *Twelve Days of Christmas*. Christmas Day was the first day. Today is the Tenth Day of Christmas - The Ten Commandments. Let's celebrate all twelve days - Give thanks and praise to the Lord!!

Please continue to pray for everyone on our Prayer List. Pray and give thanks for those working in hospitals, nursing homes, pharmacies, food stores, etc. Pray this disease will be erased from the earth and our memory. Pray for our President and world leaders, our government workers and elected officials. Pray for wisdom and understanding for leading our country. Pray the word over families, our congregation, friends and neighbors. Pray and believe - 1 Timothy 2; 1-3; Psalm 91:10; Philippians 4:19 and Psalm 103: 1-5. God is with us and for us! Please continue to minister and care for one another by phone, cards, text messages, emails, etc.

EMMANUEL - (God is With Us)

IN GOD WE TRUST

Make this a greeting and a proclamation to each other. This is where our hope is found.

In Person and Online Worship - As we continue our In-Church services, our online worship continues also, please send prayer requests to the office by email, phone, Facebook, etc. You may call the Church office and leave a message (276-386-3771) or Pastor (423-914-5156). As the Coved -19 numbers rise in our area, we stay committed to safety for all. Our doors are open, facemasks and distancing are required. Again, if you are ill or feel unsafe, please do not attend in-person worship but join us for on-line worship. The Conference Task Force has recommended that we do not have in person worship but that decision has been left up to the individual churches. Our district, as most districts in our conference, are in the red (High -risk) status. Our Return to Worship Committee meets regularly, looks at the data, and decides for our church. Thanks for your commitment in safe worship.

January Birthdays: Franky Hale (1); Donnie Bays (5); Jennie Marrs (6); Jackie McConnell (7); Ann Nickels (10); Brenda Sams (15); Ava Hamm (15)
Maria Maggio (18) Trinity Page (23)

January Anniversaries:

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Call to Worship

Leader: People of God, at Jesus' birth the angels proclaimed the Good News.

People: This is good news for all people!

Leader: Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem for me, for you, for all of God's Children everywhere.

People; This is good news for all people!

Leader: Jesus Christ entered our world as a baby but became our victorious King, working on our behalf to save us from our sin and from the sins of the world.

People: At Christmastime we sing songs that tell the angel's message: "do not be afraid, I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior; has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. (Luke 2:10-11, NIV) This is the good news that will bring great joy to all people. May all who have ears to hear, hear the good news!

All: We have heard the good news. Joy to the world!
The Lord is come!

Epiphany

O God,
you made of one blood all nations,
and, by a star in the East,
revealed to all peoples HIM whose name is Emmanuel.

Enable us who know your presence with us
so to proclaim his unsearchable riches
that all may come to his light
and bow before the brightness of his rising,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. Amen.



EPIPHANY SUNDAY

On Epiphany, January 6, we celebrate the visit of the wise men and Christ's being revealed to the world. The word Epiphany means "manifestation." The wise men were the first Gentiles to whom Christ was made known. Three crowns, gold, frankincense, myrrh, the star, and candles are displayed on this day.

BEGINNING OF EPIPHANY

Epiphany is a more ancient celebration than Christmas. It included Christ's birth, incarnation, and baptism. In some places Jesus' birth is still celebrated January 6.

THE WISE MEN

The wise men from the East, or Magi, were priests among the Medes and Persians. Scripture doesn't say how many wise men came to Bethlehem. Tradition has at times set the number from two to twelve. However, with three gifts mentioned, we usually think of three Magi. Pictured with rich gifts and clothes, they came to be called Kings.

THREE KINGS DAY

In many Spanish-speaking countries, January 6, Dia de Los Reyes, Three Kings Day, is the time when children receive gifts. They place boxes filled with hay for the wise men's camels under their beds or at the door. The camels eat the hay and the kings leave gifts for the children. In church services, plays and special songs focus on the visit of the kings and their gifts to the Christ Child.

Wise Men and Wise Women Still Seek **HIM**