

January 2022



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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Even though we may think of Christmas as over and done with, the season of Christmas continues until the Day of Epiphany on January 6 (the twelfth day of Christmas) and Epiphany Sunday on January 9. It is a time to celebrate the visit of the Magi, Wisemen from the east who followed the star to see the Christ Child. This is a story that sometimes gets lumped in as an add on with the shepherds at the manger. However, it could have been up to a couple of years later when the Magi arrived at their destination to deliver their gifts.

I think the day of Epiphany is important for a couple of reasons. First it demonstrates that God speaks in ways people can understand. The Magi were looking for and anticipating a sign. Even though others saw the sign, they did not know what it was. It was the Magi who realized what the star meant and how to respond to it. I also find this story reassuring because the birth of Christ was announced to both the Gentiles and the Jews. Christ came so that everyone, even people in a foreign land, could know God and have a relationship with God.

There is hope that comes from the story of the Magi. God continues to speak to each of us in ways that we can relate to. If we open our hearts and seek God, God will guide us. God loves each of us no matter who we are.

As we say goodbye to 2021 and look forward to 2022, it is a time to pause, reflect, and remember, while also looking forward to the future. It is my hope and prayer that for the New Year we, as the church, will go forward in faith and continue to be the light of Christ in our community and our world.

Blessings to you in 2022!

Pastor John

ACTIVITIES

Sally and I would like to say thank you for your generous Christmas gift, along with the cards and notes that you sent. We appreciate all that you do in so many different ways throughout the year to demonstrate God's love. We are truly blessed.

Pastor John and Sally

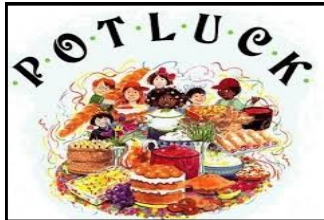
Epiphany Dinner!
Pastor John and Sally Messner
will be hosting an Epiphany
Dinner on January 6 at 6pm.
The Dinner will be held at the
22 to None facility in South
Boardman (former elementary
school) All are welcome,
please RSVP to Pastor John or
Sally by Sunday, January 2.
Thank You!

Birthday's!

JANUARY

3rd	Dwain Provins
4th	Sue Burrows
6th	River Goss
7th	Clara Hasenick
8th	Sue Morrison
8th	Donn Hubbell
9th	Carol Walter
11th	Jan & Steve Donker's Anniv.
13th	Sherry Boucher
14th	Marcy Block
15th	Jaclyn Voice
18th	Pam & John Hamstra's Anniv.
24th	Zach Reece
31st	Sue Mull

Stay Tuned for Potluck Themes! Check the dates on the Calendar!



Interested in Quilting?
Contact Holly!



KIDS FIRST
UGANDA
 Inspire * Empower * Equip

Kids First Uganda has a new website:
www.kidsfirstuganda.org
 Check out this great mission!

Sign Up Sheets in the
Narthex for Coffee
Fellowship, Liturgist,
Sunday School and
Altar Flowers!
Thank You!

Our January Noisy Offering will support Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency. They have Emergency Energy Assistance available in all ten of NMCAA's counties through the Michigan Energy Assistance Program. There is assistance available for deliverable fuels and metered utilities used for home heating. Thank you for supporting this!

Upcoming Dates:

- **Epiphany Diner 1/6**
- **Potluck after Church 1/9**
- **Unified Parish SPRC Meeting 1/17**
- **Unified Parish Council Meeting 1/19**

JANUARY 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1
New
Years
Day!

2

10:15
Worship/
Communion
Svc./Coffee

3

4

"Come Thou
Long Expected
Jesus" Bible
Study 9am @
Fife Lake

5

6

Epiphany Din-
ner 6pm@ 22
to None facility
in South
Boardman

7

8

9

10:15
Worship Svc.,
followed by
POTLUCK

10

AD Council
Meeting 6pm
@WUMC

11

12

3pm All Faith Svc. @
Samaritas

13

14

15

16

10:15
Worship Svc./
Coffee

17

Unified Parish
SPRC 6:30pm
@ FLUMC

18

19

Unified Parish
Council 6:30pm
@ FLUMC

20

21

22

23

10:15
Worship Svc

24

25

26

3pm All Faith Svc. @
Samaritas

27

28

29

30

10:15
Worship
Svc

31

AA SCHEDULE

Monday, 7:00pm

Saturday, Men Only 10am

Saturday, Everyone, 7pm



DO ALL THAT
YOU CAN DO TO
LIVE IN PEACE
WITH EVERYONE.

ROMANS 12:18

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