

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*

*Epiphany Sunday, January 5, 2014*

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE PRELUDE

"Judean - Pastorale"

Ashdown

#### THE LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord, this year, we will follow the Star of Bethlehem.

**People: Too long we've gone the wrong way  
Followed the wrong stars!**

Leader: We went South following movie stars, greed, and lust.

**People: Star of Wonder...**

Leader: We went East following stars of militarism, nationalism, and war.

**People: Star of Light...**

Leader: We even went North following our own visions, our own intuition,  
and our own way.

**People: Star with Royal Beauty Bright...**

Leader: Lord, this year, we will follow the Star of Bethlehem.

**People: The Star of Hope.**

Leader: The Star of Peace.

**People: The Star of Joy.**

Leader: The Star of Love.

**People: The Star that is You.**

#### THE PEACE OF CHRIST

#### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"Joy to the World"

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## THE GOOD NEWS FOR CHILDREN

Lorrie Mottesheard

### THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

**THE OFFERTORY** "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" **Une Jeune Pucelle**

**THE DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH#94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### JOYS & CONCERNS

#### \*THE MORNING PRAYER

#### ANTHEM

"Assurance"

**John Ness Beck**

#### \*SCRIPTURE

Psalm 72: 1-7

#### THE MESSAGE

"Only One Resolution"

**Pastor Paul**

#### \*THE SENDING HYMN

"Love Came Down at Christmas"

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### DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

#### POSTLUDE

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

**What Is Happening This Week at First Church**

**SUN:** 9:45 AM Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Worship  
 12:15 PM Staff Recognition reception in social hall  
 5:30 PM UM Youth in youth room

**MON:** 9:00 AM Social hall reserved  
 5:30 PM Zumba Class in social hall  
 6:00 PM Girl Scouts in assembly room  
 7:00 PM Scouts in scout room

**TUES:** 10:30 AM Craft Group in social hall  
 2:00 PM Bible Study in parlor  
 5:30 PM Zumba Class in social hall  
 6:45 PM Southridge Lions in social hall  
 6:45 PM Cubs in scout room  
 7:00 PM Trustee meeting in library

**WED:** 9:00 AM Social hall reserved  
 5:30 PM WOW! for children in social hall  
 5:30 PM Youth  
 7:00 PM Bible Study in parlor

**THUR:** 5:30 PM Zumba  
 6:00 PM TOPS Meeting  
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir rehearsal

**FRI:** Church Office closed

**SUN:** 9:45 AM Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Worship  
 5:30 PM UM Youth in youth room

**Altar Flowers**

are to the Glory of God and in celebration of Logan Childress' first birthday on January 4, great grandson of Betty and Carl Childress.

**There are open dates**

for Altar flowers for March 9, 23, 30, April 6, 20 & 27, 2014. If you would like to place flowers on the altar for any of these dates, please call the church office (304-744-3211). The cost is \$20.00.

**Our Sincere Sympathy**

to Connie Rollins in the death of her sister, Barbara Jarrell, who died in Florida.  
 to Jeanne Murphy in the death of her aunt, Goldie Workman, who died on Christmas Eve.  
 to Rick and Karen Johnston in the death of Karen's mother, Ruth Goldsmith, who died on Wednesday.

**Congratulations to Robert and Chandra Massey**

on the birth of their twins, Brock Layne and Braelynn Kay, born on December 27.

**Conscientious Coins**

will be received next Sunday, January 12.

<b>Roof Loan Balance as of Dec. 31, 2013 \$17,953.30</b>
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**Help Fund the Roof:**

We are still turning in metal for the roof fund, but please no non-aluminum cans. To date, \$819.93 has been collected in recyclable. If you can donate any metal materials, leave them in the container labeled Roof in the entry to the Social Hall. For pickup of large metal items, call Art Altman at 304-766-6369.

Offerings Last Week	\$4,936.62
Needed Each Week	\$6,257.79
Month to Date Received	\$20,932.37
Needed Month to Date	\$25,031.16
Monthly Balance	-\$4,098.79
Christmas Offering	\$4,242.00

**Help Church Budget**

Donations of good used furniture (TVs, stereos, etc.) and other items that can be sold, are being accepted and will be sold with all proceeds going towards the church budget. If you have any items, call Kathy Judge (304-756-9580) or email corljudge@aol.com.

**The Church Office will be closed on Fridays,**

starting January 3, 2014.

You can always reach Pastor Paul by calling his cell phone. Leave him a message if he is unable to answer.

**The Staff Parish Committee invites you to the Staff**

**Appreciation Reception**

immediately following worship today in the social hall. Please join us as we say Thanks to our staff members for jobs well done!

**First United Methodist, South Charleston**  
**Prayer Requests**

Edna Moore (Sunbridge, Room 206);  
Ann Eckard (Sweetbrier, Room 201);  
Jean Burgess (Valley Health Center, room 215B);  
Anne McConihay (Edgewood Summit, Room 308);  
Renee Swisher;  
Dani Haynes;  
Patrick Loveday (Betty Jo Johnson's great nephew);  
Johnny Creighton;  
Naomi Breedlove;  
John Mendez;  
Betty Neely;  
John Sharp (Carrie Hamilton's brother)  
Tom Williams;  
Jerry Belcher;  
Beverly Neff;  
Marie Tatterson;  
Madge Canterbury;  
Kerry "Butch" Rhodes (Donna Haynes' brother);  
Jason Frye: (Sharen Sumpter Deitz's friend);  
Tom & Sue Hall, Emma Kate Marmen (Dawn Wells' friends)  
**We will leave names on the prayer list for two weeks. If you would like to have them kept on, please call the church office.**



**Greetings to our visitors and members,** please sign the pew pads located at the end of each pew. If you are a visitor, please list your address and phone number on the registration pad. There is coffee and Welcome Folders in order that you may get to know our activities and missions located in the Narthex. We hope you enjoy your fellowship and will share the message this week with others. May we grow in our fellowship together praising God for our precious life, obtaining forgiveness through Jesus Christ and words shared through the Holy Spirit. Thank you for sharing your time in fellowship with us today and hope you will return soon.

**Ministry of Worship**

**The Ushers:** Jim Snyder, Barney Lilly, Harold Swisher, Bob Nester, Carl Childress, Danny Murphy, George Russell, Larry Wolfe, Roy Fultineer, Spencer Fultineer, Bob Judge, Rick Johnston

**The Acolytes:**

**The Pastor:** Rev. Paul Helmick, OP  
Cell #304-695-0013 - talk or text; E-mail - wvpastorpaul@gmail.com

**The Director of Music:** Gena Ryan

**The Organist:** William Holbrook

**Christian Education Director:** Lorrie Mottesheard

**WOW volunteers for Wednesday, January 15, Kitchen:**

Joyce French and Barbara Lockhart

**Floor:** Dawn Wells

**Administrative Assistant:** Linda Nehr

Deadline for submitting items for Sunday Worship bulletin is **Noon on Wednesday.**

**Custodian:** Janice Pauley

**Tape Ministry:** Don Ryan, Gary Good, and Ed King

**Nursery/Toddler:** (*For infants through age 3*)

Volunteers: Roy Fultineer and Kendyl Bostic

**Tellers Counting Today:** Rick Johnston and Don Ryan

**Tellers Counting on Sunday, January 12, 2014,**

George Russell and Andrew Byrd

The Ministers: You, the members and friends of First Church

*Let us hear from you!*

*First United Methodist Church*

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