

THANKS

to those who assisted in today's worship service:

Ministers

All the Members

Interim Pastor

Rev. Dr. M. Jacob Kaufman

Organist

Lavonne Bomeli

Interim Choir Director

Dale Wells

Public Address System

Bob Throop

Soloist

Brandon Smith

Host

Joan Duff/Carol Roche

Lay Liturgist

Barb Benson

Greeters

Jessica Whitley

Prayers

Lana Bellah

Ushers

Bob Jenkins, captain

Valet

Dave Rembowski

Tally Team

Anne Stableford

Coffee Hour Hosts

Dave & Kathy Rembowski

Open & Close Church

Bob Tresedder

OUR STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

God's universal principle about giving is this:
Give willingly from the heart.

"...from all whose hearts prompt them to give you shall receive the offering for me." (Exodus 25:2)

CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor

Rev. Dr. M. Jacob Kaufman

Director of Youth & Educational Ministries

Tracy Loomis

Church Office Manager

Karen J. Palevich

Chief Financial Officer

Carla Meier

Interim Choir Director

Dale Wells

Organist

Lavonne Bomeli

Learning House Director

Susan Arnould

Parish Visitor

Barb Benson

Christian Life Center Director

Karen J. Palevich

OPPORTUNITIES

for this week

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3	10:30	Worship
	10:30	The Ring - Venti Jesus
	11:30	Fellowship
	2:00	Joseph Practice
	4:00	Davidson Basketball
	4:00	Riverbend Worship Service
	8:00	Men's Basketball
MONDAY, JANUARY 4	5:30	Upward Basketball Practice
	6:00	Upward Cheerleading
	6:00	Care & Nurture Meeting
	7:00	Boy Scout Troop 368
	7:00	Venture Crew Meeting
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5	5:30	Upward Basketball Practice
	6:30	Alcoholics Anonymous
	6:30	Upward Cheerleading Practice
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6	5:30	Upward Basketball Practice
	7:00	Worship Team Meeting
	7:00	Seventh-day Adventists
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7	10:00	Toddlercise
	4:30	Confirmation Class
	5:30	Upward Basketball Practice
	7:00	Book Club
	7:30	Chancel Choir
FRIDAY, JANUARY 8	5:30	Upward Basketball Practice
<i>Net Leave for Spring Hill</i>		
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9	9:00	Seventh-day Adventists
<i>Net at Spring Hill</i>		
	12:00	Seventh-day Adventists
	7:00	Alcoholics Anonymous
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10	9:00	Bible Study
<i>Net return from Spring Hill</i>		
	10:30	Worship
	10:30	The Ring - Venti Jesus
	10:30	The Net Girl's Book Club
	11:30	Fellowship
	11:30	Blood Pressure Screening
	2:00	Joseph Practice
	4:00	Davidson Practice
	8:00	Men's Basketball

SPECIAL NEEDS

If you need hearing assistance, ask an usher about our Williams Sound System.

If you would like a large-print bulletin, ask an usher.

WELCOME!

EPIPHANY SUNDAY



FIRST
CONGREGATIONAL
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Morning Worship CELEBRATION

January 3, 2010

176 Years of Reaching Up in Faith - Reaching Out in Love

Epiphany Sunday

The God who created the world and all that is in it doesn't stop creating.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Welcome (please fill out prayer request cards)

Greeting One Another in the Grace of Christ

Prelude "The Infant Jesus (Gesù Bambino)" arr. Ovid Young

Carol of Celebration* "Good Christians All, Rejoice" no. 158
(collect prayer request cards - children may go to Sunday School)

Call to Celebration*

One: Praise our God, all you people!
All: We have come to praise and worship our God.
One: It is good to sing praises to our God,
All: for God is gracious and merciful to us all.

Morning Prayer Together*

God of new beginnings, this new year promises so many new beginnings. We sense your movement among us here in our church. We have met you in our own lives during the past year, and expect even greater awareness in 2010. In this new year, "Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel." Amen.

Congregational Response* "As With Gladness Men of Old" no. 168

GOD INVITES US TO LISTEN TO HIS WORD

Biblical Witness of Our Faith Deuteronomy 11:1-12, pg. 161
Matthew 6:19-33, pg. 839

Anthem "How Great Thou Art" by Stuart K. Hine
Brandon Smith- soloist

Sermon "Love the Lord!"
"You shall therefore love the Lord your God..." Deut. 11:1a

Some Time for Meditation and Prayer

GOD INVITES US TO SHARE AND TO SERVE

Opportunities for Ministry

Our Offering Is One Way We Honor God and Demonstrate Our Love for Neighbor
(Please complete the attendance card in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate)

Offertory We Three Kings arr. Teresa Wilhelmi

Prayer of Dedication*

Faithful God, in each new year you have showered us with love and blessings. In love and gratitude, we return our gifts to you. Fill our gifts and us with your Spirit. Let our gifts do together what each of us alone cannot do for you. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Empowering Hymn* "All Beautiful the March of Days" no. 525

Benediction*

Postlude* "Go, Tell It on the Mountain: arr. Teresa Wilhelmi



Please join us after
worship for refreshments
in the fellowship hall

Ministries & Special EVENTS

UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING

This is a reminder to all those participating in the Upward Basketball and Cheerleading program. This is the first week of practice for both cheerleading and basketball. If you have not received practice times, please contact the office at 695-0550. The first game will be Saturday, January 23rd.

WHAT ARE YOUR HIDDEN TALENTS?

Many of us have talents that few people, other than our family and friends, know about. Do you like to plan parties, sing, play an instrument, act? Do you love to work outside, garden? Are you an artist with a passion for design? Maybe an electronic fanatic - keeping up on all the latest in technology and how it works? We all have talents that God gave us and wants us to use. What is it that God gave you, that you can share? Please fill out a card in the Fellowship Hall and drop it in the office.

YEAR END REPORTS

All Team Leaders and Staff need to have their year end reports in by this Friday.

2009 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please pick-up your 2009 offering envelopes in the Narthex after worship today.

OFFERING TOTALS

Christmas Eve 7:00 service: \$867.00
Christmas Eve 11:00 service: \$1,123.00
December 27th service: \$1,887.00

PRAYERS & CONCERNS:

Please pray for Jack Anderson, Allen Gottschalk Dorothy Feeser, Helen Jewett, Bryan Merkel, Wilma Palmer and Claude Shinn.

Also, please remember to pray for all the families affected by war, oppression and senseless killing.