

**Wednesday Night Fellowship**

Jan 6, 2016

Meal: Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Salad Bar, Dessert

**Program for Jan 6:**

**Interfaith Dialogue with our Guests**

**From The Islamic Center:** Sharing Our Commonalities; Learning Our Differences Praying Together for Peace and Justice

**Reservations** please by Tuesday 1/5 Indicate # of people:

\$6.50 \_\_\_\_ Adults & Children 12 or older

\$3.00 \_\_\_\_ Children age 3-11 (meal above) or

\$3.00 \_\_\_\_ Children 3- 11 (PBJ/Applesauce)

\$6.50 \_\_\_\_ To Go Orders (reservation required)

Cost: Excluding To Go orders, \$22 maximum for a family of 4—each additional family member over age 11 is \$5.50; age 3-11 \$3.00.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

You can pay online (thru the QR code) or via website or pay on Wednesday night. You can tear off this tab to register or register online.

**REMINDER:** INFORMATION ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BULLETIN ARE REQUESTED AT LEAST BY WEDNESDAY BEFORE THE SUNDAY TO BE PUBLISHED. THANK YOU.

**THE CHURCH CALENDAR IS ON WEBSITE; IT IS CONTINUALLY UP-DATED; WWW.1STCHURCHJC.ORG; TO ADD OR CORRECT A LISTING PLEASE CALL (928-9222) OR EMAIL (OFFICE.FUMC@CHARTER.NET) THE CHURCH OFFICE OR EMAIL THE WEBTEAM (KNKAPOOR@CHARTER.NET)**



**ELECTRONIC GIVING AVAILABLE**

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**WELCOME 1ST CHURCH GUESTS !**

*"We hope you find worship here to be a way to experience the love of Jesus Christ."*

*--from pastor Jane Taylor speaking for all in the congregation*

**For Your Information:**

**Restrooms** are located directly behind the sanctuary. There is a **nursery** for children (infant to 4 yrs of age). Our ushers or greeters can lead or direct you there **if you desire**.

If you would like to consider **becoming a member** of our church family, we invite you to do so. Please speak to the pastor or indicate so on the attendance slip.

An **AED** is located in the **CONNECT-OR; TOP FLOOR;** go through door at the front and to the right side of sanctuary.

**Church Staff:**

**Rev. Jane Taylor, Pastor**

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Billy Walker, Dir. of Worship & Music

Lisa Reis, Dir. Youth Ministries

Kathie Battista, ELC Director

Steve Reis, Dir. Community Outreach/ Discipleship

Bree Nelson, Dir. of Children's Ministries

Susan Dove Fields, Organist

Rhonda Simmons, Treasurer

David Gbaa, Custodian

Joshua Gbaa, Custodian

Finley Cook, Wednesday Night Chef

Christi Henn, Tabitha Cox, Nursery

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR SUMMARY JAN 3 - JAN 9, 2016**

**SUNDAY, JAN 3**

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship Service

5:30p Snack Supper Youth/Children

6:15p Evening Worship Service

**WEDNESDAY, JAN 6**

5:45 Wednesday Night Fellowship and Program

7:30p Chancel Choir Practice

**THURSDAY, JAN 7**

10:00a UMW Circle of Faith

6:30p Finance Committee

**FRIDAY, JAN 8**

Church Leadership Retreat

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

**MONDAY, JAN 4**

7:00p Boy Scouts - Troop #36

8:00p College/Young Adult Group

**TUESDAY, JAN 5**

4:00p Program Staff Meeting

6:00p Trustees Meeting

**SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:**

**USHERS:** Art Eckerson, David Denny, Jim Heaton, Mitch Robinson, Steve Love

**GREETERS:** Deborah and Marcus Grant, Mark and Polly Crowder

**PRAYER:** Dianna Boarman **CROSSBEARER:** Rowan Mills

**ACOLYTE:** Avery Nelson **BEADLE:** Ellie Nelson

**AUDIOVISUAL:** Karl Kapoor



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Epiphany

January 3, 2016

10:30 am

Welcome! We are GLAD you are here.

Please sign the red attendance information pad located at one end of each pew.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONGREGATIONAL GREETING**

**PRELUDE**

"Lullay, Thou Little Tiny Child"

C. Armstrong Gibbs

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come. The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

**People: The glory of God shines into our darkness.**

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around. Follow the star, wherever it leads!

**People: We will take the journey that leads us to the holy Child.**

Leader: Let your hearts rejoice. Be overwhelmed with joy!

**People: We worship the Christ Child, the hope of the world.**

**INVOCATION**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

**No. 220**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: The radiance of a star guided the travelers to the feet of Jesus where they offered their most precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**People: Gracious God, You have given us more than a star guide us – You have revealed Your glory and Your love in the person of Jesus, the Light of the World.**

Leader: You have chosen us to receive Your love, Your grace, and Your salvation. You have marked us with the seal of Your Spirit and called us to offer joyful praise in service to others.

**All: Forgive us when we fail to give our best to You. Forgive us when we fail to bring the light of Your love to those darkened by pain, poverty, sorrow, and hopelessness. Forgive us when we choose to go our own way, rather than**

**be guided by Your Son. Strengthen us with Your Spirit, so we may follow where You lead, and reveal Your glory and love in all we say and do.**

*(a time for personal reflection)*

Leader: Emmanuel, God with Us, lights our path and call us to His presence.

In a Child, grace is given. My friends, believe the good news of the

Gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are redeemed and forgiven. AMEN.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Isaiah 60:1-6

**MORNING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN OF REFLECTION** "The First Noel" (vs. 1, 2, 3, & 5) **No. 218**

**GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** "What Child is This" arr. Joel Raney

**\*DOXOLOGY** **No. 94**

**\*GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 2:1-12

**ANTHEM** "Carol for Seekers"

Seekers come to find the promised one! Behold His star is shining bright with glory!

Seekers come! To earth is born s Son! Behold the wonder that he Lord has done!

See a sign blazing in the night. It calls us all to begin a sacred journey.

Diamond bright in the eastern sky is falling on the one true Light!

Shine, holy light, with golden ray. Show us the morning star.

Life's darkest shadows drive away. Show us the Morning Star.

**SERMON** "The Dark Side of Christmas" Rev. Jane Taylor

**SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, Which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** "A Star Shone Bright" **Supplement No. 431**

**\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!**

**Let earth receive her King!**

**Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing.**

**\*A TIME FOR GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

**Budget Pledge for 2016**

If you have not made your 2016 pledge for the general budget for our church, the Stewardship Committee encourages your consideration!

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal and Program begins again this week. Please register using the tear off tab, calling the church office, or using the website. This week we are having an interfaith dialogue with our Guests from the Isalmic Center. Rev. Taylor will lead a session for sharing our commonalities; learning about our differences; and praying together for justice and peace.

*The 1stChurch Family extends sympathy and prayers for comfort to Carol Anne Milliken and family*

*In the recent loss of her father, Ewing "Buz" Loveday, of Texas*



*The 1stChurch Family extends sympathy and prayers for comfort to The family and friends of Bill Wood*



*The 1stChurch Family extends sympathy and prayers for comfort to The family and friends of Bob Green*

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Clare Warren & family	Carroll Waterbury	Jessica Higginbotham
Jane Eddy and her parents	Mark Dollar	Friends and Families of
Bonnie and Clay Marrs	Mary McClellan	Martha Hauff
Amy Dryburgh	Barbara Marrs	Jean Brobeck
Bobbie Wells	Sue Zabala	Bob Green
Aldon and Betty Speer	Linda Stanley	Bill Wood
Chuck Short and family	Capt. Chris Carin, US Army	Carol Anne Milliken
Sue McGaha	Jerry Elliot	Dillon Aagenes
Jaimee Norman	Darrell Wayne Tilson	Sara Jane Jones (Rev. Jane
Vivian Eckerson	Helen Tilson	Taylor's mother)
Judy Cook	Jim Brant	
Tom and Shirley Palmer	Nancy Jewell	

**Jan. 3, 2016 Prayer Requests**  
**Publish in bulletin? \_\_Y \_\_N**

Requested by:

**Non-Self New Year's Resolutions??**

**Specific Ideas:**

Find a place in the music ministry of 1stChurch: sing in the chancel choir, help with children's or youth music programs, start up the bell choir again

Invite one person a month to church; even one person a Sunday

Join a 1stChurch mission project like the Food Pantry, the Melting Pot, the Wesley Foundation suppers and more

Answer a call from the staff to help with programming somewhere in the church: children, youth, or older adult ministries

Even if you do not use a computer for social media, try Facebook for church information, announcements and activities; check out the website

Support our church staff - don't wait to be asked; step forward;

**General Ideas:**

**Pray more**

**Share more**

**Understand more**

**Love more**

**Your Ideas:**

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