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LOOKING
AHEAD
TO
2022

First United Methodist Church of Lockport

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RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK



- + 10:00am in person
Worship Service
- + Choir Practice after
worship

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Happy New Year!
We hope that 2022 is off to a good start for you!
We pray that you may be blessed, by God who created you.
We will pray to be deeper into our faith as a congregation.
Come let us worship together!

The writer, Robert Schnase, writes a book called *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*.

“One of them is the Practice of Radical Hospitality. Vibrant, fruitful, growing congregations practice Radical Hospitality. Christian hospitality is the active desire to invite, welcome, receive, and care those who are strangers so that they find a spiritual home and discover for themselves the unending richness in Christ. (Page 11)

We, too were once strangers to the faith. We belong to the Body of Christ because of someone’s hospitality. Someone invited us, encouraged us, received us, and helped us feel welcome – a parent, a spouse, a friend, a pastor, or even a stranger. By someone’s love, we were engrafted onto the Body of Christ. (Page 12)

A congregation is a school for love, the place where God’s Spirit forms us and the place where we learn how to give love to and receive love from friends, neighbor, and strangers. The church is the presence of Christ in the world in order to transform our lives and the lives of those around us. (Page 16)

The greatest contribution we can make to the Body of Christ is inviting someone else or helping a newcomer feel genuinely welcome so that she or he receives what we have received. (Page 17)

Radical Hospitality begins with a single heart, a growing openness, a prayerful desire for the highest good of a stranger. It begins when one person treats another respectfully and loves the stranger enough to overcome the internal hesitations to invite that person into the life of Christ’s church. (page 29)

Every member of the Body of Christ is the fruit of someone’s ministry and faithfulness. Who is the fruit of yours? (Page 31)”

You are invited to join this journey, and to invite a friend to come along to worship together.

GaHyung

Scriptures for January

**Sunday January 2-
10 am In-Person Worship & Communion**

Children’s Message:

Scriptures: Isaiah 60:1-6 Matthew 21:1-12

**Sunday January 9-
10:00 am In-Person Worship**

Children’s Message: Sandi Jacobson

Scriptures: Psalm 43:1-7 Luke 3:15 -17

**Sunday January 16-
10 am In-Person Worship**

Children’s Message:

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11

**Sunday January 23 - Christmas Eve
10 am In-Person Worship**

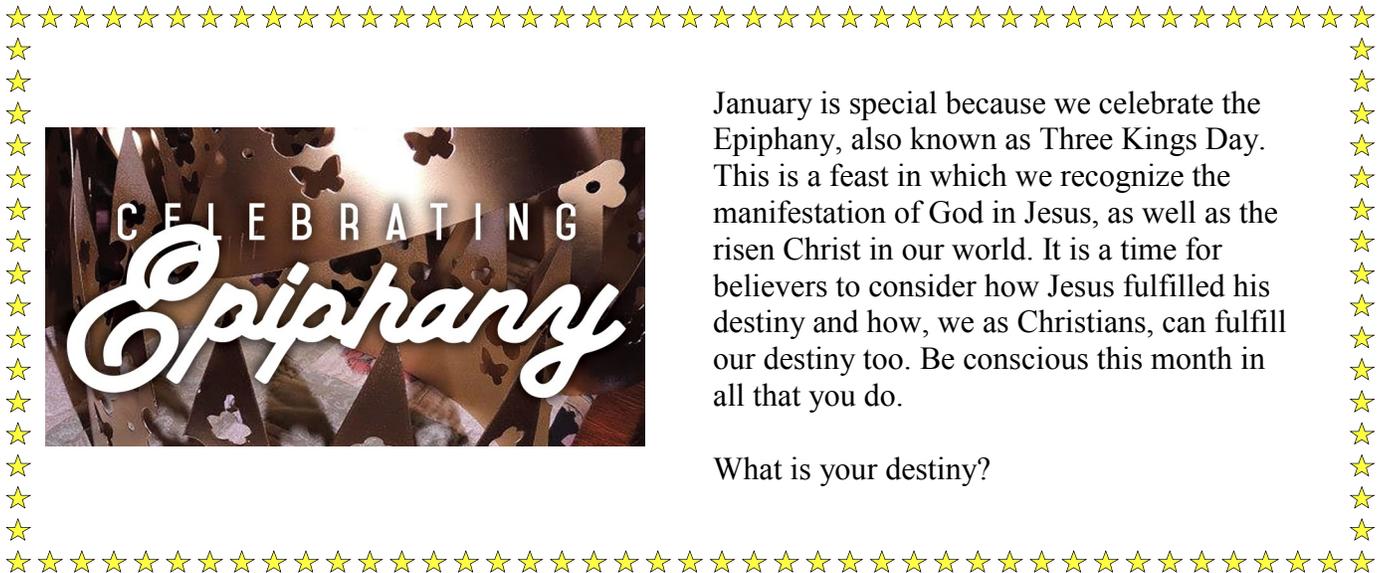
Childrens Message: Megan Hill

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 11:1-4 Luke 1:47-55

**Sunday January 30
10 am In-Person Worship**

Children’s Message: Carolyn Brauch

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30



January is special because we celebrate the Epiphany, also known as Three Kings Day. This is a feast in which we recognize the manifestation of God in Jesus, as well as the risen Christ in our world. It is a time for believers to consider how Jesus fulfilled his destiny and how, we as Christians, can fulfill our destiny too. Be conscious this month in all that you do.

What is your destiny?



A Small PRAYER GROUP on Wednesday Mornings at 10:00 am

We are offering a prayer group on Zoom weekday mornings on Wednesday at 10:00 am. If you are interested in this, please contact the office at 815-838-1017.

Faith in Action



We collected donations for SOS Children's Village. This is program that sponsors a number of Lockport families and provides them with a gift card during the Christmas Season. FUMC of Lockport was excited to present our gift card donations!

SOS village is in 134 countries. This program helps keep siblings together who are in foster care, as well as providing a private, single family home to grow and develop in with a professionally trained foster parent.

The Faith in Action Committee wants to say **THANK YOU!** to all of you, the congregation of First United Methodist Church, for your overwhelming support for our mission projects during this past year. We were able to raise \$1,000 in cookie sales and donations. Those funds will go towards helping missions locally, nationally and internationally thanks to YOU! A special thanks goes to all the wonderful volunteers who helped set up Yeoman Hall, who turned out early Saturday morning for the sale and especially to all our bakers who without them there would be no sale. The bakers provided an incredible variety of tasty cookies and candies. We just can't express enough gratitude to you all.



**Cookies
by the Pound
2021!**



Thank you to all those who baked cookies:
Megan Hill, Jan Koger, Bonnie Payette, Mary Whitman, Cindy Nelson, Pat Burnett, Kim Petty, Diane Endebak, Sam Dorion & Family, Roseanne Wilson, Mary Schehr, Joanne Moan & Shirley Smith, Linda Brown, Jan Rittenhouse, and Jeanette Baker.

Thank you to all those who helped volunteer to make it happen:
Mary Whitman, Pat Burnett, Joanne Moan, Cindy Nelson, Roger Jacobson, Jennifer, Jocelyn & Jorja Burek; Diane Endebak, Megan & Addyson Hill, Linda Brown, Phil & Jan Rittenhouse, Jack Heath, Pastor Kim & Rachel.



Thank you Brooklyn, for being our special cookie tester!

A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Sena Scheel for her 7 years of dedicated service to First United Methodist Church of Lockport.

She will continue her dedicated service at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Lockport.



Hello and Happy New Year First United Methodist Church Members!

Please let me take this opportunity to introduce myself as the newly appointed Administrative Assistant here at FUMC Lockport. I am very excited to be a part of this incredible team! I would love to meet all of you, so please feel free to stop by and introduce yourself anytime!

Office hours have been updated as to better assist the congregation as well.

I will now be in office Monday-Friday from 8:30 am- 12:30pm.

I truly look forward to meeting you all!

I hope this New Year brings you peace, love, happiness, and health!

Warm Regards,

Tiffany Frederick



A Special Thank You!

Thank you to Pastor Kim and our church family for all your prayers and support this year. Thank you for all your cards and memorial gifts after the passing of both my parents in November.

Your support is very appreciated.

Love you all,
Linda



District News



**LAKE SOUTH
LEADERSHIP
TRAINING**

Save the Date!
January 22, 2022
More info to come

The banner features a sunset background with silhouettes of three people raising their arms in celebration.



HOLD FAST TO THE MAST
Strengthening Our Spiritual Lives
LAITY CONVOCATION 2022
Saturday, February 12 www.umcnic.org/calendar/laity-convocation-2022

The banner features two illustrations of a ship's mast and cross on either side of the text.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THIS YEAR'S CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Sam Dorion, Kenny Frayne, Addyson Hill, Soren Moan



**FREE
DESK!**





January 3	Holly Carter
January 8	Mike Visser
	Jorja Burek
January 11	Beth Cross
January 13	Sam Dorion
January 18	Iris Chapp

Glenn & Margaret Wiley
 January 28, 1951
 Congratulations on 70 years of marriage!



Job Openings

Position - Website Streamer: Sunday Worship Service

We are looking for a person to record and edit Zoom meetings. Using iPads and a laptop, record the weekly church service, edit recordings and post finished recordings on church website.

Software currently used: Wix Website Editor, Movavi Video Editor Plus, Microsoft Photo, and Microsoft Word.

Duties also include setup of iPad and laptop prior to service, ensuring wi-fi connectivity. Take down iPads and ensure their charging.

This is a part time position and the hours are 9 am until noon on Sunday mornings. Contact John George jegir025@hotmail.com or 815-790-0438

Care/Prayer Team

We are here and honored to pray for your joys and concerns. Feel free to contact Carolyn Brauch at 815-836-0137. God bless you.

Prayer List—Please keep the following people in your prayers

Bill & Katie Purdy, Donna Kirkwood, Iris Chapp, Paul Farr & family, Joe & Franco Governale, Adam Porto, Elena Winters and family, Rick Young, and Cindy Thur.

Prayers for members that are homebound or in nursing facilities:

Iris Chapp (Lemont Center) and Linda Kriete (home).



2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Happy New Year!
2 • 10 am Worship <i>Epiphany Sunday</i>	3	4	5 • Prayer Group 9am -12pm • Circle of Love • Confirmation 7pm	6 Faith Development Meeting	7	8
9 • 10 am Worship • Choir practice after worship <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	10	11 Trustees Meeting	12 • Prayer Group 9am-12pm • Circle of Love • Confirmation 7pm	13	14	15
16 • 10 am Worship • Choir practice after worship <i>2nd Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	17 MLK Jr Day Honoring MLK	18	19 • Prayer Group 9am -12pm • Circle of Love • Confirmation 5pm Visit Lemont Hindu Temple	20	21	22
23 • 10 am Worship • Choir practice after worship <i>3rd Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	24	25	26 • Prayer Group 9am -12pm • Circle of Love • Church Council Meeting	27	28	29
• 30 • 10 am Worship • Choir practice after worship <i>4th Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	31					



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Mission Statement for First United Methodist Church of Lockport

“The church is the foundation of Christian life in accordance with the teachings of the Christ. We are people who believe that the love of God was revealed in Jesus and having accepted that love, we are committed to sharing this good news of God’s love by making disciples and teaching and nurturing them. To that end, we will:

- + provide an inclusive environment for Christian worship and learning,
- + strive to be understanding and accepting of other cultures and faiths as we work toward peace and justice for all persons,
- + nurture our children so that they will embrace the Christian life, and
- + support, with our prayers and actions, our brothers and sisters in our local and global communities.”