

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 6, 2019
Epiphany

Gathering

As the congregation gathers, please take a moment to speak to people sitting around you whom you may not know. Hebrews 13:2 (KJV) says, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unaware."

Prelude

As the prelude begins let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer and preparation for worship.

Holly Slice, pianist

Greeting

*Opening Hymn *We Three Kings* UM Hymnal No. 254

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Confession (pray in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pardon

Minister: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: *In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*
All: *Glory to God. Amen*

The Offertory

*Presentation of Tithes, Gifts & Offerings

*Doxology

UM Hymnal No. 95

The Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon "Wrong by Nine Miles"

Rev. Jo Locklair

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Congregation, please follow along in your hymnal on page 13)

Breaking of the Bread and Taking of the Cup

The Giving

(The ushers will direct the congregation to the table.)

Prayer after Receiving

*Hymn of Dedication *O Come, All Ye Faithful* UM Hymnal No. 234

*Benediction

*Postlude

* Please stand

Announcements

Camp Meeting Sundays!

Bethany will hold a series of Camp Meetings throughout the month of January. Camp Meetings will be held periodically in recognition of the United Methodist Church's tradition that dates back to the 1800's.

Worship services during Camp Meetings are informal and less ceremonial than usual, so lose the tie and come as you are on Camp Meeting Sundays.

Bethany NOW

Wednesday night activities resume on Jan. 9 with a class for everyone. NOW begins with a meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5 P.M. Children classes begin at 6 p.m. and adult classes at 6:15 p.m. To find more details and class descriptions, please look in the January edition of the *Bethany Beacon*. The meal for this week is breakfast for dinner! Daily Bread/Providence will be hosting.

Meals are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children, with a family maximum of \$20.

Oyster Roast

Bethany's Global Missions group will be sending teams back to Ecuador this summer. This year's expenses are expected to be greater than in years past as we will be working to construct 2 buildings for classrooms expected to house 7th – 12th grades. To help offset some of those expenses, Global Missions is sponsoring an Oyster Roast Fundraiser to be held at Summerville Country Club on Jan. 26 from 5pm-9pm. For those that don't like oysters there will be BBQ! Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door, and are available from Global Mission Committee and Team members as well as the front desk in the Welcome Center.

Bethany Happy Hearts Games Day – Friday, January 11

You are welcome to join Happy Hearts' Game Day on Friday, Jan. 11 in Room 118 starting at 11:30 a.m. Bring a lunch and beverage, so we can eat together before we begin playing games. If you have questions, call Bob or Bethann Erwin at 843.291.2892, or email at [erwbar@yahoo.com](mailto:erwbar@ yahoo.com). Come join the fun.

Columbarium Interest Meeting

The Trustees have voted to move forward with the Columbarium. If you have not already expressed interest in purchasing a niche, please contact Emily Vick at evick@bethany-umc.com. There will be an interest meeting on Sunday, January 20 at 2 p.m. for approximately an hour in the Fellowship Hall.

Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your 2019 offering envelopes located in the Welcome Center Hallway by the elevator.



Bethany United Methodist Church Spell Chapel ~ 8 o'clock a.m.

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