Prayer Concerns

First Responders
Victims of natural disasters
Those suffering from mental illness
Those affected by gun violence
Those who are homeless
Stephen Ministers
Care Receivers
Our condolences to Bev H. following the passing of her brother, Brian
Chris & Cortnie, lifted by Sarah J.
Carol W.
Randall S.'s son
Alice and Tony, lifted by Claudia and Paul T.
Ron W.
Teresa, Michelle W.'s cousin
Josh O. and Guylene H.
Mary, lifted by Susan W.
Monica, lifted by Susan W.
Betty Ann, sister of Mike B.

Donald R.
Susan W.
Viola C.
Barbara B.
Lois D.
Keith A.
Victor, lifted by Reba Y.
Judy, lifted by Brenda F.
Patty, lifted by Janis J.
Miriam, lifted by Janis J.
Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Donna, sister of Carol N.
Israel, Sarah J.'s student
Bev, lifted by Josh O.
Steve, lifted by Mary Ellen M.
Matthew F., USAF
Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC
Christopher Y., USAF

This Week's Birthdays

January 2 Elizabeth Sullivan
January 4 Brenda Forsberg
January 4 Benjamin Tidmore
January 7 James Bridges

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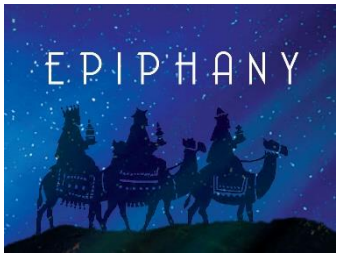

Feeding the Community—
Body, Mind, and Spirit

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North Olmsted, Ohio 44070
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Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm, Pastor

Epiphany Sunday/Second Sunday after Christmas Day
January 2, 2022 + 10:30 am

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Celebration of Ministries and Missions

Prelude *Prelude on "We Three Kings"* arr. McConnell

****Call to Worship*** Randall Sheets

L: Arise, shine, for your light has come!
P: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!
L: Like sages from afar, come and behold your Christ!
P: Let us worship in praise and honor of his name!

****Unison Prayer***

Ever-calling God, we give thanks that you have gathered us into your church and graced us with your faithful presence. We ponder our history, ancient and still developing, and marvel at the many expressions of your church. Grant us the vision to be a part of a new reformation for the church that will bring ever more joy and justice to the world. Continue to gather us, the diverse lot of us,

into Jesus' vision and dream that your faithful people may be one in you. Amen.

***First Gospel Reading** John 1:1-18

***Hymn** *Love Came Down at Christmas* UMH 242

Prayers of the People

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

All-glorious God, we have faith in Jesus Christ, and love towards your people, yet we are not without blemish in your sight, not full of love, wisdom, and other spiritual blessings you still have available for us. Our love is not as inclusive as yours, and there is much we need to learn. Give us clearer vision of all that we are meant to be, so that by becoming fulfilled, we may increase the glory that is properly revealed in Jesus Christ, your beloved. Amen.

Responsive Words of Assurance and Pardon

L: Friends, hear the Good News! The liberator has come to free us from all proud pretenses.

P: The Christ has come in Jesus of Nazareth to show us the undeserved favor of God.

L: Friends, believe the Good News!

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who 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.

Anthem *Carol of the Kings* Ruth Elaine Schram

Invitation for the Offering

Offertory *How Brightly Beams the Morning Star* J. S. Bach

Doxology UMH 94

Prayer for the Offering

Second Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn *What Child Is This* UMH 219

Sermon "The Gift of a New Year" Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition UMH 607

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Hymn** *We Three Kings* (vv. 1-2, 5) UMH 254

Responsive Benediction

L: O Christ, we know that the gifts of our hands are no substitute for the loyalty of our lives.

P: As we leave this sanctuary, enable us to serve your creation as we have worshiped you, with ourselves as well as our gifts. Amen.

Postlude *A Time for New Beginnings* Lani Smith

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm
Organist: Marlene Dirksen
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez
Liturgist: Randall Sheets
Greeter: Jean Scothon
Usher: Beth Cruz
Video: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter