

Upcoming Events and Information

Tue./Thur.:	Exercise Group (Fireside Room)	3:30pm
Saturdays:	Men's Bible Study (Fireside Room)	8:00am
Mon., Jan. 10	Worship Team Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	7:00pm
Thur., Jan. 13	Greeting Card Ministry (Fellowship Hall rescheduled)	9:30am
	Missions Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	7:00pm
Sat., Jan. 15	Leadership Training (Fellowship Hall)	9:30am
Sun., Jan. 16	Membership Class (Fellowship Hall) after 10:00am service	
Sat., Jan. 22	Prairie South Leadership Training (DeKalb)	9am—noon

- **Everyday Essentials** for local pantries are being accepted in the fellowship hall. Throughout **January** we are collecting **laundry detergent**. We also need **travel-sized toiletries**. Thank you for helping those in need!
- **Loose coins** for **January** goes to: **David Makobo** (Senegal, Africa farming and missions) More info. is available in the January Chimes.
- **Please remember to pick up your poinsettia(s) and/or envelopes for 2022.** There are plenty of "extra" envelopes that may be used as needed.

Worship Leaders today

Music ministry: Judy Bushman (organist) Pam Clodfelter (handbell choir director)
Head usher: Jeff Cedro

8:00am

10:00 am

Liturgists: Steve Downes
Greeters: Lynn Majewski/Jan Glover
Ushers: Mary Downes

Elisa Gatz
Greg/Amy Bontz
Steve Lopez



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Wesley United Methodist Church

JANUARY 9TH, 2022
THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Welcome to Wesley United Methodist Church

January 9th, 2022

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE *A Silent Prayer* by Robert J. Hughes
 A Living Presence by Muriel Dillon

INTROIT *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* Tune: Canterbury

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Ps. 29, Isa. 43)
Sing praises to the Lord. Sing of God's glory and strength.
God calls us over the waters and strengthens us for the journey.
Sing praises to Christ. Sing of Christ's healing and love.
The waters of our baptism cleanse us, renewing our spirits and nursing our wounds.
Sing praises to the Spirit. Sing of the Spirit's comfort and hope.
The flames of the Spirit are like a refiner's fire, purifying the soul to the glory of God.

† **OPENING HYMN** "A Day of New Beginnings" UMH#383 vs.1,2,3,4

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

With the boldness and confidence of God's children, let us pray, saying,
Gracious God, Lord of Light, **Hear our prayer.**
For all other concerns of yours now spoken aloud or silently, ...
(*A time of silence is kept*)
Gracious God, Lord of Light, **Hear our prayer.**

MORNING PRAYER

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.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

† **RESPONSE** "Glory Be to the Father" #70

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN "Spirit of the Living God" UMH#393

SCRIPTURE READING Book of Genesis 28:16-22
 Gospel of Matthew 28:18-20
 This is the Word of God for the people of God
 Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Dream: Listen 2"

THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

RESPONSE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

† **DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loving God, we give you thanks for the light of the world, Jesus Christ, through whom we have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in your promise. Receive the gifts we offer in union with Jesus our brother and help us to live to the honor and glory of your name. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

† **CLOSING HYMN** "Freely, Freely" UMH#389 vs.1,2

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RECESSIONAL** "Freely, Freely" UMH#389 refrain

POSTLUDE *His Name Is Wonderful* by Audrey Mier Fischer

† Please stand if you are able in your body or spirit.
Bold print indicates in unison