Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Jan. 9	Women's breakfast, Benny's	8:30am
	Disciples Study Handbells & Choir	9:00am 5 and 6:00pm
Thursday, Jan. 10	Trustee meeting-library	7:00pm
Saturday, Jan. 12	Men's Bible study	8:00am
	Coffee hosts meeting	9:00am

- Everyday Essentials for the Trinity Food Pantry, Rock Falls UMC Personal Care Pantry, and FISH Food Pantry are being accepted in the fellowship hall. Throughout January we are collecting <u>laundry detergent</u>. We also are collecting <u>travel-sized toiletries</u> for local pantries. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our neighbors in need!
- Sunday, January 6th the Christmas decorations will be taken down after 10:00 church service, please stay and help carry the decorations to the activity room. Monday, January 7th Mary Nelmes will be at church at 9:30 to box up and put away the decorations. If you would rather sit and help, you could put the 200 plus Christmas Eve candles and holders back in their boxes.

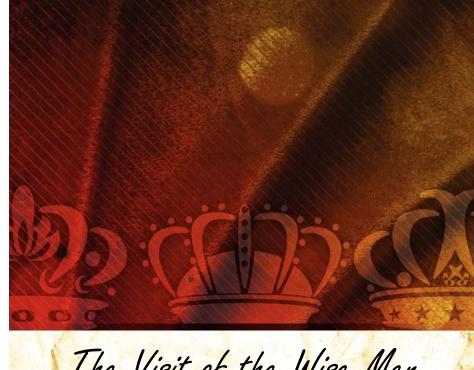
Worship Servants

8AM Greeters/Ushers/Acolytes: Steve & Mary Downes \rightarrow (*Jan 13*) **Liturgist:** Randy Clodfelter (*Jan. 13: Randy Smith*) **Coffee Hosts:** Steve & Amy Lopez (*Jan. 13: Toby & Debbie Hodges*) **10AM Greeters:** Diantha Wentling & Norma Church \rightarrow (*Jan. 13*) **Ushers/Acolytes:** Bill, Max Parker Beth Jacobs, Ronyn, Killian (*Jan. 13: Bill, Max Parker, Truedson family*) **Liturgist:** Aaron Marken \rightarrow (*Jan. 13*)



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The Visit of the Wise Men

Matthew 2:1-12

Wesley United Methodist Church Happy New Year and Welcome on this First Sunday after The Epiphany [Traditional time of the celebration of the Wise Men's visit to Jesus] January 6, 2019

OPENING THOUGHT

Have you ever wondered why the celebration of *The Epiphany* is important to us? It is because when the Bible records the story of the Magi or Wise Men (who were "gentiles", or "non-Jews") coming to see Jesus, it is telling us that Jesus came for ALL PEOPLE, not just the Jews. Jesus came for EVERYONE including YOU and ME.

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE"Star of the East" by Amanda Kennedy/arr. Roger C. Wilson
"The Perfect Gift" by Donald Lee Moore
"One Bright Star" by Esther S. Higgins

INTROIT "Star Child" by Shirley Murray and Carlton Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we are grateful that you chose to extend your love and grace to ALL people. We rejoice that you reach out to each and every one of us. To you the common shepherds are equal to the exalted kings. The poor and the rich, the young and the old, the weak and the strong, the outcast and the popular are all the same in your eyes. All can find hope and comfort in your loving arms. As we worship you today, we pray that your message of love and redemption for all permeates our hearts and fills us with your peace. Amen.

† OPENING HYMN "We Three Kings" #254 v.1-4

MORNING PRAYERS

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.

† RESPONSE	"Glory Be to the Father"	#70		
^{10 a.m.} Special Music	"Star of Peace"	Choir		
words by	Brandi K. Amos, music by Sherri Porterfield			
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PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING	Matthew 2:1-12	
HYMN	"We Three Kings"	#254 v.5
SERMON	"AND"	Bruce Kramer

<u>Thanksgiving</u>

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY	"The Angel"	
	by Vladimir Rebikoff/arr. George Blake	

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

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, you have created us and made us who we are. EVERYTHING we have comes from you: the time span of our lives, our talents and abilities, and all our possessions and treasures - all of these are an overflow of your blessings. We gratefully offer to you this small portion of your provisions for us. Please accept these our gifts to you for your purposes and multiply them to do your work in our world. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

RESPONSE		#898
† Closing Hy	SENDING FORTHMN"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"	#400
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† Recessionai	L "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"	#204
Postlude '	"The March of the Three Kings - 13th century French carol" arr. Stewart Landon	
Flowers on th	ne alter given in Honor of Judy Bushman for her beautiful r	nusic.

Loose coins in January will go to Betty Tshala-Zambia

We have a staffed and welcoming nursery!

† Please stand if you are able.

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