

Celebration Service

January 6, 2019
9:00 AM

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFO ABOUT:

- Sunday School
- Wednesday Night Activities
- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Music Ministry
- What UM Christians believe
- Committing My Life To Christ
- Being Baptized
- Becoming A Member
- Joining a Connexion Group

**NAMETAG
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Please PRINT your name exactly
how you would like it to be
written on your nametag:

- Clip Tag (Free) Magnetic (\$5)
(please place this card in the offering plate)

Comments or Questions

Any comments or questions about FUMCSS?
You can share them here:

CALENDAR

	9:00 am	Celebration Service
	10:00 am	Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	11:10 am	Traditional Service
SUNDAY	5:00 pm	Connexion Group (Stephens) 1304 Deerfield Meadow
6	5:00 pm	Connexion Group (McCarvers) 22449 Meadow Hill Road
	6:00 pm	Connexion Group (Reisbeck) 906 Raintree Lane
	6:00 pm	Connexion Group (Taylors) 755 East Hickory Lane
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MONDAY	6:30 pm	Connexion Group (at Michael & Emily Atkins' house)
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TUESDAY	7:00 pm	Connexion Group (Eisenberg) 708 Gail Drive
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	10:00 am	Connexion Group (Comfort-Lowerre) 209 Misti Court
WEDNESDAY	12:00 pm	Prayer Time in the Chapel
9	5:30 pm	Timothy Team (Grades K-6th)
	6:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Men's Group (Fellowship Hall)
	6:45 pm	Basement Student Ministries
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
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THURSDAY	9:30 am	Circle One UMW Ladies' Meeting
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	9:00 am	Celebration Service
	10:00 am	Communion in the Sanctuary
SUNDAY	10:00 am	Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall
13	10:15 am	Sunday School
	11:10 am	Traditional Service
	2:30 pm	FUMC Small Group Discussion Open Meeting (Wesley Room)
	5:00 pm	Connexion Groups meet

GREETERS:

Date	Sanctuary West 8:45 AM	Sanctuary East 8:45 AM	Sanctuary West 10:50 AM	Sanctuary East 10:50 AM
January 6	Cheryl Comfort	Billie Jean Buckler	Don Haxel	Brenda Haxel
January 13	Cheryl Comfort	Billie Jean Buckler	Don Haxel	Brenda Haxel
January 20	Cheryl Comfort	Billie Jean Buckler	Don Haxel	Brenda Haxel

SERMON

Do You Hear What The Wise Men Are Saying?
Matthew 2:1-12

Christmas Story Quiz

1. According to the Bible, how did Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem?
2. According to the bible, name all the people who were present at the manger at anytime during the Christmas story.
3. The Bible says the star that led the wise men to Bethlehem, stopped over what structure when they arrived to worship baby Jesus?
4. How many wise men came to worship Jesus?

Who exactly were these "wise men from the East"?

- a. Some think they were a group of _____ from _____.
- b. Others believe they were _____ from _____.

List some of the Traditions of the Church regarding the "Wise Men":

The Biblical record says little about _____ these men were!
Perhaps because the emphasis is upon _____ they did!

Do you hear what the Wise Men are saying?

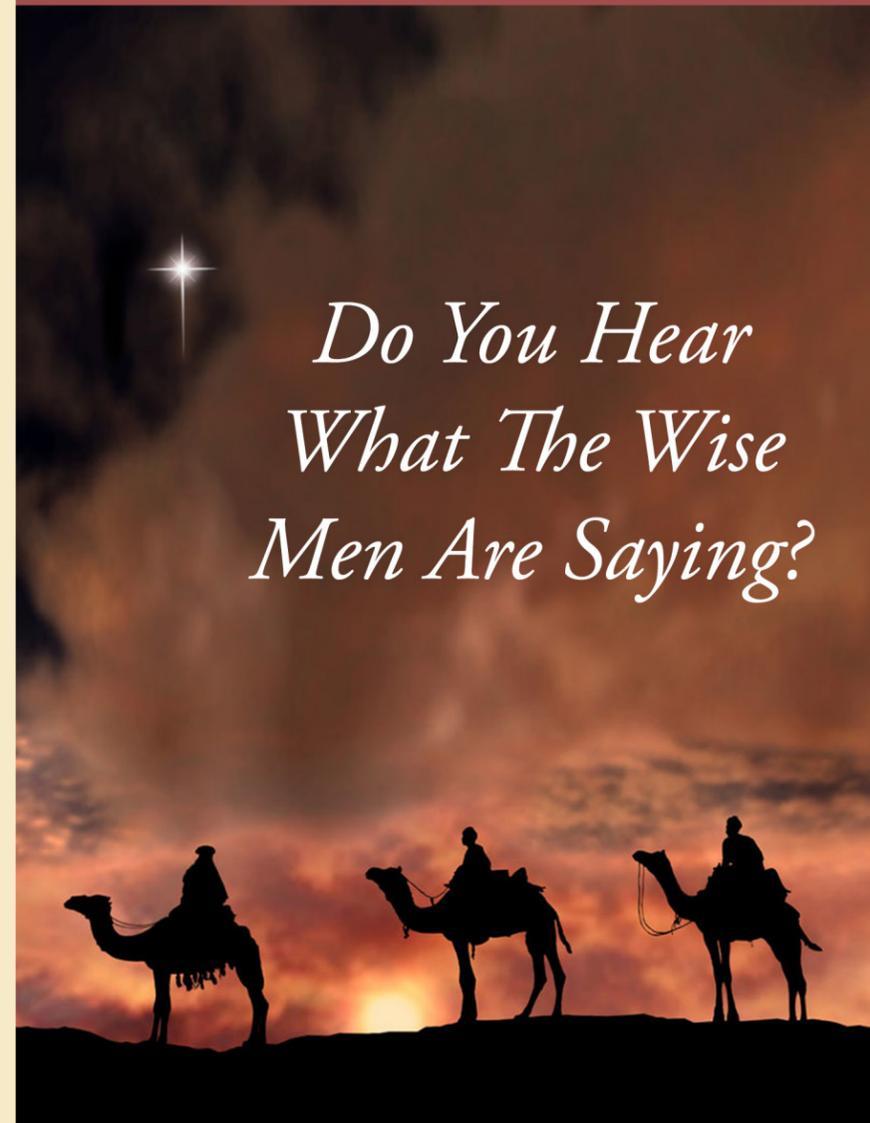
IT IS NOT ALWAYS THOSE WHO HAVE THE MOST RELIGIOUS PRIVILEGES, WHO GIVE CHRIST _____

John 1:11 reads, "He came to His own, but His own did not receive Him." Sadly, the same is often true today. Those in the Church often show less love and adoration than those outside the Church. As Christians we are called to honor Christ daily through our actions.

Are we showing Christ like love to our neighbors?

Do we assume that because we read the Scriptures, we know them?

Do you hear what the Wise Men are saying?



WELCOME

Message from the Pastor

Over the past several weeks, really since Thanksgiving, Christmas songs have filled the airwaves of local radio stations and shopping centers, satellite radio channels devoted to 24/7 playing of popular Christmas songs, and even our playlists have been devoted to Christmas music. I love the music of season. Some of my favorites include the "Little Drummer Boy," the "Christmas Shoes," and "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

It was this last song, "Do You Hear What I Hear?" that got me thinking about the Christmas Story. The song itself is a narrative of the Christmas story and how the word is spread concerning the birth of Jesus. There are a number of stories that have grown up over time concerning the biblical account of the birth of Jesus and the Wise Men or Magi, so as we wind down this Christmas Season and celebrate the Epiphany this week we'll take a look at what the Bible has to say about the birth of Christ and we will especially explore what the "Wise Men from the East" have to say even to our 21st century ears.

We are glad you have joined us today on this first Sunday of 2019 as we celebrate Epiphany Sunday and hear what the Wise Men are saying. We're glad you're here!

WHO WE ARE

Our Vision

We believe that God has put us here at this time to faithfully seek Him and make Him known through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Our Values*

Prayer, Love, Worship
Bible-Based Preaching & Teaching
Children & Youth Ministry

Discovering God's vision for our church

What We Believe

Many people believe they are Christian because they were born into a religious home or they go to church, tried their best, or are a moral person. However, the Bible teaches that these things do not make you a Christian. You become a Christian simply by:

1. Acknowledging that you, like all people have sinned and fallen short of God's standards. The Bible calls sin a desire to live independently of God. (Romans 3:23)
2. Personally believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins on the cross and rose again. (Romans 6:23)
3. Repenting (turning away from your sins), confessing, and accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. (Romans 10:9)

You may express your desire and belief in prayer, asking Jesus to come into your life, and receiving grace as God's gift to you. The Bible is clear that we all enter into a relationship with God through His mercy and grace.

**Bold = Focus of Today's Message*

QUIET TIME GUIDE

You can incorporate a little of today's worship into your daily quiet time as easy as 1-2-3-4.

- 1 = Begin with reading *Inviting God's Presence and Action*
- 2 = Read the day's Scriptures from the *Feed on the Word* list
- 3 = Pray through the *Joys & Concerns*
- 4 = Finish with the *Benediction/Blessing*

1. Inviting God's Presence and Action:

Light of Christ, awaken us this hour to the glory of your presence in our midst. Shine among us in such a way that the darkness without and within may be pushed back, such that we might truly see what is really real. Help us to recognize our sin for what it is. Enable us to behold the world as you created it to be, as you created us to be. Empower us to move from darkness to light, from sin to new life. May your light within us shine through into worship this day, as all days. This we pray in the name of the Word made flesh, the light which is the light of all people. Jesus Christ. Amen.

2. Feed on the Word:

We are using a new way to read through the Bible using Seedbed's reading guide and devotional. To read the daily devotional, sign up at: www.seedbed.com/daily-text

3. Joys & Concerns:

Newest Concerns:

- This is a new year - a new slate - prayers that we rise into all God has for us this year.
- There are many new confidential prayer concerns.
- Several have noted desperate need for reliable transportation, and better jobs.
- Elisha Comfort heard from her estranged son, James; prayers for him to be saved and know Jesus.

Joys:

- Next week's birthday honorees for the week of 01/07 - 01/13/2019 are: Charles Peer, Jim Huggins, Sue Farley, and Mike McGooden
- Joallen Moose is joyful to have a better understanding of Christmas!
- Reba Seward's daughter, Sarah who recently had surgery was here with her husband and son for last Sunday's service.
- Barbara Leonard reports with many thanks and praises that Jim Weigal started eating some solid foods over the Christmas season! He has been on a liquid diet for a long time.

Continuing Concerns:

- Prior weeks prayer concerns.
- Pray for healing [Those on this list have ongoing medical issues and doctor appointments]:
 - Liam Comfort's grandparents
 - Sue Farley
 - David Graves
 - Daisye Howell
 - Paul McVay
 - Joallen Moose
 - Karl Mounger's sister, Ruth
 - Randy Murphy
 - Mary Peters
 - Pam Rasmussen
 - Dale Sugg
 - Al Waggoner
 - Jane Waggoner's daughter, Nicole

4. Benediction:

The Lord bless you, and keep you; The Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUMC SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

FUMC is undergoing a discernment process to discover God's purpose and vision for our church and our heart as a church. As a follow-up to the Congregational Survey that took place on December 16th there will be a series of facilitated discussions within several of our small groups. **You are invited to participate in these small group discussions even if you are not currently active in one of our Sunday school (SS) classes or Connexion Groups (CG).** Below is a list of the dates, locations, and times of these small group discussions:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH

Seekers SS Class (10:00 am)
Round Table SS Class (10:15 am)
Men's SS Class (10:15 am)
Richard & Melissa McCarver CG (5:00 pm)
Lynn Stephens CG (5:00 pm)
Craig & Maribeth Reisbeck CG (6:00 pm)
Craig & Melody Taylor CG (6:00 pm)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13TH

OK SS Class (10:15 am)
Jericho SS Class (10:30 am)
Youth (7th-12th grades) SS Class (10:30 am)
Open Time for Anyone Who Has Not Participated in Small Group Discussions (Wesley Room 2:30 pm)

MONDAY, JANUARY 7TH

Michael & Emily Atkins CG (6:30 pm)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8TH

John & Colleen Eisenberg CG (7:00 pm)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9TH

Elisha Comfort & Ann Lowerre CG (10:00 am)
Basement Student Ministries (6:45 pm)

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Wednesday youth activities begin again this week, with Timothy Team at 5:30 pm, and Basement Student Ministries at 6:45 pm.

BREAKFAST WITH BRO'S

Let's face it, it's tough being a guy in 2019! We're called to serve God, love our wives, raise godly children, and work, work, work. The good news? You don't have to do it alone! Starting January 15th and every Tuesday after, guys are getting together for breakfast at the Back Forty Restaurant at 6:15am for a time of fellowship, a devotional, and some bro time! All guys are invited!

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

We will be having a Church Leadership Summit on Saturday, January 19, 2019. The Church Council will meet at 9am, and Committees and Teams will meet at 11:15am.

PRAYER TIME EACH WEDNESDAY

Join us every Wednesday from noon-1pm for a quiet prayer time in the chapel. Let us make 2019 a year where we say time out from the weekly hustle & come to the chapel to absorb His Omnipotence, His all knowing Wisdom. Let us pray without ceasing each week; and praise Him!

FAMILY MINISTRIES - JOIN THE FUN!

We would love for you to join the Family Ministries Team! We will plan 12 events/activities for this next year. As a member you will only attend about 2 planning meetings all year, the rest of the planning can be done via text, sign up sheets, and email. You can volunteer to help set up, clean up, decorate, bake, cook, shop, or lead activities/games. If you are interested, join us on Sunday, January 13th at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall for a Planning Meeting. Lunch will be served at the meeting because that's how we roll! RSVP to Tiffinie Smith via text (479-524-1373).

NURSERY

Childcare for infant, toddler, and preschool aged children is provided during both services. There is also a nursing mothers room located just off the Fellowship Hall. While the nursery is available for our youngest members, parents with school-aged students are encouraged to bring their children to the worship services. Kids activity packs are available on the table in the Narthex.

EXTRA DOLLARS

There is a brochure with the story of the "Extra Dollar" in the Information Rack in the Welcome Center.

CONNECT CARD

Celebration - 1/6/2019

We are so glad that you are here and hope you feel at home as you join us in worship. Whether you are a guest, or a member, please fill out and return this card so we can know you were here!

Please Check Appropriate Box:

- First Time Guest*
- Repeat Guest
- Member
- My address has changed

Name: _____

Names of children ages 0-18 in attendance today: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

- Check here if you would like to be added to our weekly email list.

Email: _____

Joys, Concerns, God Sightings: _____

- Check box if you do not wish to have your prayer requests published.

**If you are a first time guest today, we have a gift for you! Please go to the welcome table outside the chapel where your completed "Connect Card" may be traded for a gift certificate to Barnett's Dairyette.*