

**Traditional Service**

January 6, 2019  
11:10 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 ORDER FORM:**

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:

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**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
<b>SUNDAY</b>	5:00 pm	Connexion Group (Stephens) 1304 Deerfield Meadow
<b>6</b>	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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<b>MONDAY</b>	6:30 pm	Connexion Group (at Michael & Emily Atkins' house)
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<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 pm	Connexion Group (Eisenberg) 708 Gail Drive
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	10:00 am	Connexion Group (Comfort-Lowerre) 209 Misti Court
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	12:00 pm	Prayer Time in the Chapel
<b>9</b>	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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<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:30 am	Circle One UMW Ladies' Meeting
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	9:00 am	Celebration Service
	10:00 am	Communion in the Sanctuary
<b>SUNDAY</b>	10:00 am	Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall
<b>13</b>	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?**

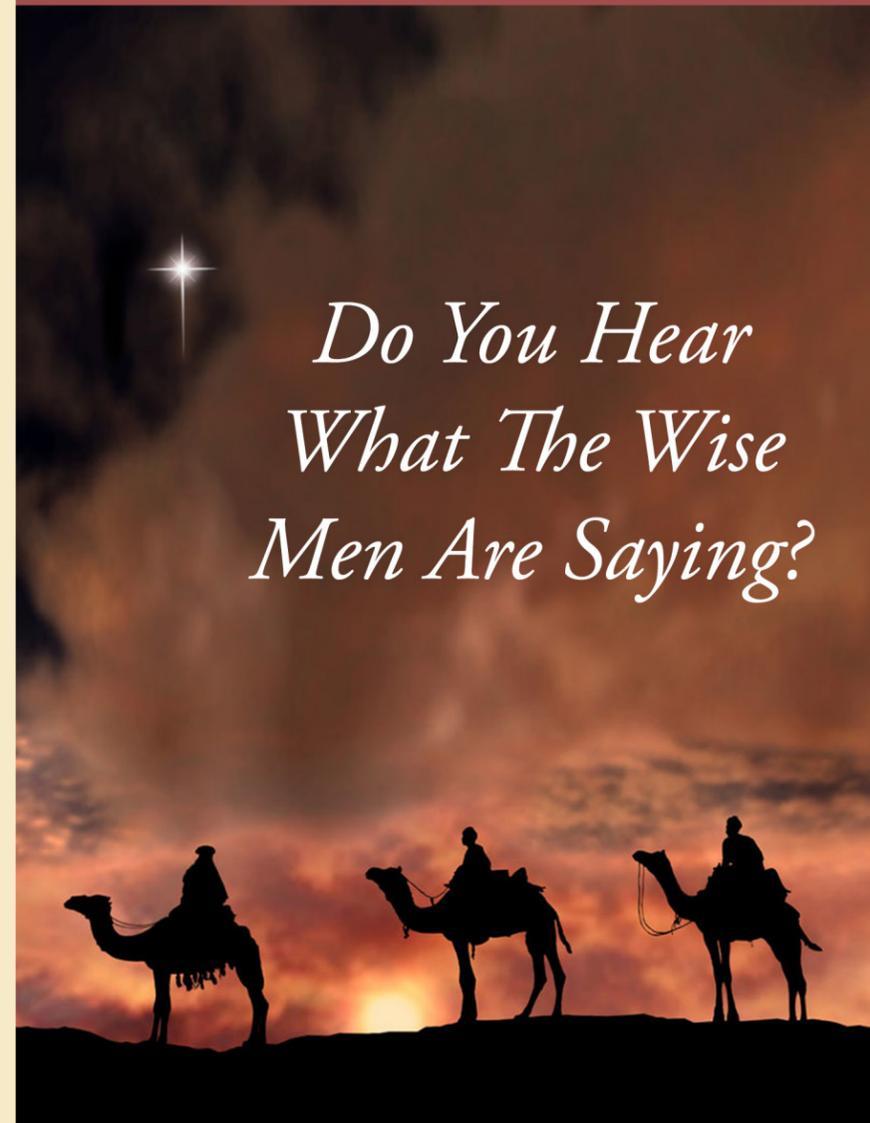
IT IS NOT ALWAYS THOSE WHO HAVE THE MOST RELIGIOUS PRIVILEGES, WHO GIVE CHRIST \_\_\_\_\_

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!

  
Rev. Clark

# 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

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 6, 2019 | Epiphany of the Lord

## Pastoral Welcome & Announcements

**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.

**Prelude** "He is Born" — arr. & perf. by Job Smoot

**Call to Worship** Liturgist — Larry Dodgen

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of God has risen upon you.

**Congregation: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

Leader: When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, wise men came from the East, saying: Where is he who is born king of the Jews?

**Congregation: For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.**

Leader: The wonderful light of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** "The First Noel" #245, verses 1, 2, 3, & 5

**\*Affirmation of Faith** Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## \*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

**Welcome and Greet** Please greet one another as we pass the Peace of Christ

**Anthem** "Do You Hear What I Hear" Dan Phillips

**Children's Time** Glenda Gorszczyk

## Joys & Concerns

## Mission Moment

## Giving of God's Tithes, Our Offerings and Our "Extra Dollars"✠

**Offertory** "Angels from the Realms of Glory" — arr. & perf. by Job Smoot

## \*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

**\*January Memory Verse** Hebrews 10:24 (NRSV)  
"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good deeds."

**\*Scripture Reading** Matthew 2:1-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Sermon** *Do You Hear What The Wise Men Are Saying?* Rev. Clark Atkins

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## Invitation to Discipleship

**\*Hymn of Commitment** "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen"  
W & S #3052, verses 1, 3, & 5 (see below)

**\*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)

**\*Benediction Response** "The First Noel"  
- UMH #245, REFRAIN

**Noel, noel  
Noel, noel  
Born is the King of Israel.**

**Postlude** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" — arr. & perf. by Job Smoot

\* Please stand if able

## God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

Verse 1

God rest you merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,  
For Jesus Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,  
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.

REFRAIN

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Verse 3

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. - REFRAIN

Verse 5

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface. - REFRAIN

## 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

## Traditional - 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Joys, Concerns, God Sightings: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.