

Calendar for this week:

Today, Dec. 25: 9:45 a.m. Worship

8:00 p.m. AA

Monday, Dec. 26: Offices closed for the Holiday

Friday, Dec. 30: 8:00 p.m. AA

Saturday, Dec. 31: 7:00 p.m. NA

Sunday, Jan. 1: 9:45 a.m. Worship

8:00 p.m. AA

Attendance last week: 80

One Day - Three Events! Please join us at New Hope UMC (4525 NW Beaver) on Saturday, January 14th, for the following:

1:00 pm Rev. Karen Nelson's Installation as the Central District Field Outreach Minister

2:00 pm Epiphany Reception

3:00 pm Lay Leadership Training Sessions

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| - Church Council | - Evangelism |
| - Finance | - Lay Leader |
| - Mission | - Pastor-Parish Relations |
| - Stewardship | - Trustees |

Bishop Trimble will be joining us for the afternoon. Mark your calendar now—you won't want to miss the fun! Contact Roger or Debbie McCloney if you are interested in attending so that carpooling can be arranged.

Isaiah 52:7-10 (NRSV)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Psalms 98 (NRSV)

L: O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

P: The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

L: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

P: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

P: break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

L: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

P: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

L: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

P: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

John 1:1-14 (NRSV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Prayer Concerns: Pray for the safety of all military personnel wherever they may be serving. Pray also for Matt Clevenger, Rosemary Dearden, Jean Volz, Norma McDaniel, Elna Temby, Anna Nalevanko and Virginia Moore.

Our Christian Sympathies to the family and friends of Ruby Hart who died on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

Sunday School classes will NOT be held today or next Sunday, Jan. 1.

Reminder: all 2011 offerings must be in the office by noon on Dec. 28 to be included. Anything received after that time will be counted as 2012 offering.

The Upper Room Devotionals for January and February are available on the devotional rack. Pick up your copy today!

The Liturgist sign-up sheet for January and February is on the table in the hall. If you are willing and able to serve your congregation in this way, select the Sunday or Sundays that work best for you. Thank you.

Bidwell Riverside has issued a list of its most urgently needed items. If you can donate any of these items, place them in the clothing collection barrels in the narthex. Thanks, in advance, for your donations.

Personal products: shampoo, conditioner, soap, feminine hygiene products; Paper products: toilet paper, paper towels; Diapers: especially sizes 2 and up; Cash: When the economy is challenged Bidwell experiences a double effect - cash donations go down while need goes up.

A "Prayer Service for Peace" will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 7:00 p.m., at Capitol Hill Lutheran Church, 511 Des Moines St. This service is sponsored by the Des Moines Area Ecumenical Committee for Peace.

Christmas Day
December 25, 2011

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude "The Joy of Christmas" Mildred Zeliadt

Welcome, Announcements, Joys & Concerns

*Call to Worship:

Leader: Listen! Do you hear the sounds of joy?
Have you heard the messenger's good news?
**People: The Word was with God from the beginning.
In Jesus, the Word has come to dwell among us.**

Leader: Break forth into singing, people of God!
Your comfort and your salvation are at hand.
People: In Christ, we are empowered as God's children. We are gifted with grace and truth.

Leader: Sing a new song and marvel at God's ways.
Make a joyful noise through all the earth.
**People: We proclaim joy to the world,
for our Lord has come!**

*Hymn: UMH #246 "Joy to the World"

*Unison Prayer

Speak to us again, God of glory, for we are slow to hear.
Remind us of the good news, for we are prone to forget.
Take us to see Jesus, for we have lost our way. We are weary and worn. We cry out for the truth that is eternal.
O God, grant us the joy of your presence and the assurance of your steadfast love. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together in celebration of the Word make flesh. Amen.

Children's Time

Choir Anthem "Mary, Did You Know?"

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 52:7-10
Responsive Reading Psalm 98

*Hymn: UMH #249 "There's a Song in the Air"

Gospel Reading

John 1:1-14

Christmas Carols and Memories

Rev. Kathy Sides

Pastoral 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.

Offering "O, Holy Night"

Doxology

UMH #94

Prayer of Dedication

Thank you, God, for the Word that came to live among us, bringing life. Thank you for your steadfast love and faithfulness even when we have not listened or responded to your will. May this offering represent our growing awareness of the larger vision to which you call us. We dedicate these tokens toward sharing the light of this season. Draw our hearts to follow our treasure into the work you want us to do. Amen.

*Hymn: UMH #240 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

*Sending Forth

Leader: May Jesus the Christ, Savior of this Earth, renew in us all a spirit of hope and good cheer. Let us leave in the light of Jesus' love. Let us live in the promise of his peace. Born to be with us and for us, Jesus brings joy to the world—then, now, and forever.

People: Amen.

*Response: UMH #246 (vs. 2) "Joy to the World"

Postlude "Rise Up Shepherd and Follow" Mildred Zeliadt

Welcome!

***We are a community of faith in worship and action,
open to all in the spirit and love of God.***

“Joy to the world, the Lord is come...” With joy we greet you in the name of Christ. Your presence helps add to the happiness of Christmas. Welcome one and all! Please sign the friendship pad in the pew.

We welcome children in our worship service. However, if necessary, we do have a nursery and cry room on the second floor. It is unattended so you will need to remain with your child. The cry room is located to the left at the top of the stairs and a nursery is located to the right (4th doorway) at the top of the stairs. Our audio system allows you to hear the service in either of these locations.

You can reach Pastor Kathy by calling the office at 285-6545 or her cell phone: 515-201-3634. Her email address is kathysides@hotmail.com.

Worship Assistants

Liturgist - Roger McCloney
Choir Director - Pamela Schisel
Ushers - Jim Keller
Sound - Rod Kent

Staff

Rev. Kathy Sides, pastor
Mildred Zeliadt, Organist
Choir Accompanist - Ben Sides
Jane White, Administrative Assistant
Benny Hotopp, Custodian

Sunday Schedule

Worship at 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School & Coffee Hour at 11:00 a.m.
Holy Communion is generally celebrated the first Sunday of the month

Sunday School (11:00—11:45)

Sunday School classes will be held Sept. 11, 2011 to May 20, 2012.

**Christmas Day
December 25, 2011**

**The Word
became flesh
and made his
dwelling
among us.**

John 1:14



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