

January 1, 2017

Epiphany Sunday

10:00 AM

**Gathering Thought:** “We will give him a family and he will be our brother.” --Alex, a six year-old boy from New York, who wrote a letter to President Obama offering to provide a home for Omran Daqueesh, a Syrian boy who was injured in a bombing in Syria.

### ENTRANCE

Gathering  
Welcome and Announcements  
Prelude

*I Wonder as I Wander*

arr. Mark Hayes  
Judy Zahren, guest organist

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Christ Candle

\*Call to Worship

*Leader:* The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light.

*People:* **Those who live in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.**

*Leader:* Worship the Lord in holy array; tremble before God, all the earth!

*People:* **And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

\*Hymn of Praise

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

UMH 185

\*Affirmation of Faith

*from 1 Timothy*

UMH 889

Opening Prayer

As the Wise Men of old followed the light of a star to find the Light of the World,  
so we come this morning, our Father, seeking light.

We need the light which exposes evil.

We need the light that gives comfort and dispels fear.

We need the light that reveals the way to eternal life.

Open our eyes to the light you have given us in Christ, who is the Light of the World.

Amen.

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

*Isaiah 60:1-7*

Pew Bible p. 602

Sharing of Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

\*The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious Lord, thank you for the gift of light in your son, Jesus.

Use these offerings to shed your light on those sitting in darkness,

and to proclaim the good news of God's favor to all those living in despair.

We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

\*Hymn of Preparation

*Fill My Cup, Lord*

UMH 641

Second Lesson

*I Corinthians 11:23-26*

Pew Bible p. 933

Sermon

*The Same Night*

Rev. Wayne Harting

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live at peace with one another. Today, we will be serving by intinction.

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH p. 15

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.**

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Communion Hymns

*Love Came Down at Christmas*

UMH 242 (vs. 1 & 2)

*There's a Song in the Air*

UMH 249 (vs. 1 & 2)

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

UMH 251 (vs. 1 & 2)

*We Three Kings*

UMH 254 (vs. 1 & 5)

### SENDING FORTH

\*Hymn of Commitment

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

UMH 431

\*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Postlude

*Joyful Tidings*

arr. James Moffat

\*Going Forth

*\*Please rise in posture or spirit*

TFWS: *The Faith We Sing*

UMH: *U.M. Hymnal*

**Bold print: in unison**

W&S: *Worship and Song*



## SHARING, CARING, AND STUDYING OPPORTUNITIES

The **2017 LRUMC Officer Lists** are available in the narthex.

The **2017 Offering Envelopes** are on a table in the Arcade (downstairs hallway). Please pick yours up today!

On behalf of Eddie, Rick would like to thank the church family for their donations to **Eddie's Christmas shopping spree.**

### Food Collections

During this January missions season, donations are needed for ACTC of canned pasta meals. Please place items in collection boxes outside Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support.

### Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of inclement weather, you may call the church office on Sunday morning to determine whether church services remain scheduled for the day. The telephone number is 410-825-0900.

**The January/February Upper Room** is available in the Narthex on the History Cabinets and by the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor entrance to the Sanctuary. These daily devotional booklets may be obtained for a \$1 donation.

## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<b>Sunday School for all ages</b>	
	10:00 a.m.	<b>Worship</b>	Sanctuary
	after worship	<b>Fellowship Time</b>	Fellowship Hall
	11:30 a.m.	St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary

**Dec. 26 to Jan. 3**

**Pastor Cliff on vacation**  
*For pastoral emergencies, please call*  
*Rev. Wayne Harting, 410-663-0421, or the church office.*

Monday – Friday	6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	The Learning Garden Preschool	Rooms 122, 116
	6:30 AM – 6:30 p.m.	IMPROVE Before- & After-School Care	Rooms 208, 214

Monday		<b>Church Office Closed</b>	
	7:30 p.m.	<b>Women in Christ Circle</b>	Room 202

Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	<b>Phyllis Downs Circle</b>	Parlor
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Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	<b>Trustees meeting</b>	Parlor
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Friday	10:30 a.m.	Al-Anon	Room 128
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Saturday	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal	Room 210
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 13 **Deadline for Statistical Report**

Jan. 15 **Finance Cmte. Meeting** Parlor

Jan. 16 **Church Office Closed**



### **New Prayer Requests**

The family of Ms. Scott Lilly *(by Marcia & Gary Smith 12/24)*

The family of Jeannette Chilcoat *(by Susan Emory 12/27)*

### **Recent Prayer Requests**

Terry Stowe *(by Patti Ferguson 12/19)*

Evan Horn *(by Yvonne & Gary 12/18)*

The family of Dellroy Harrison *(12/15)*

The family of Lee Hammond who passed 9 December *(by Judy Zahren 12/20)*

Dontae Pendleton *(by Jan Hoener 12/11)*

David Pearce *(by Sharon Neumann 12/11)*

James Edmonds *(by Rebecca Mickey 12/6)*

The family of Ralph Bartram *(by Bob Bartram 12/4)*

*Prayer requests will be held for one month, unless requested otherwise.*