

# THE CHIMES

“To Minister, as Living Witnesses, the Saving Grace of Jesus Christ”

## Pastor’s Corner

A new year begins and with it comes the celebration of Epiphany, a church festival centering on the revelation of God’s presence among us in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### A promise fulfilled ...

Followers of Jesus believe his birth fulfills God’s promise envisioned by the prophet Isaiah: *Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you* (60: 1).

### Our faithful response ...

In our own time the light of Epiphany shines on when we imitate Christ. As Paul writes in his letter to Titus:

*For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

*Happy Epiphany!*  
– Pastor French



## Christian Education News

We delivered the **Giving Tree** wishes on December 20 to Third Street Alliance. Maybelline Jimenez accepted our gifts and was so very happy and appreciative of our generosity. I am so proud of us! We filled all forty-one requests for Third Street Alliance plus another four for a local Nazareth family. Thank you to all who embraced the Christmas spirit with your generosity. You are awesome!

The **Sparkle Box** will be opened on December 29 during worship. I can’t wait to hear what kind of gifts we gave to Jesus. Sunday School classes will resume on January 5 at 9:30.

**The Christmas Truce** is over – another Christmas program for the record books. Well done everyone! Thank you to those who donated cookies for Fellowship time, the children truly appreciate it. Also, please don’t develop any bad habits from the candy cigarettes or fake cigars.

– Sister Patty



**Soup Sales for January**

Soup pick up for the month of January is on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> following both worship services.

Options include

- Zuppa Toscana (sausage, kale, and potato)
- Sauerkraut Soup
- Cream of Broccoli

Prices are \$9.00/quart and \$4.50/pint for Zuppa Toscana and Sauerkraut Soup and \$8.00/quart and \$4:00/pint for Cream of Broccoli.



Our Scripture Readers for the month of January are listed below. Thank you for assisting in leading worship.

- 5 Christian Morgenstern**
- 12 Kat Lehman**
- 19 Anna French**

If you would like to serve in this way, please contact Pastor French by sending him an email with "Scripture Reader" in the subject line at:

[nazmorpastor@gmail.com](mailto:nazmorpastor@gmail.com)

**Call for Reports for Church Council (Deadline January 24<sup>th</sup>)**

Our annual February Church Council meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall at noon on Sunday, February 23. The purpose of the February Church Council meeting is set forth in the congregation's bylaws.

*A second Congregational Council shall be held on the last Sunday in the month of February for the purpose of reviewing the previous year's reports, and such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting.*

We want to distribute reports on February 9. If you are the leader of a congregational ministry group, or committee, please submit your reports to the church office by 3:00 PM on Friday, January 24. Due to lack of an Administrative Assistant the church office cannot guarantee that reports received after that date will be included in the council booklet.

**January Birthdays**

DUSINSKI, John	01/02	SMITH, Shirley	01/04
UTZAT, Richard	01/05	SIGAFOOS, Evan	01/06
HERCIK, Natalee	01/07	WHITE, Sarah	01/08
BERGSTRESSER, J. Frederick	01/09	SIGAFOOS, Claire	01/10
PRIMROSE Mrs, Linda	01/13	YUHAS, Gage	01/13
BANKOWSKI, Lori	01/15	METZGAR, Mollie	01/15
RAWLINGS, Melissa	01/15	RIZZOTTO, Deborah	01/15
SABATINE, Vanessa	01/15	WEST, MaryBeth	01/16
ROWE, Jessica	01/17	BANKOWSKI II, Richard	01/19
DUKE, Kaci	01/19	RICHARDSON, Jennifer	01/19
ENGELBRECHT, Joan	01/20	RAUB, Joshua	01/21
STOFANAK, Michael	01/21	HESS, Dawn	01/23
BARNDT, Lindsey	01/26	GALLAGHER, Amanda	01/26
HUTH, Ronald	01/26	KNECHT, Jacob	01/26
MATYAS, Louise	01/27	LUCZKOWIAK, Elizabeth	01/28
WARD, Catherine	01/28	CUNNINGHAM, Nancy	01/29
TOMAC, Matthew	01/30	WEST, AJ	01/30



# January

2025

## Congregational Watchword for 2025

Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds.

Hebrews 10:24

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 10:00 AM Book Study Party	31	1 <b>New Year's Day</b> Office Closed 6:30 PM Women's AA	2 Office Opens 9 AM	3	4 10:00 AM Bright Stairs
5 <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Watchwords</b>	6 <b>Epiphany</b> 10:00 AM Book Study 7:00 PM CEC	7	8 6:30 PM Women's AA 7:00 PM Elders 6:30 PM Women's AA	9 9:30 AM Church Staff	10	11 Loaves and Fishes
12 8:15 Early Worship 9:30 Sunday School — Bell Practice 10:00 Senior Choir 10:45 Later Worship	13 10:00 AM Book Study 6:00 PM Cemetery	14	15 6:30 PM Women's AA	16	17 Soup Making	18 <b>Soup Sale Pick Up</b> <b>3:00 to 4:30 PM</b>
19 <b>King's Daughters</b> <b>and Sons Sunday</b> Joyful Noise 8:15 Early Worship 9:30 Sunday School — Bell Practice 10:00 Senior Choir 10:45 Later Worship	20 10:00 AM Book Study 7:00 PM Property	21 10:00 PM Outreach 7:00 PM Trustees	22 6:30 PM Women's AA	23	24 <b>Deadline for</b> <b>Church Council</b> <b>Reports</b>	25
26 8:15 Early Worship 9:30 Sunday School — Bell Practice 10:00 Senior Choir 10:45 Later Worship	27 10:00 AM Book Study	28	29 6:30 PM Women's AA	30	31	1 The Joyful Noise offering for this month will be given to Meals on Wheels of Northampton.



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### King's Daughters and Sons Sunday

On Sunday, January 19, the Bright Stars circle of the King's Daughters and Sons will be leading worship. For more on this charitable interdenominational organization see their website at <https://iokds.org/who-we-are/>

### Pointsettia Pick Up Sunday, Jan. 5

Post Christmas de-decorating follows worship **Sunday, January 5**. If you dedicated a pointsettia, please take it home with you after worship or pick up by the end of the week. Unclaimed plants will be distributed to shut-ins or disposed of.

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