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JANUARY 2020

Wise men still
SEEK HIM


**They set out;
and there,
ahead of them,
went the star
that they had seen
at its rising,
until it stopped
over the place
where the child was.**

Matthew 2.9

Epiphany

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

BIBLE STUDY 9:00 AM

SERVICE 11:00 AM

"Till all have heard! Thanks be to God!"

REGULAR CHURCH EVENTS AND WORSHIP

Sunday -	9:00 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Sunday Worship
Monday -	PANERA BREAD DISTRIBUTION 9:00-11:00 AM
Wednesday	6:30 PM - Adult Choir (September through May/June)
Thursday	6:30 PM - Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

OUR WEBSITE ADDRESS:

www.firststjohns.com

WELCOME

Our calling is for all to know Jesus as Lord and be an effective magnet involving lives for Jesus Christ. Worship should always be focused on God, the time honored traditions of worship are observed here, we want worship to be glorifying to God, honoring to God and reminding us of the greatness and glory of God. People say that they have truly worshipped after our Sunday morning service.

We are a very welcoming church and we want to help you to know Jesus.

Contact Us

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Epiphany will be celebrated as part of the regular service on January 5, 2020.



SUNDAY SERVICES

Communion and Non-Communion, Services are held during the month, Prayer and Preaching Non-Communion services are held on the 5th Sunday of months with 5 Sundays.

We print bulletins in English (small and large print), and Chinese for morning worship. Please contact us in advance if you need a Spanish bulletin.

PHONE: (717) 843-8597

**COME
WORSHIP**
with us!



If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter by email please contact the church office at (717) 843-8597 or send an email to firststjohns@verizon.net.



If you or someone you know is a shut-in, has an illness or is unable to worship with us due to other circumstances, please call the church office.

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GET IN TOUCH

NEWSLETTER REVISION

First St. John's is ending the bulk mailing of the newsletter beginning with the March edition. The church is also considering a different format for this publication.

- ♦ **Active members will receive the newsletter in their church mail-boxes.**
- ♦ **Shut-Ins will continue to receive the newsletter by mail. Other requests for mailing the newsletters will be open to members only.**
- ♦ **Sending the newsletter by email will be continued and we encourage this method of delivery. Please notify the church office at (717) 843-8597 if you would like to receive the newsletter as a .PDF email attachment.**
- ♦ **Newsletters for the year (January through December), will be accessible in .PDF format on the church website.**
- ♦ **Extra newsletters will be available at the church.**

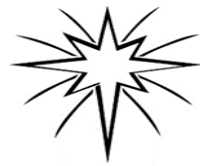
GOD'S BLESSINGS IN THE NEW YEAR.



Monthly



Newsletter



Music & Worship Notes



I want to thank all the people who participated in the "special" services and programs that took place during the month of December: the LWML, Neal Pullins, and the White Rose Chorus for the Holly Tea; the Adult Choir for leading the service of Lessons and Carols and St. Paul's Columbia for hosting the choir; Ed Abendschoen III and Karl VanDyk for their help with the German Christmas service. Thank you also to all the people and groups that provided the Wednesday evening Advent meal. First St. John's and St. Paul's is truly blessed to have willing people to help in all areas of need in the church.

This year's Epiphany service will be on Sunday, January 5. There will be traditional service in the church. As I thought about the "three kings," I wanted to find out more of the tradition behind them. This information comes from a book that is titled: "Christmas: its' carols, customs and Legends."

"The three Wise Men (also referred to as the Three Kings and as Magi) are always a part of the Nativity scene. The story of their visit to the Christ Child is told in St. Matthew, and they are in themselves familiar symbols of Christmas. According to medieval legend, They were Melchoir, King of Arabia, who brought a gift of gold (signifying gold for a King); Caspar or Gasper, King of Tarsus, who brought myrrh (significant of the Great Physician); and Bal- thasar, King of Ethiopia, who brought frankincense (signifying a High Priest)

These gifts brought to the Christ Child by the Wise Men may well have been the origin of our present-day custom of giving gifts at Christmas. On the other hand, it may have grown out of the desire to emulate the unselfishness of Christ."

Many cultures celebrate their Christmas on Epiphany, and share their gifts at that time.



Ken Sanders,
Minister of Music

THE ADULT CHOIR:

Karen Hildebrand, Lois Hollinger, Lois Stambaugh, Dave Stambaugh,
Wally Smith, Quitao Zhang, Ding Wang,



The special offering for the month of

JANUARY

Habitat For Humanity



JANUARY 2019 PARISH VISITOR

FEBRUARY 2020 DEADLINE

Articles Due January 17th-Friday

Mail Date January 23rd -Thursday

Newsletter

Bible Study



9:00 AM

MEETINGS IN JANUARY

Worship Committee

Church Council

Future Committee

To be announced

January 9th

1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month-9:00 am



UPCOMING JANUARY 2020 SERVICES

January 5th, Communion (Second Sunday after Christmas)

January 12th, Non-Communion (The Baptism of our Lord)

January 19th, Communion (Second Sunday after the Epiphany)

January 26th, Non-Communion (Third Sunday after the Epiphany)



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Future Com. Mtg.- 9pm Adult Choir at 6:30 PM	2 N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	3	4
5 2nd Sunday after Christmas C/ White	6 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	7	8 Adult Choir at 6:30 PM	9 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 5:30 PM N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	10	11
12 The Baptism of our Lord NC/White	13 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	14	15 Future Com. Mtg.- 9pm Adult Choir at 6:30 PM	16 N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	17	18
19 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany C/ Green	20 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	21	22 Adult Choir at 6:30 PM	23 N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	24	25
26 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany NC/ Green	27 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	28	29 Future Com. Mtg.- 9pm Adult Choir at 6:30 PM	30 N. A. Mtg. 6:30 pm	31	
		<u>LAY READER</u>	<u>USHER</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>		SPECIAL MISSIONS OFFERINGS JANUARY Habitat for Humanity



JANUARY 2020 STEWARDSHIP

Our God is a God who works through means. He can and has worked immediately without agency, as the Bible testifies, but primarily, on the whole and for the most part, our God works through means. He does this not only for all of our earthly needs but also for all of our spiritual needs. And He does this for our benefit.

He provides for all our needs of this body and life through means. He gives us fathers and mothers to care for us when we are young. Through them, God provides house and home, food and clothing, education and training in the arts and work of this world.

He gives us good government to protect us from harm and danger; He gives us faithful neighbors and good friends to help in times of need and lack. He gives us employers who trade our work for income so that we may acquire the needs of the body. He gives us brains and brawn so that we will have something to trade with those employers for that needed income. This work, which we are able to do only because of what God has provided to us, redounds to the benefit of others. And so, the cycle of God giving through means continues.

He provides for all our needs of our souls. He sent His Son into the flesh to be our Savior. In that body, our Lord Jesus Christ lived the life that God demands of us all – a life we have failed to live because of our sins – and, in that body, He made payment for those sins on the cross, once and for all.

God delivers this forgiveness through the means of His Word and Sacraments. He calls pastors to proclaim, in His stead and by His command, that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Through these same pastors, God Himself claims us as His own in Holy Baptism, placing His own name on us in water and Word, igniting faith by the gift of the Holy Spirit. And He gives us His life-giving body and blood to nourish us in this same faith until the end. Our God is a God who works through means.

This is true also of stewardship. This is what St. Paul wrote in Philippians:

"I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:18–19).

The gift St. Paul received from the Philippian church is a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. They gave to God. God provided for St. Paul through the Philippians. And the God who loves both Paul and the Philippians will supply their every need according to the riches in Christ Jesus. Our God is a God who works through means.

"For all the promises of God find their Yes in [Jesus Christ]," St. Paul tells us in 2 Cor. 1:20. This is true also of you. Trust in the God who provides for all that we need in body and soul through means. And not only will you find His "yes" to you, but others will find it, too, through you. "But as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you – see that you excel in this act of grace also" (2 Cor. 8:7).



Bonnie Abendschoen

138 Crown Pointe Drive
York, PA 17402
Birthday--September 30th

Joyce Devan

2408 Lovegren Court
York, PA 17404
Birthday--February 20th

Ruth Hermann

Lutheran Home Skilled Care
Room 404A
1801 Gladfelter Circle
York, PA 17404
Birthday--Feb 11th

Bill Hildebrand

3530 Fox Run Road
Dover, PA 17315
Birthday--September 17th

Dawn Frey

382 West North Street
York, PA 17401
Birthday--April 21st

If you are aware of any changes with those on the list please contact the church office.

We encourage you to drop a card or letter to our shut-ins to let them know that they are missed and a valued member of the congregation.



GLORIA ELLEN WHITEKETTLE

Condolences and prayers are extended to the family of Gloria Whitekettle who was called home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, December 4th, 2019.

We commend her family members and friends to the comfort and care of our Lord and Savior, who is the Resurrection and the Life



PRAYERS

Ruthetta Fogle
Christians especially in the Middle East– persecuted
Prayer Warriors—Spirit is moving
Becky Lupp
Angie Linebaugh
Susan Null-Cancer
Helen Wu-Husband in nursing home
Marianne DeModena-Cancer
Patti Tripp-COPD
Olivia Stankiewicz-Healing (Grand-daughter of Brian and Maria Stankiewicz)
Beth Smith
Bill Hildebrand
Julia
Pastor Jay Mazikas (nephew of Sylvia Barclay)- Severe Headaches
Nancy Hildebrand
Rich Holen-Serious health problems (Son-In-Law) of Sylvia Barclay
Linda Mumford-Health issues
Marge Driskell-Health issues
Kathy Butts Oster-Health issues
Shannon Schwartzman-Health issues
Joyce Devan-Health issues
Aimee Walton-Health Issues
Ruth Strahmeyer-Health issues
Anna vanDyk
David Soter

FIRST TIME REQUESTS

Family of Gloria Whitekettle who went to be with the Lord
Family of Connie Sindlinger who went to be with the Lord

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Bonnie Abendschoen	Dawn Frey	Joyce Devan
Bill Hildebrand	Ruth Hermann	

LEADERS

Church Pastor, Minister of Music Ken Sanders, Lay Leaders, Pastor Cosgrove, Pastor Nzinski, Pastor Zimmerman, Pastor Brasso, Pastor Koontz, Pastor Merrell, Pastor Banach, Pastor Robertson, Pastor Schaefer. Sally Hiller, David Maack. District President John Denninger

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

For all of God’s Gifts

SPIRITUAL NEEDS

For all those who do not know Jesus as Lord
For our “action” committees/task forces
Our Community and Families

We remember in prayer those who are in need of God’s special presence in their lives due to special needs:

Birthdays this month

JANUARY



4th - Elizabeth Hernandez
4th - Dezzaray Tanner
7th - Hans Abendschoen
15th - Lois Hollinger
28th - Addesha Brady
28th - Karen Hildebrand



Please Note - On the 1st Sunday service of the month the birthdays for the month will be read. The Birthdays for the current month will be posted on the bulletin board

Early February Birthdays

2nd - Michelle Taylor
5th - Edward Abendschoen IV

PRAYER LIST (cont.)

MILITARY

Kevin Kuhn	U.S.C.G.
Lindsay Wood	U.S.A.F.
Dakota Kaufman	U. S. Army in Kuwait
Matthew Holland	U. S. Army
Chuck Barrows	U. S. Army
Megan Messersmith	U.S.A.F.
Krista McKenzie	U.S.A.F.
Jonathan Cosgrove	U.S.M.C.
James Bova	U. S. Navy
Dylan Moynihan	U. S. Navy
Tyr Abendschoen	U. S. Army



POLICE

Jonathan
Jason Berger



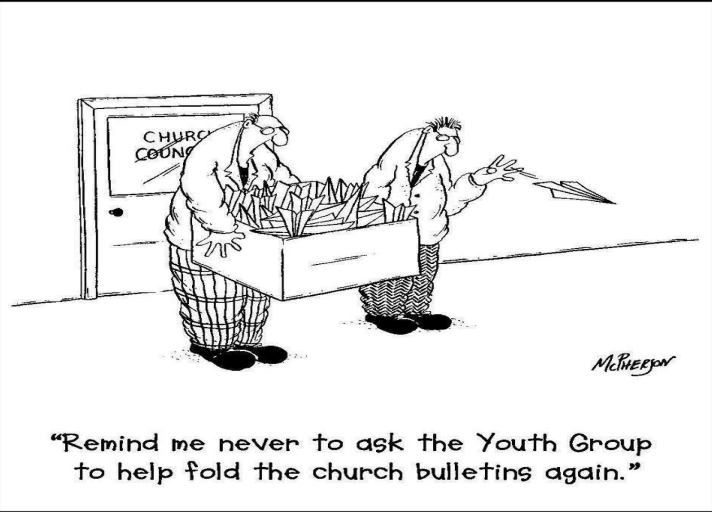
FREE BREADS AND DESSERTS
DONATED WEEKLY BY: PANERA BREAD

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EVERY MONDAY

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DOORS OPEN AT 9:00 AM



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