



GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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EPIPHANY CELEBRATION CHILI AND CORNBREAD COOK-OFF JANUARY 9, 2022

Our award-winning Chili and Cornbread Cook-off will be held on Sunday, January 9, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., in the FAB. Come celebrate with some warm food and fellowship.

There is a sheet in the Narthex to sign up to bring chili and cornbread for judging or dessert to share.

Donations to H.U.G.S. will also be collected that night.



DORCAS CIRCLE SPONSORING H.U.G.S. THIS YEAR

We will be collecting warm clothing, like hats, scarfs, and socks for the shelters in Columbia, both men and women.

Place your donations in the box outside the Church Office near the Chapel. Volunteers will pack up the items and deliver them to the shelters in January.



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



"Let all things be done for building up." 1 Corinthians 14:26b

The Corinthian church was a bit of a mess. Paul helped found the church in the early 50's AD during his second missionary journey (see Acts 18). Paul left them "after a considerable time" of staying in Corinth according to Acts. Others would take over for Paul in leading the church in his absence. Some time later, he received word that the church and its members were having some problems. Among these were quarrels over leaders and authority, lawsuits between church members, dietary disputes, inequity between lower-class and higher-class members, and chaotic worship practices. He wrote his first letter to the Corinthian church to address these issues.

In Corinth, it seems, some members claimed loyalty to Paul, while others preferred another leader, such as Peter or Apollos. Members dragged their fellow members before secular judges to settle disagreements in court. Some members gleefully ate meat sacrificed to pagan idols, while other members were scandalized by this behavior. Even at their meal, the Lord's Supper, the wealthier and more privileged members gorged themselves and became drunk, while the poorer and less well-connected members went hungry and thirsty. And to top it all off, they had a bad habit of talking over one another in worship and trying to outdo one another in their displays of piety.

As I said, it was a real mess. The troubles of the early Corinthian church make our troubles look mild by comparison, but Paul's advice and encouragement to them is still useful—indeed essential—to us even today. Paul urges the Corinthians to put love for one another ahead of other concerns. He urges them to grow in the Spiritual gifts God has given them. And he implores them to do all things for the building up of the church.

In our upcoming Congregational Retreat, we are focusing on the theme of renewal. This theme is also going to pervade everything we do together this year. God is indeed at work to renew our lives and our life together here. We will work together in the coming year to be renewed in our love for one another, in exploring and strengthening our Spiritual gifts, and in our work together to build up the church.

God has gifted you. God is calling you to use these gifts to renew and build up this congregation. This new year, "let all things be done for building up."

Your fellow builder,
Pastor Andrew



GSLC CELEBRATES TWO STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

In January 2022, GSLC is celebrating the anniversary of Joey Allison as he marks his 29th year of service as Sexton at Good Shepherd. Deborah Mitchell begins her 4th year as Parish Administrator in January. We acknowledge and give thanks for both of these staff members who are dedicated to their commitment to GSLC. They both have used their talents for the good of our congregation. Please take time to acknowledge and thank them for their outstanding service at Good Shepherd.

MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

It is my pleasure to serve as Council president for 2022. The past two years certainly have been challenging for everyone, and I am grateful to my predecessor Marcia Woodward and to her predecessor Ed Beaman for shepherding us through those difficult times. As a congregation we have found new ways to worship and to carry out the work of the church. Challenges still exist of course, but as we return to "normal," I have confidence we'll meet those challenges.



I'm looking forward to working with our new Congregation Council and officers. There is a renewed sense of excitement at Good Shepherd, and I'm happy to be a part of a place that nourishes my spiritual life, reaches out in so many ways to those in need in our community, and provides me with so many fellowship and service opportunities with my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Please feel free to contact me whenever you have questions, concerns or whenever you have suggestions as to how we might better be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. And by all means let me know whenever you have positive experiences you want to share with others. My phone number is 803-318-0236, and my email address is dodgerfan@sc.rr.com.

Yours in Christ,
Don Caughman
Council President

WELCOME 2022 CHURCH COUNCIL

Congratulations to the following members who were elected to serve on Church Council and will begin their two-year term on January 1, 2022. Thank them for their commitment and service.

2022 COUNCIL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS NAMED

At the December Council meeting the following were elected Council officers and Committee chairs for 2022.

President	Don Caughman
Vice President	Debi Powell
Secretary	Anna-Marie Plyler
Treasurer	Janice Haigler

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>TERM ENDS</u>
Leigh Ford	Communication	2022
Peter Zornow	Evangelism	2022
Janet Lockhart	Finance	2022
Heather Gilbert	Learning	2023
Debi Powell	Parish Life	2023
Mike Weaver	Property	2023
Suzanne Sanders	Social Ministry	2023
Cathy Milejczak	Worship Life	2022
Amy Kemp	Youth & Children	2023

An installation service was held on December 19 at the Sunday Worship Service for the new members of the 2022 Council. And a special word of thanks is extended to those whose terms expired at the end of this year – Katie Bostic, Karen Lucas, Jamie Sanders, and Marcia Woodward.

SOCIAL MINISTRY UPDATE

Many needy children in the area, as well as residents of Providence Men's Home and The Women's Shelter, all had a brighter Christmas, because of the generosity of Good Shepherd congregation.

Congregation members filled 66 stockings for the Salvation Army to distribute to needy children.

Through the Angel Tree project, 60 gift cards of \$25 each were donated to Providence Men's Home and another 10 cards were given to The Women's Shelter. And thanks to Thrivent Action Team funds, pizza was also taken to each facility when the cards were delivered.

Thank you from the social ministry committee to Janet Lockhart for coordinating the stocking project, and to Susan Uehling for coordinating the Angel Tree project. And special thanks to the congregation for your generosity.



VA FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



It was an exciting day for the VA Food Pantry. Your generous and heartwarming gifts, totaling over \$1100, were greatly appreciated. The shipping and receiving team at the VA were so thankful they all came out to help off load the two vehicles full of food. They were especially happy to see the case of "Texas Pete" hot sauce. He said the vets are always looking for that product.

A shout out to the Tollisons, Rod Kent, Daniel at Publix, Leland at the VA and all those who donated to make this effort such a worthwhile endeavor. The Tollisons secured a Thrivent Action Kit and purchased food. Rod Kent helped load, transport, and off load the food. Daniel from Publix at Trenholm Plaza helped select the food and order the items in bulk. Leland, manager of the Food Pantry at the Dorn Veterans Hospital, excitedly welcome us back. While the food pantry receives other donations, Leland likes to see the Good Shepherd donation. He says we really know what the vets like. He was overwhelmed with happiness and gratitude to see our generous offering.

And a special shout out to everyone who donated to help feed the hungry vets who use the VA Food Pantry. Leland says we will make a lot of people happy this winter.

The King will reply, "truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40.



SOCIAL MINISTRY EMPHASIS JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2022

The Woodyard Fund is the social ministry emphasis for both January and February at Good Shepherd.

A joint project of The State newspaper and The Salvation Army, the Woodyard Fund helps residents in crisis in Richland, Lexington, Newberry and Fairfield counties pay utilities bills. Applicants are vetted and must meet certain criteria to receive aid.

Eligible households get vouchers redeemable at businesses that provide heating services. The Salvation Army reimburses the businesses for the voucher amounts.

The fund dates to 1816, when the Ladies Benevolent Society provided firewood and coal to families in need in Columbia. In 1930, The State newspaper began publicizing the fund each winter.

Good Shepherd has supported the fund for many years. In 2021 we donated \$1,785 to the fund. If you'd like to support this effort, you may contribute any time during January or February by putting your donation in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, or by sending it to the church office.

Checks should be made to Good Shepherd and designated for The Woodyard Fund.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

GSLC's Food Pantry packed and distributed 27 bags of groceries serving 110 individuals in November. Each person that requested groceries also received an additional box of food for Thanksgiving.

2022 TRANSITIONS SERVICE DATES

January 30	Cook on Saturday 29 th
May 29	Cook on Saturday 28 th
July 31	Cook on Saturday 30 th
October 30	Cook on Saturday 29 th
For more information, contact Susan Weaver at 803-600-1936	



NOISY OFFERING COMING JANUARY 30

Start saving those coins. Another noisy offering is coming January 30.

Some of our children will be in the Narthex that day with their buckets to accept your coins..... and bills and checks! You can also send your contributions to the church office any time in January. Make checks payable to Good Shepherd and designate for noisy offering.

Money collected will be used to buy farm animals (i.e. goats, pigs, chickens, cows, et al) through the ELCA Good Gifts program for needy families in developing nations.

Once the money is received, the children's Sunday School classes will decide what animals to buy. So the more coins (and bills and checks!) we get, the more animals we can buy to help stock "God's Barnyard" in needy countries.

YOGS – ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

The YOGS are making plans to attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 24-28, 2022. Reservations have been made for three youth and two chaperones. We have also partnered with Living Springs and Christus Victor. We look forward to sharing lunches and the Gathering lessons with them prior to the trip. We'll also travel together during the trip. Pray for our youth, chaperones and partnering churches as we prepare for this journey.

Those attending the Gathering are **Eden Rowell, Evelyn Ortiz, Tommy Vail, Michelle Ortiz and Barbara Rowell**. Deborah Whitlow and Leigh Ann Tollison are mentoring the group.

ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR:

January 9, 2022 10:45-11:45 - Gathering Lesson during Sunday School

January 23, 2022 12:00-2:30 - Hosting Gathering Lunch for Living Springs and Christus Victor

February 27, 2022 12:00-2:30 - Hosting Gathering Lunch for Living Springs and Christus Victor

Please join us. All are welcome!

CHAIR YOGA by Nicole

January 6, 2022

5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m. each Thursday

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church FAB

Ten Dollars a session (checks, cash, Venmo accepted)

Chairs provided. Dress comfortably.



FUN FRIDAYS, an event sponsored by Good Shepherd to give adults with developmental disabilities a night out with their friends and to give a night out for their caregivers, would like to resume activities in February. Participants who have been contacted are ready to participate again.

If you have been a helper at Fun Fridays, if you would like to help, or you would like more information, please contact Susan Sturkie at sloopystur@aol.com or 803-788-6807. If you cannot help in February, but would like to help later, please contact Susan now.

IF WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH HELPERS, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONTINUE OFFERING THIS EVENT. THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING THIS REQUEST.



THANK YOU

Thanks so much to our friends at Good Shepherd for the NOISY OFFERING donation! (\$400) We are so blessed to have great supporters in the community with so many of your parishioners! We welcome you to come by for a tour sometime so we can show you where your funds are going to make miracles happen every day!

Thank you!
Dawn
The Therapy Place



Dear Pastor Isenhower and Congregation,

Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) greatly appreciates your contribution of \$687 on December 3, 2021. It is our understanding that \$343.50 is to support refugee services in South Carolina and \$343.50 is to support foster care in South Carolina. We strive every day to carry out LSC's mission, "Empowered by Christ, we walk together with all we serve." Thank you for helping us to do that every single day!

Yours in Christ,
Ted W. Goins, Jr.
President
Lutheran Services Carolinas

GOOD SHEPHERD FOUNDATION

The Foundation awarded grants this fall to the following organizations:

GSLC Property Committee (Well)	\$2,000
GSLC Ramp Ministry (Trailer)	\$2,000
Midlands Fatherhood Coalition	\$2,000
Tanzania Companion Synod Committee	\$2,000
Gamecock Lutheran Church	\$2,000
Providence Home	\$2,000
SC Lutheran Retreat Centers	\$2,000

Please keep in mind the next grant application deadline is May 1.



THANK YOU TO CONGREGATION

The congregation generously gave \$2,645 for Christmas gifts for staff. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is fortunate to have dedicated staff members who serve us so well. We appreciate all of their efforts and we wish all a very Merry Christmas! We look forward to serving together in 2022!

Marcia Woodward
2021 past Council President
on behalf of Good Shepherd Lutheran
Congregation

JANUARY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

2022 is finally here. There is no better time than now to start something new. Check out the following learning opportunities. There is something for everyone. Everyone is encouraged to please think about volunteering to be a Sunday school teacher, a VBS helper, or even serving on the Learning Committee. We are lacking volunteers for this up-coming year. If you are interested, please contact Deborah Mitchell in the Church office 803-787-4413.

Worship and Sunday School Schedule

9:30 Worship Service
10:45-11:15 Children Sunday school class
11:15-11:45 Children's Music
10:45-11:45 Confirmation Class in Conference Room
10:45-11:45 Adult Sunday school

Come and See: Classroom 1:

The Come and See class will continue studying the Gospel for the succeeding Sundays.

Sunday Discussion Leaders:

January 2: Bruce Shealy
January 9: Mark Lovern
January 16, 23, and 30: Ed Woodward Topic: Book of Romans

Around The Corner Classroom 2

Discussion Leader: Stacy Gross

Topic: Self-care: What Scripture tells us about caring for ourselves and others.

*This class starts at 10:55 to give parents time to drop children off at Sunday School.

Fellowship Class: Classroom 5

Bible Study Leader: Don Caughman

Topic: Honoring God

Description: This study explores how worship in its many forms honors God. When we gather for worship or set ourselves individually to pray, we enter into a relationship with God and with God's people. The purpose of this study is to help adult learners engage biblical passages in order to see how worship is shaped by faith, and how worship nurtures faith.

Children's Advent/Christmas Program

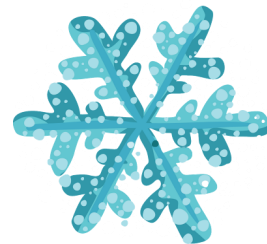
Thank you to all that attended the Children's Christmas program in December. Fun was had by all. Special thanks go out to Amanda Snodgrass and Heather Gilbert for organizing the production and all the other parents who worked hard behind the scenes. Additional thanks to Lisa Sanchez and Susan Sturkie for helping our children learn all of the music.

A note from Katie Bostic

By the time you receive this newsletter, my council term will have ended. I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as the Learning Committee chair for the last 3 years. I definitely had some challenges, mainly stemming from a global pandemic. But through it all it showed me how strong our church is, and how committed our members are. I still plan on serving on the learning committee this year. I'm excited for our new council chair, and will be there to help them in order to make a smooth transition.

JANUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Chrismon Tree





Children's Christmas Program



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR JANUARY

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: ANNA-MARIE PLYLER

OPENING BUILDINGS: Don Caughman

DATE	1/2/22	1/9/22	1/16/22	1/23/22	1/30/22	2/6/22
USHERS	Mary Stallings, Pat Quattlebaum, Alice Buckner, Marion Eargle, Marcia Woodward	Mary Stallings, Pat Quattlebaum, Alice Buckner, Marion Eargle, Marcia Woodward	Mary Stallings, Pat Quattlebaum, Alice Buckner, Marion Eargle, Marcia Woodward	Mary Stallings, Pat Quattlebaum, Alice Buckner, Marion Eargle, Marcia Woodward	Mary Stallings, Pat Quattlebaum, Alice Buckner, Marion Eargle, Marcia Woodward	Wade Wingard, Mary Aitchison, Rod Kent, Rebecca Richardson, Jerry Vaughn, Mike Weaver
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Lector & Communion Assistant: Mike Weaver	Lector & Communion Assistant: Marcia Woodward	Lector & Communion Assistant: Becky Shealy	Lector & Communion Assistant: Don Caughman	Lector & Communion Assistant: Bruce Shealy	Lector: Kerry Stubbs Communion Assistant: Gaye Tucker
ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER	A: Evelyn Ortiz C: Noah Adams	A: Adam Ortiz C: Matthew Herrmann	A: Blake Gross C: Eden Rowell	A: Savannah Gross C: Noah Adams	A: Kelly Grace Lalumondier C: Matthew Herrmann	A: Evelyn Ortiz C: Eden Rowell
NURSERY	Alexis Boyles, TBD	Alexis Boyles, Shayla Williams	Alexis Boyles, Shayla Williams	Alexis Boyles, Heavenly Edenfield	Alexis Boyles, Shayla Williams	Alexis Boyles, Shayla Williams
ALTAR GUILD	Janet Lockhart, Sabra Lindler, Anne Rush	Janet Lockhart, Sabra Lindler, Anne Rush	Janet Lockhart, Sabra Lindler, Anne Rush	Janet Lockhart, Sabra Lindler, Anne Rush	Janet Lockhart, Sabra Lindler, Anne Rush	Mary Stallings
TABULATORS	Steve Steck, Mary Margaret Hoy	Lavina Chandler, Jamie Sanders	Karen Lucas, Donna Foster	Rebecca Richardson, Leigh Ford	Jim Tucker, Becky Shealy	David Lucas, Lavina Chandler

JANUARY 2022 MEETINGS

January 6 Finance Committee (6:00 p.m.)
 January 11 Executive Committee (10:00 a.m.)
 January 15 Council Retreat (9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon)
 January 16 Council Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
 January 18 Worship Life Committee (5:00 p.m.)

***Please call the church office to reserve a room
for any upcoming meetings.***

ACOLYTES AND CRUCIFERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed for
Sunday Worship Services
for Acolyte and Crucifer.

All congregational
members, youth and adult, are welcome. Please
notify Neal Inman 803-600-5637 or the church
office if you are interested.



Bible Study



Meet in the FAB on
Tuesday mornings at
11:30 a.m. for a Bible Study.

WEDNESDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Zoom Bible Study will be led by
Pastor Andrew each Wednesday at
8:00 a.m. A reminder with a
meeting link will be sent by email
each week.



DIRECTORY UPDATES

Janice Haigler
New email: janicehaigler@icloud.com

Verna Sawyer
New email: buddyroe2212@gmail.com



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

1	Donna Haigh	12	Greg Sox	23	Phyllis Nilson
	Rachel Richardson	16	Ansley Seay		Jamie Sanders
2	Susan Weaver	18	Kitty Howard	24	Matthew Herrmann
4	Chandler Ford		Rosemary Nance		Silas Holmes
5	Eden Rowell		Adams Smith	26	Stacy Gross
6	Pat Quattlebaum		Michael Stallings	27	Kathie Aller
7	John Allen	19	Maddie Boozer	29	Lila Smith
	Penny Pedersen		Alycia Fortner	30	Rosemary Shuping
	Shane Porter	20	Preston Haigh	31	Bobbie Storey
11	Joey Allison		John Van Duys		
12	Becky Silvia	22	Brooke Grosh		

LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY 2022

JANUARY 2—SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 21:7-14

God promises to bring Israel back to its land from the most remote parts of exile. In Zion Israel will rejoice over God's gift of food and livestock. Young women will express their joy in dancing; God will give gladness instead of sorrow.

PSALM – Psalm 147:12-20

Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)

SECOND READING – Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

GOSPEL – John 1:1-18

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

JANUARY 9—BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

PSALM – Psalm 29

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)

SECOND READING – Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

GOSPEL – Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

JANUARY 16—SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 62:1-5

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.

PSALM – Psalm 36:5-10

We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

GOSPEL – John 2:1-11

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

JANUARY 23—THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

FIRST READING – Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that "the joy of the LORD is your strength."

PSALM – Psalm 19

The teaching of the LORD revives the soul. (Ps. 19:7)

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

GOSPEL – Luke 4:14-21

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

JANUARY 30—FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 1:4-10

God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word amid the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.

PSALM – Psalm 71:1-6

From my mother's womb you have been my strength. (Ps. 71:6)

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL – Luke 4:21-30

People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

WITH PRAYER

<i>Rev. Russ Anderson</i>	<i>Betty Cox</i>	<i>Judy Hoy</i>	<i>Barbara Sutton</i>
<i>Gwen Barnes</i>	<i>Helen Derrick</i>	<i>Jeannine Jameson</i>	<i>Bubba Willis</i>
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<i>Michael Brown</i>	<i>Larry Evans</i>	<i>Sara Loyd</i>	
<i>Rosemarie Brown</i>	<i>Jason Fowler</i>	<i>Johanna Moore</i>	
<i>Susan Burch</i>	<i>Dot Gibert</i>	<i>Cathy Quinton</i>	
<i>Rose Butterfield</i>	<i>Bonnie Hammond</i>	<i>Becky Silvia</i>	
<i>Joanna Carpenter</i>	<i>Trisha Holman</i>	<i>Mary Sox</i>	
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Please do not assume that we know the name should be renewed or removed.



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Sue Baugh—mother of Cheryl Beaman's friend
Robin Boggs—daughter of Anne Rush
Luna Brown—3-year-old cousin of Amanda Snodgrass
Schuyler Carter—grandson of Bonnie Hammond
Allie Clark—friend of Betty Cox
Ruth Collins—friend of Dena Phillips
Landon Derrick—friend of Amanda Snodgrass
John Flitter—friend of Leigh Ford
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Henry Richardson—father of Amanda Snodgrass

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Marise Shumpert—friend of Rosemary Nance
Bob Stearn—friend and neighbor of Frances Plyler
Ann Summer—sister of Verna Sawyer
Family of Faye Swetlik—friends of Dena Phillips
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Robin Traufler—friend of the congregation
Gayle Watts—friend of Leigh Ford
Terry Weaver—mother of Mike Weaver
Mike Welborn—cousin of Anita Easter
Shirley Zornow—mother of Peter Zornow

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WITH SYMPATHY

The family of Mary Allen.
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The family of David Steck, father of Steve Steck.

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CALENDAR



JANUARY

January 2	9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Music
January 9	9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Music
January 16	Food Pantry Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Music
January 18	February Newsletter Deadline
January 23	9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Music
January 30	Noisy Offering 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Music