



The Grape Vine

Volume 4 No.1

January 13, 2021

Worship Themes

January 17: Second Sunday after Epiphany

[9:00 am live stream only]

Sermon: United in Prayer Scripture: Matthew 6:5-15

On this weekend of remembrance for the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the focus he brought to our dreams of equality and unity, we look at a prayer and a view that unites us all through our embrace of our humanness.

January 24: Third Sunday after Epiphany

[9 am Live stream, in-person to be determined]

Sermon: Followers All Scripture: Mark 1:14-20

As we gather together each Sunday for Worship we are reminded that thee is One who leads, guides and directs our community. We will explore the reality that ALL are called to follow Christ.

January 31: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

[9 am Live stream, in-person to be determined]

Sermon: A New Teaching Scripture: Mark 1:21-28

Jesus teaches, not only a new lesson, but in a brand-new way. He teaches through the experience of God's presence with us in power and in love. God's authority through Jesus demonstrates to us, His followers, that all things are possible through Christ!

December Worship Attendance

APPROXIMATE ATTENDANCE

DATE	OnLi ne	InPer son	TO- TAL	2019	2018
12/6	26	24	50	56	73
12/13	24	29	53	73	70
12/20	25	31	56	73	83
12/27			0	92	85
					70
Christmas	31		31		

Average 27 28 55 74 76



January Birthday Update

Please add Morgan Berger's name to the January birthday list on the 31st.

December Giving

		GENERAL FUND		
	CIF	GENERAL	OCWM	OTHER
Offering 1	\$210.00	\$3,772.00	\$630.00	\$140.00
Offering 2	\$330.00	\$5,681.00	\$440.00	\$115.00
Electronic	\$50.00	\$6,050.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
2020 End of Year	\$417.00	\$14,217.00	\$1,506.00	\$130.00
Total	\$1,007.00 *	\$29,720.00	\$2,601.00	\$410.00
		\$32,731.00		

Council Meeting

Church Council met on 1/12/2021 for the first meeting of the year. In attendance were President Kory Leppo VP Jeremy Zimmerman, Council members

Greg Beamesderfer and Marie Hibshman, as well as staff members, Rev. Paul Cronin and Parish Administrator Emily Frantz. After presentation of reports, old and new business items were discussed.

One of those items included the creation of a Benevolence Committee which will be chaired by Marie Hibshman. This group is seeking members of the congregation to structure all of the requests from outside agencies and help Myerstown UCC to best meet the needs of our community with the gifts we have to share. Pastor Paul is organizing the worship planning team to begin Lenten preparations.

Covid updates were shared with discussion about additional planning. Thank you to Christine Wolfe for taking minutes at the December and January Council meetings.

Everything
you ever wanted
to know about
the
offering
BUT...

The IRS no longer requires a religious organization to automatically distribute end of the year contribution statements. The IRS does require us to provide statements to persons who request them.

2020
Contribution
Statements

Statements can be email or picked up at the Church Office. If you would like to have a 2020 Contribution Statement, please contact the Church Office. The Office Manager will be compiling a list of those who make the request. Distribution is anticipated beginning Monday, 25 January 2021.

Part 1

Be sure to ask your tax provider about special considerations this year for charitable contributions.