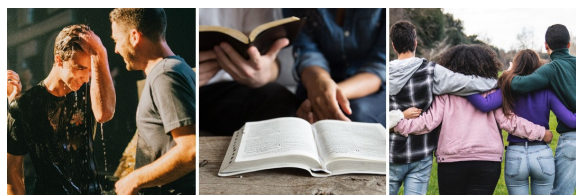




The Main Street MESSENGER

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JANUARY WORSHIP SERIES



Glimpses of the Kin-dom

WORSHIP SERIES



are called to live—not just a special, rise-to-the-occasion kind of life, but an everyday life, an ordinary life that isn't ordinary. Because we believe that followers of Christ who live their faith day by day are anything but ordinary. They stand out; they become models and mentors; they are examples of what life is all about.

At least that is our hope and our belief: that our lives represent the kin-dom of God. We are the evidence that our faith is true and our God is at work in the world. In other words, we are now the epiphany, the light shining forth for the world to see. And of course, we will fail from time to time. But how we deal with failure is also a sign of that presence and glimpse of the kin-dom. So, this ordinary time is extra-ordinary in the living of it. Let us embrace the call with grace and with joy."

In the above paragraphs Rev. Dr. Derek Weber, Director of Preaching Ministries at Discipleship Ministries, introduces the new series of sermons for the time between Epiphany and Ash Wednesday. In that introduction he uses the word "kin-dom" twice. Of course this word is

a "play" on the Kingdom of God.

What Rev. Dr. Weber is saying is that the Kingdom of God is really a kinship between the followers of Jesus. As these followers of Jesus, we are called to live in fellowship with one another. This "call" is something that is affirmed at our Baptism and lived out in relationship with one another and in relationship with God through Christ. As we live out this call we witness to the world the love of God in and through Jesus. This series will move us through this "ordinary" time and prepare us to enter the Holy season of Lent. I look forward to this journey with you as we seek to live in the Kin-dom of God.

What better way to start the new year than to witness to our faith in Christ in this, the kin-dom of God.

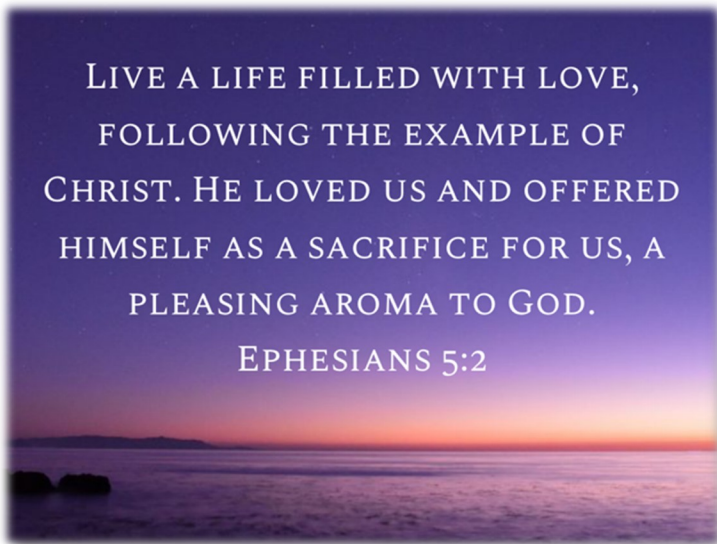
Grace and peace,

Pastor Rich

"Ordinary time has never struck the imagination of many preachers and worship teams. And yes, it refers to the ordinal or the counting of the weeks of the liturgical year, not what it sounds like to our western ears: ordinary. Yet we can play with the word that it sounds like and explore what it is like to live an ordinary life as a part of the "kin-dom" of God; in other words, nothing like ordinary!

We are counting the weeks after Epiphany and attempting to get a glimpse of what life as the people of God might be like. We consider some of the most famous passages of scripture to help us shape a vision of the life we

MAY YOU SHINE
THE LIGHT OF
CHRIST IN THE
NEW YEAR!



STEWARDSHIP 2023

FOLLOW CHRIST, LIVE WITH LOVE!

THEME VERSE EPHESIANS 5:2

As in past years, we will use a holistic approach to Stewardship because Stewardship is not just about financial gifts, it is about how we can live with love every day of the year using our membership vows as a guide.

January - March is our WITNESS quarter. Jesus came to change the world. He taught his disciples to **proclaim** the good news and **invite** people to love and live as He loves and lives. This is true witness. Witnessing comes in many different forms but here are a few simple ways to *Live with Love through Witness*:

- ◇ Think of what God has done in your life and be prepared to tell someone about how God has worked for your good.
- ◇ Show love to others as Christ would have us do by reaching out through visits, calls and cards.
- ◇ Volunteer to represent Main Street as a Night Stay volunteer.
- ◇ Prepare food to serve at a meal for the Salvation Army.

During the Witness quarter we will challenge you to answer 3 questions as you witness to others:

- ◇ How will they be changed?
- ◇ How will you be changed?
- ◇ How will our community and the world be changed?

We begin our witness with the intent to live with love. I John 4:19 tells us, *We love because He (Christ) first loved us.* As Christians we must commit to follow Christ and live with love. During January, we will begin our journey to look for opportunities to proclaim the good news and show love to others as Christ has loved us.

January 1, Epiphany Sunday

One service at 10:30 am with Holy Communion

January 4-10, Night Stay

Volunteer to serve during one of the following shifts:

6-7 PM: Intake, help serve dinner

7PM - Midnight - Chaperone

12AM -7AM - Overnight Chaperone, serve breakfast, hand out bag lunches.

If you can help, please call

Phil McPhail at 757 676 1131 asap.

January 8, Baptism of the Lord

We will remember our baptism during the worship services.



There is a sign-up sheet in the atrium where you can choose how and when you will be able to help.

Some of the things we would like to offer are:

- ◆ Provide a meal when someone has had surgery or is sick (homecooked or store bought, either is fine)
- ◆ Provide transportation when a member is unable to drive to a doctor's appointment
- ◆ Mail a card to a member that is on our prayer list, lost a loved one or just needs to be reminded we care
- ◆ Call members that just need to hear a friendly voice.
- ◆ Visit shut in members



JANUARY 2023

[BIRTHDAYS]

1/1 Maria Forman
1/2 Billy Lassiter
1/4 Randy West
1/5 Robert Davis
1/5 Bob Parks
1/5 Clifton Beale
1/5 James Clark
1/8 Charles Baker
1/9 Jacob Floyd
1/9 James Kilborn
1/10 Blair Williams
1/11 Ann Dalton Brown
1/11 Dana Myers
1/12 Jack Holland
1/12 Jean Sutphin
1/13 Henry Huber

1/14 David Holshouser
1/14 Steve Jackson
1/14 Thomas Flintoff
1/14 Katherine Flintoff
1/14 Anna Jones
1/14 James Whalley
1/15 Aidan Miller
1/17 Austin Bradshaw
1/17 Jack Carey
1/18 Lynne Porter
1/19 Erin Brown
1/19 Roy Brinkley
1/19 Mary Brown
1/19 Elizabeth Brown
1/19 Stephanie Kashner
1/19 Wes Holland
1/20 Ashley Hogg
1/21 Christel Hoy
1/21 Frances Hogg
1/22 Brooke Pruden
1/22 Steven Beck
1/23 Debbie Callis

1/24 Lydia Duke
1/24 Juanita Colley
1/24 Mike Smith
1/24 Tim Wampler
1/25 Reed McNelis
1/26 Sean Williams
1/27 Carey Michael
1/27 Scott Michael
1/28 Caroline Eure
1/28 Matt Zydron
1/29 Gary Scott
1/31 Jay Dixon

[ANNIVERSARIES]

1/2 John and Ute Borthwick
1/2 Richard and Colleen Meiser
1/5 Rod and Tracey Medeiros
1/7 Carl and Teresa Hardee
1/19 Ron and Karen Williams
1/23 Charles and Rebecca Baker
1/26 Roy and Lalona Saunders
1/27 William and Pam Hill
1/30 Jordan and Britney Webb

PRAYER LIST UPDATE

PRAYER LIST: 12/28/22: Nicholas Medeiros, Anne Jones, Riley Cerabona, June Johnson, Heather Foxwell, Diane Horst, Bobby Funkhouser, Roberta Tripp, Denny Lewis, Rex Rooker, II, Eric Venable, Rixey Smith, Clayton Pope, Philip Boyles, Vickie Martin & Les Nelms, Harold Barrett

ONGOING: Steve Clark, Heather Lawrence, Bob & Leila Tompert, Erin & Michael McPherson and Family, Carolyn Davis, Bob Callis, Herman Terrell, Harold Wald, Louise Elliott, Stan Waterfield, Martha Callis, Randy Hicks, Jim Dowaliby, Rod Rodrigues, Cathleene Norville, Ricky Nelson, Brooke & Susan Pruden, Patti Meese

SYMPATHY: Family of Pam Askew

CANCER: Linda Argust, Ray Holland, Al Bremer, Linda Harper, Faye Askew, Rod Rodrigues, Melaine Medeiros, Mary Lou Hedgepeth, Julie Nance, John Nodeen, Richard J. Peko, Shannon Rivera, Juel Carr, Gary Graham, Glen Harrell, Ralph Knapp, Eli Dowaliby, Lynn Foster, Brian Clark, Marea Bishop, Jay Robbins, Filmore Brinkley, Kenny Hirsch, Kevin Driscoll, Jennifer Skipper, Lorrie Staples, Tuffy Braithwhite, Bev Rooker, Michael Ross, Brenda Bradshaw, Bill Leary, Greg Wray, Marty Irvine, Sr., Robert Marich, Cathy Richardson, Peter Tim, Joan Turner, Ron Hamilton

ASSISTED LIVING: Ray Shamburger, Frances Kelly

OUR NATION AND WORLD: Military Troops & Families: Chris Smith, Anthony Hickler, Adam Waddell, Kent Brooks, Bryanna Grant, James Russell III, Kristi Kilborn, Wesley Linder, Duncan Bevan, TJ Argust; First Responders; CAPS (Coalition Against Poverty in Suffolk); Our Schools; Main Street Day Care & Preschool; Workplaces & Homes; social justice, unity and peace; students, parents, teachers and administrators in local schools; safety and well being of our college students and professors; our President and national leaders; the people of Ukraine: the people of the United Methodist Church



JANUARY 2023 [CALENDAR OF EVENTS]

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

NEW YEARS DAY

ONE COMBINED SERVICE AT 10:30 AM

1:00 pm Macedonia AME Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

NIGHT STAY BEGINS

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

8:00 pm AA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am In-Person & Virtual Worship

1:00 pm Macedonia AME Worship

2:00 pm Troop I Anniversary Meeting

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

7:00 pm Church Council

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

6:30 pm Cub Scouts

7:00 pm Women's Book Club

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am In-Person & Virtual Worship

11:00 am Children's Church

1:00 pm Macedonia AME Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

6:30 pm Girl Scouts

7:00 pm SPRC Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

3:00 pm Sans Souci Book Club

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

8:00 pm AA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

9:00 am Pack 1 Pinewood Derby Prep

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am In-Person & Virtual Worship

1:00 pm Macedonia AME Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

7:00 pm Day Care Board

7:00 pm Trustees

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

7:00 pm Lectio Divina Study

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

8:00 pm AA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

BOY SCOUT BARBEQUE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

9:00 am Pinewood Derby Workshop

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am In-Person & Virtual Worship

1:00 pm Macedonia AME Worship

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

FRIDAY
January 27
11 am-7pm
\$12 per plate
Eat In or Take Out

Tickets available in the church office or from any Boy Scout.



Children's Sunday School

Begins January 8

We continue our journey with Cali and the Grow curriculum.

Every kid is excited to grow up - even if it's just to finally ride that big kid roller coaster they've had their eye on. This series is about another kid who grew up - Jesus! Through stories from Jesus' early life and ministry, kids will learn five important truths to help them continue growing: **God guides us to safety, we can love God with our actions, we can follow Jesus, God makes us ready at the right time, and God's words help us make wise choices.**

Children's Church 11:00 p.m. (January 15 only)

We will meet only on January 15 at 11:00. This service is for children ages 5 years to 4th Grade, and led by our 5th through 12th grade youth. Children leave church after the Children's Moment with Pastor Rich, and continue worshiping through age appropriate stories, lessons, prayers and songs.

Youth

Thanks to all who participated in movie night, caroling, and the Live Nativity.

This month we will meet only on January 15 at 4:00 p.m. See you then!



Dear Main Street Carolers,

June and I want to thank you for coming out on a cold, rainy night to sing carols and bring the church to us!

We were blessed. Happy New Year! Harold Barrett

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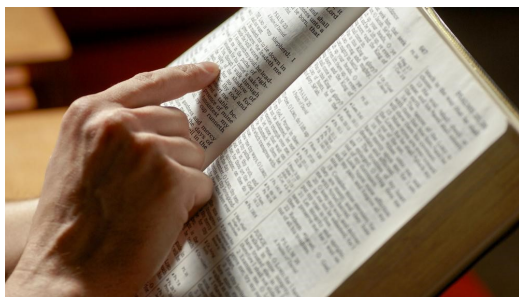


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READ THROUGH THE BIBLE CONTINUES



I am so happy that several of you completed the *Read through the Bible in a Year* challenge! I know that it

was difficult at times but you did it! I want to encourage those who didn't quite finish to keep reading. We have another reading plan that you may want to consider. Check with Barbara for more information. Maybe a new approach will help. Whether you finished reading or not, keep reading. Plant God's word in your heart and refer to it often.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

The 2022 Stewardship giving campaign was a huge success! To date, 57 pledges were submitted for a total of \$463,506. Last year we had 66 pledges totaling \$310,714.

Our YTD operating account giving total is \$497,449.16. At the end of November expenses totaled \$494,233.75.

Many of you continue to give generously without submitting a pledge card and many are moving towards tithing. God continues to bless our church and because of your generous support, we continue to provide help to those in need both locally, nationally and globally.

Your love of God and his people continues to be a beacon of light to others! Thank you for all that you do!



Did you know Main Street has several First Aid Kits scattered around the buildings? The Safety Team is looking at their strategic placements and planning on adding new ones. Right now, they are located in the Atrium, Youth Room, Narthex and by the AED. Keep a look out for First Aid signs and be aware of where they are in case they might be needed.