

Epiphany of the Lord, Communion Sunday

January 1, 2017 10:00 am

"God is Spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

L: A star shines brightly to bring light for all to see.

P: Shine in our world, Christ Jesus.

L: A star shines brightly to guide our journey.

P: Shine in our lives, Christ Jesus.

L: A star shines brightly to call us together this day.

P: Shine in our worship, Christ Jesus. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

UMH 220

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

"Light of the world, shine upon us, as we worship You. Guide us with Your holy light, that we may walk in Your ways. Shine in and through us, that we may be people of Your radiant love, leaving footprints of light with every step we take. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen."

Pastoral Prayer

* Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

Hymn Response

"This Little Light of Mine"

UMH 585

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah

60: 1-6

*Gospel Reading

Matthew

2: 1-12

Stephanie Coffman

*Please rise either in posture or in spirit.

Hymn of Faith

"There's a Song in the Air"

UMH 249

Message

"Where Is He?"

Rev. Wayne Chung

The Magi came from the East to Jerusalem and asked, "Where was the king born?" The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. "Arise, shine, for your light has come!"

Responsorial Prayer (in unison)

"God of new beginnings, You are the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. As we begin a new year, grant us Your courage to follow Christ's natal star, wherever You would lead us. As we meditate upon the Christmas star, help us to look for Your guidance. As You shine upon us with Your mercy and grace, draw us ever closer to You and to each other this year and forever. Amen."

Giving in Response to God's Love

Offertory

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Prayer – Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Communion Hymns: UMH 618 Let Us Break Bread Together; 218 It Came upon the Midnight Clear; 219 What Child Is This; 254 We Three Kings

*Closing Hymn

"Joy to the World"

UMH 246

Sending Forth God's Light and Love

*Hymn Response

"Amen"

UMH 898

Postlude

Lection Reading for Following Sunday

Psalm 29

Isaiah 42:1-9

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Shirley Wood, Minerva Moreland, Carl Stallings, Sr., Sally Lounsbury, Laura Wise – sister of Donna Nestor, Diana Marshall – niece of Martha Wooldridge, Ove Kongsted – father of Debbie Holloway, Jack Dorsey, Kathy Wallace, Jim Daniels and family, Bill Fowler, Courtney Schultz, friend of the Distlers, Those who travel

Our Gifts: Please strive to tithe! The Bible asks us to tithe 10% of our income to God. Many of our members are doing this already. How about you? You may give your offering electronically (EFT). Call the church office to set it up. *Stewardship is rather a way of life than an annual campaign. Thank You for your faithful stewardship!*

Record of Giving (Funds Received by the Church)

	January-November 2016			
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)	Var %
General Fund	\$348,417	\$359,487	(\$11,070)	-3%
Missions Fund	\$22,492	\$21,036	\$1,456	7%
P&I Fund	\$26,289	\$23,250	\$3,039	13%
Building Fund	\$70,710	\$70,400	\$310	0%
Kitchen Fund	\$59,358	\$5,962	\$53,396	-
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal	uk	Other	uk
	YTD Cereal		1249	

*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$111,921 as of November 30, 2016

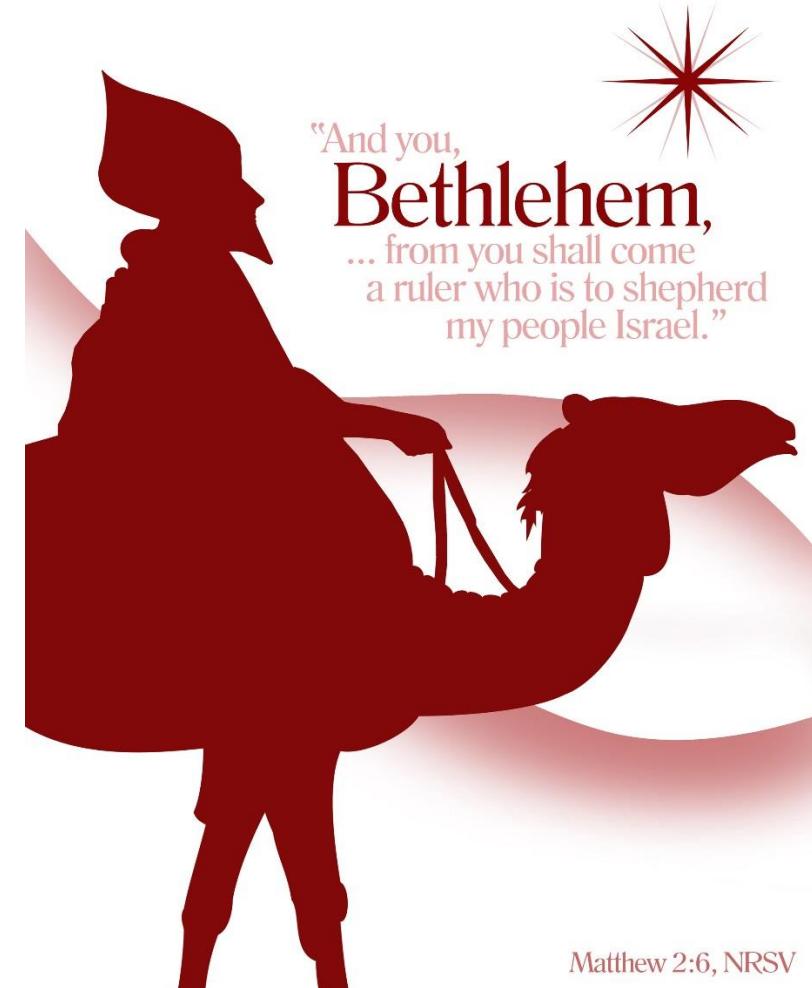
Our Service:

Ministers	All Members and Volunteers at Friendship
Secretary	Bonnie Dean bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org
Music Team	Sandy Griese, Holly Reynolds Lee, Chrys Hill, Micah Cooley
Custodian	Jim Fowler
Counters	Karen Eggert & Chuck Muller
Altar Guild for January	Bonnie Revell (410-741-5268)
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FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, January 1, 2017
10:00 a.m. Worship Service



Matthew 2:6, NRSV

Our Mission at Friendship United Methodist Church is to:
“Grow as Disciples - Serve as Friends
Love All; Serve All; Follow One!”