

January 7, 2024
First Sunday after Epiphany

Order of Worship

Opening Music Nancy Plote, Organist

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Jeremiah

Prelude Music

Lighting of the Altar Candles Acolyte(s)

Call To Worship Liturgist

Liturgist: Arise! Shine!

People: God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.

Liturgist: Arise! Shine!

People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Liturgist: Arise! Shine!

People: God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.

Liturgist: Arise! Shine!

People: Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of God's dawn.

ALL: Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

*Opening Hymn: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" UMH#220

Invitation to Covenant with God in this New Year Wesley Covenant Prayer Liturgist

ALL: "I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant, which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation**

“There’s a Song in the Air”

UMH#249

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Liturgist

Message

A Story of the King

Pastor Jeremiah

Celebrating Holy Communion (with The Great Thanksgiving / Singing)

UMC#17-18

Sharing the Holy Eucharist

Communion Prayer

All: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery, in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world, in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***Closing Hymn**

“We Three Kings”

UMH#254

Benediction & Blessing

Parting Hymn

“God Be with You till We Meet Again”

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels, guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

**Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet;
till we meet till we meet God be with you till we meet again.**

As the Light of Christ is Carried Out

Acolyte

***Go in Peace & Love to Serve God and Neighbor**

Epiphany Sunday is a Christian holiday celebrated 12 days after Christmas Day . It is also known as Three Kings Day ¹. It is a celebration of God manifesting as the baby Jesus and revealing Himself to the world ¹. The holiday also marks the day the Magi, or the three kings, visited the baby Jesus in Bethlehem ¹. Jesus' baptism is also celebrated during Epiphany ¹.

CHURCH CALENDAR – JANUARY 2024

Vicke's Hours M-W-Th 8-Noon

Sunday, January 7	EPIPHANY SUNDAY Coffee Time 10:30 a.m. Vicke & Denny Heins Greeters: Harry & Marilyn Berg
Monday, January 8	Youth Group Meets 6:00 p.m. at Grace UMC
Tuesday, January 9	Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. on Zoom
Wednesday, January 10	Prayer & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. / No Choir Practice
Thursday, January 11	4H 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 14	2nd Sunday after the Epiphany Special Offering Sunday: Human Relations Day : Frank & Kitty Jouris No one has signed up yet for Coffee Time this Sunday!

On the table in the Narthex are copies of the School Supply list for Malta Elementary School kids, copies of the Midwest Mission "Top Needs" Supply list, January/February Upper Rooms, and January Newsletter.

"CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND" If you wish to contribute to the Capital Improvement Fund, please mark your check accordingly and send your donations to Nancy Plote, 411 S. Malta Rd, Malta, IL 60150

SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY **SPECIAL NEED: TOILET PAPER** You are welcome to bring Non-Perishable food anytime throughout the year for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Place it in the box in the narthex marked "FOOD PANTRY". Salvation Army appreciates all you give.

HELP MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER / URGENT NEEDS!

Liquid Laundry Detergent 32-64 oz. - Colored Pencil - 12 Pack - Liquid Household Cleaner 16-40 Oz. - Scissors - Student Size - Liquid Dish Soap 14-32 Oz. - Bleached Lumber to make desks - Blankets – Can be gently used - Rulers 12” long with metric - Toothpaste – 2.5 oz. or larger.

The Midwest Mission Distribution Center will also accept any MMDC Kits, treadle sewing machines, gently used tools, new or slightly used medical supplies and equipment.

They will also accept a financial contribution. Send checks to Midwest Mission Distribution Center at 1001 Mission Drive, Pawnee, IL 62558. Check out their web page: umcnic.org/2022MissionChallenge

HELPING OUR KIDS at Malta Elementary School / Special needs: Children’s Underwear and Socks

The school supplies needed are: boxes of crayons with 24 colors, glue sticks, boxes of #2 pencils, boxes of Kleenex, 3 ring binders, plastic school folders, black dry erase markers, scissors (for younger and older children), and boxes of regular colored markers (I believe they come in boxes of 8 colors). Also, a donation of a new stocking hat, pair of gloves, or mittens would be wonderful (hand- made mittens and hats are also okay), as long as they are new.



	BIRTHDAYS
01	Molly Heins-Doughty
04	Elaina Anderson
06	Ethan Fenstermaker
08	Randy Boyden
14	Jenny (Plote) James Becky Piquett
16	Denny Heins
19	Sydney Sandberg
23	Jason Hill
25	Dennis Abbott
26	Sandy Schafer
27	Troy Mattis Gene Hickey

MALTA’S CHILI COOK-OFF

**Saturday
Feb. 3, 2024
6 - 9 PM**

at Malta Historical Society Building



Do you make amazing Chili?

Compete to be crowned

“BEST CHILI IN MALTA”

Tickets \$10 donation

Ticket includes chili samples, corn bread, and dessert.
Attendees will be the judges!

Register to compete by contacting:
Malta.Seedlings@gmail.com
or on Facebook @MaltaSeedlingProject

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards Malta Seedling Committee’s community improvement efforts.

NEW SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE TIME SIGN-UP SHEET

Beginning on January 7th we will be doing a Sign-Up Coffee Time at 10:30 before church. There is a sign-up sheet on a clipboard in the Fellowship Hall. We are asking those who participate in the Sunday morning Coffee Time to sign up in advance to take turns making the coffee, getting out the cups, and bringing a simple treat (such as a box of donut holes or cookies). PLEASE KEEP IT SIMPLE!! If no one signs up, no treats! Whoever arrives first can make a pot of coffee.