

**February 4, 2024
5th Sunday of 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: People of God, welcome! Surely God is in this place!

People: **We come to worship and to rest in God's presence.**

Liturgist: Breathe deep for the goodness of God surrounds us.

People: **The Holy One who sustains the universe is near.**

Liturgist: When we are tired, worn down, and carrying heavy burdens,
God is with us.

People: **God strengthens us that we might help carry one another's burdens.**

Liturgist: So, let us join together in wonder and thanksgiving for God's love that
lifts us up on wings like eagles.

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.** *Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock*

***Opening Hymn** **"On Eagle's Wings" (sing twice)** **UMH#143**

Children's Time

***Doxology** **"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"** **UMH#94**

**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** **"The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young"** **UMH#118**

Scripture Reading **Isaiah 40:21, and 28-31** **Liturgist**

Message

Unknown Strength

Pastor Jeremiah

Invitation, Confession & Pardon

Celebrating Holy Communion / The Great Thanksgiving

UMC#7-11

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

"God Will Take Care of You"

UMH#130

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

CHURCH CALENDAR – February 2024

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

Sunday, February 4

5th Sunday after the Epiphany with Communion
Coffee Time 10:30 a.m. – Hope Willrett & Gene Hickey
Greeters: Harry & Marilyn Berg

Monday, February 5

Finance Meeting 7:00 p.m. / Church Council 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 7

Prayer & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. In-person or Zoom

Choir Practice resumes at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 8

4H 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 11

Transfiguration Sunday

Coffee Time 10:30 a.m. – Kitty & Frank Jouris

Greeters: Hope Willrett & Gene Hickey

Pastor at Oak Crest 3:30 p.m.

Children's Sunday School 4:00 p.m.

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 February 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.

Lenten Worship Services to Easter:

Joint Ash Wednesday Worship Service at **Grace UMC**. 7:00 p.m.

Regular **Palm Sunday** Worship at **MALTA UMC** 11:00 a.m.

with Coffee Time at 10:30 a.m.

Joint Maundy Thursday Worship at **Grace UMC** 7:00 p.m.

Joint Good Friday Worship Service at **MALTA UMC** 7:00 P.M.

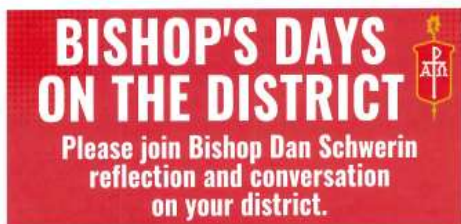
Regular **EASTER** Worship Service at **Malta UMC** 11:00 a.m.

with Coffee Time at 10:30 a.m.

NEW SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE TIME SIGN-UP SHEET

We are now 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.



**BISHOP'S DAYS
ON THE DISTRICT**
Please join Bishop Dan Schwerin
reflection and conversation
on your district.

Come gather to share the great things happening and learn
about the Bishop's vision for our conference

Prairie South
Laity Conversation
Wednesday, February 7



6:30 to 8 p.m.
Dekalb: First UMC
2501 N. Annie Glidden Rd. Dekalb, Il.

You are encouraged to join in the gathering for your district, but
should the one planned for you district not work for you, any
gathering can be attended.

Find out more:
umcnic.org/calendar/2024-bishops-days-on-the-district



01	Wilbur Watson
02	Jay Hunt
03	Madison Hunt
04	Amy Spsychal
05	Ken Slade
07	Evelyn Luoma (107 Yrs. old)
10	Rachel Hill, Marilyn Berg
16	Owen Fucilla
24	Sue Augustine
27	Jeanette Gommel

2024 LAITY CONVOCATION

Saturday, February 10th

9 a.m. – 12³⁰ p.m.

Lunch options available

at

Belvidere First UMC

610 Bonus Ave. Belvidere, IL.

Cost:

\$15 per person

\$25 per person with boxed lunch

PRAIRIE SOUTH

SPRING 2024 - LAY ACADEMY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, April 6th

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 13th

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

More Information to Come!