

January 21, 2024
Third 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: Are you listening? God is doing a new thing! Will you join in?

All: Yes! We will follow!

Liturgist: Listen! God calls us again to build the kin-dom of heaven. Will you join in?

All: Yes! We will be builders of the kin-dom.

Liturgist: God calls us to declare the good news to those in need. Will you join in?

All: Yes! We will declare the good news with our voices and our lives. May we respond to God's loving and persistent call with a loving and persistent yes! A yes for us, a yes for our neighbors, and a yes for our world to be transformed by the good news that God's kin-dom has come near. Amen.

Adapted from a liturgy by Dr. Lisa Hancock

*Opening Hymn

"Lord of the Dance"

UMH#261

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist

All: O thou Eternal God, out of whose power and infinite intelligence the whole universe has come into being. We humbly confess that we have not loved thee with our hearts, souls and minds and we have not loved our neighbors as Christ loved us. We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ. We often give in order to receive, we love our friends and hate our enemies, we go the first mile but dare not travel the second, we forgive but dare not forget. And so as we look within ourselves we are confronted with the appalling fact that the history of our lives is the history of an eternal revolt against thee. But thou, O God, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for what we could have been, but failed to be. Give us the intelligence to know thy will. Give us the courage to do thy will. Give us the devotion to love thy will. In the name and spirit of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Adapted from a prayer of confession by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation** "Where He Leads Me" **UMH#338**

Scripture Reading **Mark 1:14-20** **Liturgist**

Message **Inviting People to Fish** **Pastor Jeremiah**

***Closing Hymn** "Lord, You have Come to the Lakeshore" **UMH#344**

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 – JANUARY 2024

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

Sunday, January 21 **3rd Sunday after the Epiphany- Special Offering: Human Relations Day**
Coffee Time: Mary Lynn McArtor
Greeters: Sandy Schafer & Roger Gustafson
Take down Christmas decorations after worship.

Monday, January 22 **Youth Group 6:00 p.m. at Grace UMC**

Wednesday, Jan 24 **Prayer & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. / No Choir Practice**

Sunday, January 28 **4th Sunday after the Epiphany**
Coffee Time 10:30 a.m. – Larry & Vicky Vint
Greeters: Larry & Vicky Vint

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.

January

	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

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.