

**Lectionary Scriptures For
January**

**January 6, 2013
Epiphany**

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-7, 10-14
(UMH 795); Ephesians 3:1-12;
Matthew 2:1-12

**January 13, 2013
Baptism of the Lord**

1st Sunday after the Epiphany
Isaiah 43:1-7; Ps 29 (UMH
761); Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-
17, 21-22

January 20, 2013

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
Isaiah 62:1-5; Ps 36:5-10
(UMH 771); 1 Cor 12:1-11;
John 2:1-11

January 27, 2013

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Ps
19 (UMH 750); 1 Corinthians
12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

**Lectionary Scriptures For
February**

February 3, 2013

4th Sunday after the Epiphany
Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6
(UMH 794); 1 Corinthians 13:1
-13; Luke 4:21-30

February 10, 2013

Transfiguration Sunday
Exodus 34:29-35; Ps 99 (UMH
819); 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2;
Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

February 13, 2013

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-
17 (UMH 785); 2 Cor 5:20b-
6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 17, 2013

1st Sunday in Lent
Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm
91:1-2, 9-16 (UMH 810);
Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

February 24, 2013

2nd Sunday in Lent
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 27
(UMH 758); Philippians 3:17-
4:1; Luke 13:31-35



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Micah's Meditations

Music is a universal language that shares the beauty of God's creation. In my down time, I like to listen to all kinds of music. During this time of year, one CD that brings me warmth and comfort on these chilly, cloudy and dreary days is "Winter's Welcome" by the Celtic group Isle of Light. In the song, "Peace like a Snowfall," Isle of Light shares these words, "Peace like a snowfall, On this dry and weary land, In your love we find shelter, We are safe in your mighty hand. Father God you are faithful, You alone we can trust, And when our strength is falling, You carry us. Peace like the sunlight, On this cold and frozen land, In your heart we find refuge, There is comfort in your mighty hand." Cold winter days and long winter nights can be tough. But, when winter's wind makes us tired and weary, God picks us up and carries us. That love and light brings us peace. That love brings us warmth on the coldest of days. That light shines through the darkest and longest of nights. May we remember that during this winter season and in all seasons, we are held safely in God's mighty hand. May we feel that refuge and sanctuary of God's hand surrounding us. So, my brothers and sisters, let us enjoy the snowfalls of this season as we feel God's glorious peace in the wind, in the winter sunshine, in the clouds, and in the snowflakes.

Grace & Peace,

Micah

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We are located at 1911 N
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Sunday School @ 9:45 am

Worship @ 10:55 am



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Sunday Night F.I.R.E. (Faith In Reaching Everyone)

Join us on the first and third Sundays of the month from 4:45pm – 6:00 pm for UMYF (seventh through twelfth grades). We will start the new year study off with the book of Genesis on January 6. A big thank you to everyone who participated in "A Birthday Party for Jesus". We are looking forward to an exciting New Year of food, fun, and fellowship! If you would like to be a volunteer for F.I.R.E., please contact Sharla at sharladowelcher@gmail.com or call 482-5267; 482-1536. Thank You!



UMW Meeting Schedule

The next meeting will be January 9th at 7:00 PM. We will discuss a possible change to the time we meet, plan the calendar for the year, discuss a time to make more pickles, and pack away the Christmas decorations. The meeting for February will be the 13th at 7:00 PM. We will discuss the Call to Prayer and Self Denial.

UMW Missions

United Methodist Women is the largest denominational faith organization for women with approximately 800,000 members whose mission is fostering spiritual growth, developing leaders and advocating for justice. Through fundraisers like our Pumpkin sale, and Holiday House Bazaar we were able to reach more people in need this year. A big thanks to everyone for there donations, hard work, time, and dedication!

Thank You

List of Recipients

- Circle of Care
- Operation Care
- Salvation Army
- Pathways
- Southwestern Youth Services
- Jackson County Hospice
- Our Teacher—Denise Phelan
- Three different people off of the Grandparents tree at First State Bank



Winter Missions

The mission for the month of January will be a Blanket Drive. Please bring new throws/blankets to help keep people warm. They say winter is going to be in full swing around mid-

January. Every little bit helps. Thank you!

And don't forget about the ongoing project thru the year of collecting eye glasses.

Thank you!

Thank you for making this a "Bountiful Harvest" for the Community Cupboard.

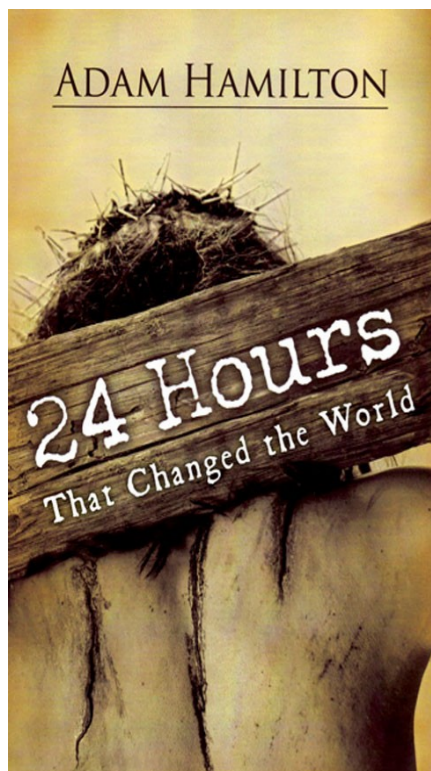


Hands on Mission

Every other Wednesday a group from the church goes to the new Joseph Closet to sort clothes for Operation Care. If you would like to join the group, we leave from the church a little before 9:00 AM, or you could meet us there; 208 Cypress at the Presbyterian Church.

2013 Communion Sign Up

A list of dates for 2013 Communion stewards will be out in the Narthex. Please sign up to provide the sacraments such as bread and grape juice, assist Pastor Micah, and set the front of the church up for Communion.



Lenten Bible Study

Join us starting Monday, February 18th at 10:00 am or Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00 pm for *24 Hours That Changed the World* by Adam Hamilton. No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. In this book, Adam Hamilton guides us through the last twenty-four hours of Jesus' life. Each chapter is designed to help the reader experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death in a way you have never done before. We invite you to join us as we

retrace the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. If you are interested please let Pastor Micah know so he can order books for the group. You can contact Pastor Micah at micah.welcher@gmail.com or call 482-5267; 482-1536.



**Ash Wednesday Service
February 13, 2013
Time: TBA**



"Each photograph is a story captured in a single moment"
~ M. Lopez



"A Birthday Party for Jesus"



Left: The Holiday House Bazaar Quilt Winner Linda Willis.