



Love in Action

The Newsletter of Maggie Valley United Methodist Church

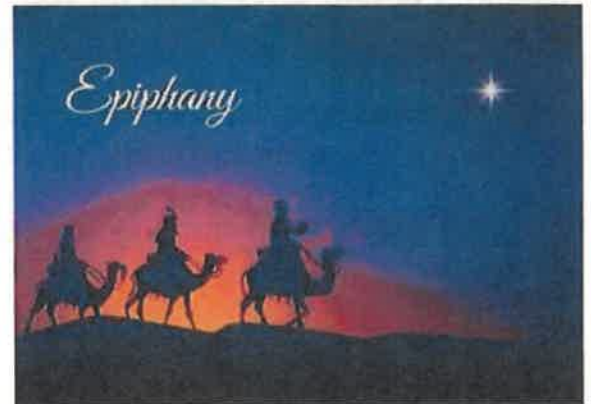
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FROM PASTOR MIKE...

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The 12 days of Christmas are the days on the church calendar between Christmas and Epiphany. According to church tradition, it took the magi 12 days to reach the manger. (In reality, their journey may have been much longer) When they arrived in Bethlehem, they knelt before Jesus in adoration and humility. We call the day they arrived at the manger, Epiphany.



Epiphany means "appearance" or "manifestation". Dictionaries define an epiphany as an "abrupt deeper understanding", or "suddenly seeing in a way you haven't seen before". It's a far more personal experience to kneel before Christ and surrender than to simply give thanks that he has come into the world. That's what it means to move from Christmas to Epiphany!

And when we do, an inevitable transformation takes place; a change Jesus described to the Pharisee, Nicodemus, as a new birth. And in 1 Peter 1:23, Peter writes that we are "born again to a living hope". I pray that this kind of rebirth will take place in you, in me, and in our church. For some reason, the words of Dag Hammarskjöld, the 2nd Secretary-General of the United Nations come to mind. This Swedish economist and world leader had come to his own epiphany through his faith. Afterwards he exclaimed:

For all that has been, thank you. For all that will be, YES!

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Our Church Food Pantry operates on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am until noon. We are asking that everyone in the congregation bring INSTANT GRITS, JELLY, INSTANT OATMEAL, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES, BAR SOAP, and CRACKERS this month. Thank you for helping!

The One Board will meet on Tuesday, January 16th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

All "Love in Action" articles for January are due to Belinda by Thursday, January 25th.

The Men's Group WILL meet on Thursday, January 18th at 5:30 and will have the Men's breakfast on Saturday, January 27th at 8:00am in the fellowship hall. All men are invited.

Winter 2023 Wednesday Night Spiritual Growth Group will begin on January 10, 2024 at 6pm. We will continue with "The Chosen".

UMW will not meet in January or February. We will pick back up in March.

THANK YOU's...

Dearest Maggie Valley Church Family,

I just wanted to thank you for the many cards, prayers, and loving care you demonstrated to me during my most recent surgery. Every card brightened my day.

I could feel your special prayers. You are a wonderful church family and I appreciate you so much.

Thank you again so much for your loving care.

*Love to all,
Janice Rogers*

BELINDA MARR, TREASURER'S REPORT...

Monthly Financial Report for November 2023

November	
Needed for Budget	\$ 23,882.98
Expenses	\$ 110,244.39
Offerings	\$ 13,498.63
Over/Under	\$ (\$96,745.76)



Treasurer Report

****\$77,0000 was for the roof and \$5,000 was 1/2 of a new heat pump.**

GO LIVE WITH MGUMC LIVE STREAM...

Thanks to a donor, we recently were able to install a new camera and live stream system in the church utilizing the latest technology in cameras and software. This system uses a PTZ high-definition camera and special streaming software to allow us to produce high quality pictures and sound to stream over Facebook Live.

The video is captured through a PTZ camera, PTZ meaning the ability to Pan, Tilt, and Zoom the camera to focus in on specific areas of the service, such as the choir when they sing, the individual conducting the prayers of the people, the pastor when giving the sermon, and the musicians when doing their solos. This focusing on specifics is done with a computer via special software and can also be done with a mobile device such as a smart phone. This feature adds tremendously to the viewing value for the people watching the service online, from anywhere you can get an internet connection.

The sound is captured using technology that allows us to plug into the soundboard and capture "post mixer" sound. Post mixer means that the sound being broadcast can be adjusted by the sound board to balance the different microphones used in the service. This helps to ensure consistency in volume and well of the amount of volume that is being broadcast.

The live stream is presently broadcast on Facebook Live on the Maggie Valley United Methodist Church Facebook page. To open that page while in Facebook you can search for Maggie Valley United Methodist Church or click on the URL:

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=maggie%20valley%20united%20methodist%20church>

The live stream broadcast starts at the ringing of the bell, about 10:30 AM, and ends when the service is over.

Also, from time to time we may broadcast special programs and events, such the church Pre-School service or special event, or special holiday services such as occurs on Christmas and Easter. To be sure not to miss these, sign up for alerts on the church Facebook page, and get notified when a "Go Live" event takes place.

We also can see your comments when you make them in real time, and we always appreciate knowing who is watching, so please keep those comments coming!

If you would like to become a live stream helper, and run the system on Sundays, let us know. It's easy, it's fun, and we have great detailed instructions. So "Keep in Streamin'

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES...



HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

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|----|-----------------|----|----------------------|
| 1 | Bruce Johnson | 13 | Todd Carpenter |
| 1 | MaryAnn Vignola | 14 | Cam Walsh |
| 2 | John Burton | 16 | Helen Dickinson |
| 4 | Jason Kanupp | 20 | Bubba Kelley |
| 5 | Steve Mehaffey | 22 | Helen Duke |
| 6 | Lovia Barefoot | 25 | Melinda Coker Sutton |
| 7 | Tyler Brosius | 28 | Don Bennett |
| 7 | Tom Palmer | 29 | Sten Lundgren |
| 9 | Linda Howell | 31 | Devan Messer |
| 11 | Alexia Trull | | |
| 13 | Larry Butler | | |

Happy January Anniversary!

- 16 Eric & Minnie McGuirt
- 19 Susan & Dan Dry
- 24 Ann & Ted Watts

General Prayers:

Donna Brailsford, Grace Heger, Bob Humphrey, Doris Jones, Destiny Little, Caroline Miller, Cliff Peebles, Barb Planchock, Jim Neely, Carole Norquay, Georgia Painter, Janice Rogers, Zeata Ruff, Michael Sams, Bill & Mary Ann Vignola

Those in hospital and/or surgeries:

Mark Raines, Mike Simon (Ohio)

Homebound/Nursing Home:

Becky Bender, Lady Hughes, Edna Palmer, Bill Vignola, Paul White- Maggie Valley Nursing & Rehab, Gail Pace- Silver Bluff, Phyllis Jackson, Polly Solley- Smoky Mtn Nursing Home, Clarissa Fisher-Florida
Kathryn Brannen, Willard Dockery, Joe & Helen Duke, Brenda Griswold, Zelda Hanson, Jeanette Miller, Dave Pickens, Leon Roach, Ron Sellers, David Wagner



Prayer for Entering the New Year for Today

Lord, I thank you graciously for the New Year. I thank you because I know it will be a year of greatness, and your blessing will be poured out on my entire family and me. Last year was good, but I believe this year will be better. Thank you for your word and thank you for the good plans you have for me. Lord, bless my family and me in the New Year and help us to grow in Christ. I pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

January

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	OFFICE CLOSED NO FP or ST HOLIDAY	Food Pantry (10-12)	Food Pantry (10-12)	Grace Bible Study (9:30am) Fellowship Hall	Grace Bible Study (9:30am) Fellowship Hall	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Connections Sunday School (9am) Worship (10:30am)	Food Pantry (10-12) Shepherd's Table	Food Pantry (10-12) Bible Study (6pm)- Music Room	Food Pantry (10-12) Bible Study (6pm)- Music Room	Food Pantry (10-12) Bible Study (6pm)- Music Room	Grace Bible Study (9:30am) Fellowship Hall	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Connections Sunday School (9am) Worship (10:30am) Bishop Carter Meal after Service	Food Pantry (10-12) Shepherd's Table	Food Pantry (10-12) One Board (6pm)- Fellowship Hall	Food Pantry (10-12) Bible Study (6pm)- Music Room	Food Pantry (10-12) Bible Study (6pm)- Music Room	Grace Bible Study (9:30am) Fellowship Hall	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31			
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Maggie Valley UMC Worship Services - 10:30 am

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