

## A Message from Phil Robbins, Finance Committee Chairman

After taking a new job, analyzing what had been done in the past, makes you realize how big the shoes you are trying to fill really are. Following Spencer Quesenberry as Chairman of the Finance Committee is a large task. Thanks for a job well done Spencer.

I will use all forms of reporting to motivate our congregation to meet our financial obligations. Therefore, the first installment will be to compare our financial pictures to the 4 downs in football that are needed to move the ball forward.

For many years, coaches, players, writers and fans thought third down was the crucial down. Gradually, the thought became that first down was really the crucial down.

**Dividing our year into quarters, then January, February and March become our first down. During this year I want to help our church reach our monthly obligations, but also reduce the deficit we have carried for the past 3-4 years. This deficit is \$4500.**

The first strategy to reduce this deficit starts now. I would like to encourage each member to place a \$1 bill in the offering plate each week or the loose change you get back from any financial transaction you have during the week. This small amount will help to reduce or eliminate the above stated deficit.

You ask how? Consider this—if the average adult attendance is 80 people on 50 Sundays during the year, and they all placed a loose \$1 bill in the offering plate each Sunday, we would collect an extra \$4000, or nearly what our deficit has been.

If we start to work on this deficit in the first quarter of the year, we have a real chance to eliminate the \$4500 deficit we have.

The **Power of One**, regardless if it's one person or \$1, can be a real player in the growth of our church.

### Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will be meeting immediately following the worship service. All members of the Board of Trustees are asked to be in attendance for this meeting.

### Administrative Board Meeting

The Administrative Board will be meeting this evening at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All members of the Board are asked to be in attendance for this meeting.

### United Methodist Men Meeting

The United Methodist Men will be meeting Monday January 9 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

### No Choir Practice

There will be no choir practice on Wednesday January 11. Choir practice will resume the following Wednesday January 18 at 7:00 pm.

### SPPRC Meeting

The Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee will be meeting Wednesday January 11 at 7:00 pm. All members of the SPPRC are encouraged to be in attendance for this meeting.

### Martin Luther King Celebration

There will be a Martin Luther King Celebration Monday January 16 at 5:00 pm at the Wise Church of God.

### UMYF Resurrection Trip

The United Methodist Youth Fellowship will be leaving Friday afternoon, January 20 to travel to Pigeon Forge, TN and they will be returning Sunday January 22. Please keep the youth and chaperones in your prayers as they are traveling to attend this life changing event.



You can sponsor a bulletin. For \$15, we can put color on one side and for \$25 we can put color on both sides. Contact the office to see if the Sunday you want is available.

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## The Trinity Companion Sunday January 8, 2017



# EPIPHANY

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Worship begins at 11:00 am


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Let me tell you how glad we are to have you at our worship service today. We hope that you will encounter the presence of the risen Christ. We'd really like to get some contact information. Would you please text your email and name to 80123 and we'll get back in touch with you.

**Greeters:** Alberta Mitchell and Sandra Rich

**Announcements:** Diane Botts

**\*Prelude:**

**\*Call to Worship:**

**\*Opening Hymn:** "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" No. 462

**A Sharing of Our Joys, Concerns, and Thanksgivings**

*(Please raise your hand and an usher will come by with a microphone so that everyone will be able to hear your joy, concern or thanksgiving. After you state your concern, everyone will join together and say: **Lord. In your Mercy. Hear our Prayer.**)*

**Gloria Patri** No. 70

**Children's Message:** Christy Smith

**The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**Ushers:** Sandra Rich, Christy Smith, Kathleen Gillespie, Alberta Mitchell

**\*Offertory:**

**\*The Doxology:** No. 95

**\*Special Music:** David Goodman & Hannah Jones—"Mary Did You Know"

**The Presentation of God's Word**

**Scripture:** Matthew 2: 1-12 Chris Higgins

Lector: The Word of the Lord for the People of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

**Sermon:** "Signs Along the Road"

**Holy Communion**

**Communion Stewards:** Nancy & Ruben Allman, Christy Smith and Nancy Toney

**Communion Ushers:** Sandra Rich, Christy Smith, Kathleen Gillespie, Alberta Mitchell

**\*Closing Hymn:** "Let Us Break Bread Together" No. 618

**\*Pastoral Benediction:**

**\*Postlude:**

***\*Please stand, as you are able***

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**January Events and Activities**

◆ **Sunday January 8, 2017—Epiphany Sunday**

- ◆ 12:00 pm—Trustees Meeting
- ◆ 5:00 pm—UMYF
- ◆ 7:00 pm—Administrative Board Meeting

◆ **Monday January 9, 2017**

- ◆ 6:30 pm—United Methodist Men Meeting

◆ **Wednesday January 11, 2017**

- ◆ 6:00 pm—Prayer Team
- ◆ **No Choir Practice**
- ◆ 7:00 pm—SPPRC Meeting

◆ **Sunday January 15, 2017—Baptism of Our Lord Sunday**

- ◆ 5:00 pm—UMYF
- ◆ 5:00 pm—Asbury Circle

◆ **Monday January 16, 2017—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

- ◆ **Office will be closed**
- ◆ 6:00 pm—Garden Club

◆ **Wednesday January 18, 2017**

- ◆ 6:00 pm—Prayer Team
- ◆ 7:00 pm—Choir Practice

◆ **Friday January 20, 2017**

- ◆ UMYF Trip to Resurrection

◆ **Sunday January 22, 2017**

- ◆ UMYF Return from Resurrection
- ◆ Pastor begins Winter Retreat

◆ **Wednesday January 25, 2017**

- ◆ 6:00 pm—Prayer Team
- ◆ 7:00 pm—Choir Practice

**United Methodist Men Meeting**  
**January 9 at 6:30 pm**



**January**

**Van Drivers and Riders**

1—Christy Smith, Donna Mahan  
8—Kenny & Martha Spurlock  
15—Christy Smith, Donna Mahan  
22—Kenny & Martha Spurlock  
29—Pat Bowden, Diane Botts

**Children's Church**

1—Donna Mahan  
8—Ashley Turner  
15—Christy Smith  
22—Patty Robbins  
29—No Children's Church

**Money Counters**

1—Chris Higgins, Paul Clark  
8—Diane Botts, Christy Smith  
15—Pat Bowden, Kim Parsons  
22—Kenny & Martha Spurlock  
29—Bill Cole, Ashley Turner

**Children's Message**

1—No Children's Message  
8—Christy Smith  
15—Mary Beth Allen  
22—Nancy Toney  
29—Diane Botts

**Greeters**

Alberta Mitchell  
Sandra Rich

**Announcements**

Diane Botts

**Ushers**

Christy Smith, Alberta Mitchell  
Kathleen Gillespie, Sandra Rich



"I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS."  
EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

**For Those with Cancer:**

Robin (Rita Nash's Daughter); Debbie Cooper; Phyllis Gilley; Melody (Mellie) Gilley; Doris Berta; Denise Qualls; Kathy Hirsch (Larry & Teddy Bland's daughter); David Burke (Bubba Burke's Dad); Karrie Compton (Randy & Phyllis Compton's daughter); Zack Carter; Carey Mills; Steve Clark; Robert Holbrook; Kamyryn (Patsy Mutter's great granddaughter's sister)

**Facing/Recovering from Surgery/Hospital Stay**

Helen Cochran; Mary Warner; T. R Davidson; Melanie Sturgill; Mark Nickels; Ann Nickels; Jim Cooper; Barbara Hargrove; Ronnie Phillips (Patty Robbins' brother); Benny Clifton (Lillie Clifton's father); Siyere Williams; Elizabeth White; Nancy Toney; Terry Goodman; Jean Hendrick; Haylee White; Don Whittaker; Karen West; Ruben Allman; Dotty Allen

**Non-Specific Prayers for:**

The Polly family; Geneva Allen; Jim Gates; Jennie Shupe; Hope Meade; Matt Carroll; Melvin Carter; Bill & Jean Hendrick; Peggy Bates; Marion Kocher; Bob Horne; Nancy Toney; Beth & John Hagan; Nancy Kilgore & family; Debbie Goodman; Sarah Shores; Elmer Lowe; June Pendergrass; John Wheeley; Louise Wright; Joyce Ann Harver; Irene Black

- Pray for our Pastor and the Leaders of our church.
- Pray for the Leaders of the United Methodist Church.
- Pray for those in the Church in need.

If you know that someone on the prayer list has passed away, please contact the church office.