

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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### January 20, 2019

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of the glory of God to us as it was made known to the magi and those on Jordans banks at the baptism of Jesus-today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people "as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride." By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see..

[www.messiahlutheranmgm.org](http://www.messiahlutheranmgm.org)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- VISITORS-** Please introduce yourself and sign our Guest Book in the hallway. We hope you will return to worship with us. If you would like information about membership, please call the office at 277-4213.
- WELCOME TO OUR LORD'S TABLE** all who are baptized children of God. As Lutherans we teach and believe that Christ is truly physically and spiritually present under the forms of bread and wine; they are his body and blood. Small children and infants are welcome to commune if they have received "first communion instruction," and should be assisted by their parents. Children who are not yet communing and those who are not baptized are invited to come forward for a blessing. When we are using trays with individual glasses, for those who do not prefer wine, the glasses in the center circle of the trays are filled with grape juice; or you may choose the chalice. Those unable to partake of wine or wheat bread are assured that the fullness of our Lord is received in either of the elements. After communing, please return to your seat for silent prayer.
- ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP CHART** is hanging on the narthex bulletin board. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, place your name on the date(s) of your choice, and a brief note for what commemoration the flowers are given. We can have up to three sponsors each Sunday. Sponsors will be billed from Ricky Craig at a cost of \$45 per arrangement. You may also provide your own flowers, however they should be on par with the quality of arrangements normally used. Remember to take them home following the 10:45 service to enjoy or share with a friend (or drop by church during the week between 9am-1pm to pick them up). Please return the container to the church.
- Today's Anthem:** "The Silent Stars Shine Down On Us". by: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr. Arranged by: Thomas Keesecker performed by: The Adult Choir.

## LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

### \* New Information

Tina Ruffa ..... Healing after Mastectomy  
 Adriane Duvall \*Successful surgery November 13<sup>th</sup> Long healing process (Kathryn Willoughby's daughter)  
 Pastor Jill Henning ..... Aggressive breast cancer (friend of Pastor and Doris Underwood)  
 \*Ron Hicks(Lunches for Learning Founder).....Hospitalized for diagnostic studies  
 \*Tom Strong.....Pastor Devin Strong father  
 \*Patt Riggins.....Undergoing testing for Liver Problems  
 \*Johnny Nelson.....Ongoing health issues  
 \*Chuck Wray.....Heart issues

Please include the names listed in your prayers at home during the following weeks. To add or update someone to the prayer chain, call the church office. We will routinely remove your prayer request from this list after 2-3 weeks, depending on the circumstances. If the need arises, please call the church office to have them returned to the list.

### WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

5:30 pm ..... RSVP Meal \$5 per plate (under 5, free; ages 5-12, \$3)

6:15 pm ..... Worship

7:00 pm ..... Choir Practice

7:00 pm ..... Catechism

**We will not have a Wednesday night meal on 01/23/2019**

Please **RSVP** or cancel before

Tuesday noon. You can make reservations by contacting the church office (call 277-4213, e-mail [mlcoffice@messiahlutheranmgm.org](mailto:mlcoffice@messiahlutheranmgm.org)) or place your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hall outside office. You may also make reservations on the website at [www.messiahlutheranmgm.org](http://www.messiahlutheranmgm.org).

### Remember Our Senior Friends in Retirement Homes, Assisted Living, Nursing Homes, or Semi-Shut-ins at Home

Jim Lincoln ..... 1555 Taylor Rd B8, Montgomery, AL 36117  
 Pastor Robert Graetz ..... 1558 Dunbar St., Montgomery, AL 36106  
 Judy Forks ..... 390 Aquil Lane, Pike Road, AL 36064-5002  
 Signe Nelson ..... 5801 Eastdale Dr., #106, Montgomery, AL 36117  
 Jane Stambaugh ..... 9819 Mid Pines Court, Montgomery, AL 36117  
 Katherine Yaworski ..... Pine Needle Place, 600 Glendale Ave., Greenville, AL 36037  
 Johnny Nelson.....Bill Nichols Veterans State Retirement Home  
 1784 Elkahatchee Rd, Alexander City, AL 35010

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Worship Attendance on 01/13/19 8:00 am 30 10:45 am 40

Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 01/13/19.....\$2,108.00

Fiscal Year Contributions thru 01/13/19 ..... \$106,960.00

Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal ..... \$151,966.40

Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of 01/13/19 ..... (\$45,006.40)

\*Fiscal Year 2019 FEP Goal ..... \$232,419

Pastor Strong will be using his personal phone and email. If you need to contact him, his number is 770-940-1442. His email address is: [pastordevinststrong@gmail.com](mailto:pastordevinststrong@gmail.com). He is available even if he is not here.

Tina Ruffa wishes to express her sincere gratitude for the thoughts and prayers during her surgery and healing process.

Adriane Duvall wishes to express her sincere gratitude for the thoughts and prayers during her recovery from surgery

Worship Assistant Schedule			
		January 20, 2019	January 27, 2019
<b>Altar</b>		Diane Davis	Lu Ann Marz
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	8:00 am	Hildredge Sims	Liz Wright
	10:45 am	Lu Ann & David Marz	Judy McCune & Tina Ruffa
<b>Crucifer</b>	10:45 am	Lily Strickland	Grayson Hataway
<b>Greeters</b>	8:00 am	Paul Morton	Patt Riggins
	10:45 am	Charlene Struve	Katrina Martz
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	8:00 am	Doris Underwood	Duane Brookhart
	10:45 am	Duane Brookhart	David Hataway
<b>Lector</b>	8:00 am	Chris Sellers	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	Jaehee Ashley	Jamie McCune
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 am	Steve Wright	Champ Street
	10:45 am	Elizabeth & Adam Strickland	Jaehee Ashley & Melissa Hataway

Schedule for Week of January 20th		Schedule for Week of January 27th	
<b>SUN:</b> 01/20	8:00 am Worship w/ Eucharist 9:00 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship w/ Eucharist 3:30 pm WORG	<b>SUN:</b> 01/27	8:00 am Worship w/ Eucharist 9:00 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship w/ Eucharist 3:30 pm WORG
<b>MON:</b> 01/21	Office Closed MLK Day 6:00 pm Pinks & Pearls	<b>MON:</b> 01/28	6:00 pm Pinks & Pearls
<b>TUE:</b> 01/22	9:00 am Quilters 7:00 pm Bell Choir Practice	<b>TUE:</b> 01/29	9:00 am Quilters 7:00 pm Bell Choir Practice
<b>WED:</b> 01/23	9:00 am Quilters 7:00 pm Choir Practice/ Catechism	<b>WED:</b> 01/30	9:00 am Quilters 7:00 pm Choir Practice/ Catechism
<b>THU</b> 01/24		<b>THU</b> 01/31	
<b>Fri:</b> 01/25	6:00 pm Pinks & Pearls	<b>Fri:</b> 02/01	6:00 pm Pinks & Pearls
<b>SAT:</b> 01/26	9:00 am Yarnovers	<b>SAT:</b> 02/02	9:00 am Yarnovers 1:00 pm Girl Scouts