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Epiphany Sunday
January 4, 2026
Sermon Series: Glory Revealed

Greeting (responsive)

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: The New Year means

People: new hope, new peace, new joy, new love.

Leader: And a renewed relationship with God.

People: God is stirring a new thing within us.

All: Happy New Year!

Prelude 'Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Epiphanie' - Maurice Duruflé

(1902-1986)

The Light of Christ Enters the Sanctuary

Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: We gather as people looking for the star, a sign that God is at work in the world.

People: God, help us find your glory.

Leader: We gather as people listening for the whispers of the Spirit, hints of the good news in the least likely places.

People: God, help us notice your glory.

Leader: We gather as people yearning for Love's presence, the assurance that we are not alone and Love will have the last word.

People: God, help us encounter your glory.

Leader: On this Epiphany Sunday, may the Light of Love shine among us, revealing divine glory through neighbors known and unknown, vulnerable children, and unexpected gifts.

All: God, reveal to us anew the glory of your expansive Love that gathers us together and sustains us in loving service to one another and all creation. Amen.

Opening Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhaunting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above the clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see' tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Opening Prayer (read responsively)

Leader: Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope, and salvation.

People: Glory of God, fill this sanctuary and expose the darkness that stalks our souls.

Leader: Light of God, shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe.

People: Glory of God, fill each temple of the Holy Spirit present today.

All: Light of God, Glory of God, we welcome you in this place.

Children's Message

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Nations Come to the Light

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples,
but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together; they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you; the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Psalter: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

All Shall Bow Down

Leader: Give the king your justice, O God,

People: and your righteousness to a king's son.

Leader: May he judge your people with righteousness

People: and your poor with justice.

Leader: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

People: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

Leader: May he live while the sun endures and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

People: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

Leader: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more. May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

People: May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

Leader: For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

People: He has pity on the weak and the needy

Leader: and saves the lives of the needy.

People: From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

The Gospel's Promise to All

This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you gentiles, for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you and how the mystery was made known to me by

revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Here ends the reading of the Word.

Gospel Hymn "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity, pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Prayer of Illumination (unison)

God of wonder, as that ancient star rose and guided the magi, illuminating Jesus' presence, so now may the light of your Holy Spirit shine in our hearts and minds as the Word is read and proclaimed. Guide us again to Christ and direct us in new paths of faithfulness. In Christ we pray. *Amen.*

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12

A reading of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Christ Revealed to the Nations

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking,

"Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage."

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

They told him,

"In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, *"Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."*

When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Pastor: "The word of God for the people of God."

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayer of Preparation: *This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.* Gracious God, may your light shine so brightly within us that we become light to the world.

Response to the Word: *Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

Jesus is sending us, God's disciples, out to be lambs among wolves. Today we welcome a laborer from Asbury UMC to join us in our journey

RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

The pastor addresses all those transferring baptized or professing membership into the congregation, together with those who, through baptism or confirmation, have just professed their own faith:

As members of this congregation,
will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?

I will.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the

ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you that you may live in grace and peace.

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

The third day he arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

Light-giving God –We are magi on a caravan of lumbering hope, traveling through grinding wind and glaring sun, chill clear nights and skin-baking days. We come to seek Your light.

We come lumbering in hope, each of us on our own life's journey – traveling through times of loneliness and fear, through heartbreak and anger, through grief and loss, through economic uncertainty, through fear for loved ones caught up in war, through our own private crises, through the extended shock of horrific images of hurricanes and genocide, through struggles with the mental illness of a child, the disintegration of a parent, the simple letting go of a child more ready to be an adult than we are ready to allow their growth, through the changes in a new marriage, the welcoming of a new child, the completion of a degree, the vision emerging in a new work of art.

We come lumbering in hope on a journey of joys and sorrows. We come as magi to seek Your light.

But Light-giving God, we admit that we are also Herod the King, trembling in fear at the news of the rising of Your light.

We admit that we are afraid that the light of Your truth may indeed rise, and it may be threatening to us.

Like Herod, we fear the rise of the truth of the harm we have done to others to build our own palaces and to fortify our own power; we fear the rise of the truth that lies beneath the political spin we put on our own lives; we fear to admit to ourselves the truth that may rise within us as we acknowledge the pain of what we have done to others and what others have done to us.

Light-giving God, we come as trembling Herod, afraid of Your light.

But Light-giving God, we are also magi wrapped in joy to arrive at the manger that cradles Your light. We greet the rising light that Herod so fears. We, too, fear this light, this truth. For here we meet Your light and truth, the truth of our own powerlessness.

We are magi, wise and respected sages. We are Herod the King, holding wealth and power. Yet we are no more than this helpless infant, no more than human flotsam on the tidal wave of time, human beings, no more and no less.

Light-giving God, let us sit in stillness in the light of this truth of our powerlessness, until we can see Your real light cradled here, until we are enveloped in the assuring light of this truth, until we shine in the light of the common humanity You reveal to us here.

Light-giving God. We lumber together in hope as Your church to lift Your Light. Let the light that we lift be this light visible in the manger. Let us lift not the light of our congratulation of ourselves, not the light of belief in our own superiority, not the light of our belief in our own narrow presuppositions, not even the light of our own church.

Let us lift the light from You that we can encounter here, the light of the power You make known to us in the truth of our powerlessness, the light we can see as we sit quietly as magi at the manger learning to be at ease with our common humanity learning to be at ease with You.

Let this be the light we lift as a beacon in the darkness we know best. As we lift that light, may we too be lifted to know the true power that lies among us waiting to rise as a beacon of our true hope. **Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

We have come asking for the child –Wondering where that love might be born, Seeking that joy that might satisfy our thirst, Wandering through the darkness of so many mistakes.

We have come to this place where wise-people and shepherds and young women met.

We have come to this place called Bethlehem – to this place where our hearts rise like yeast; to this place where we meet our newborn hope; to this place where we taste our deepest joy.

In Bethlehem, where we assumed the worst, imagining that no good can come, we somehow missed its name. Bethlehem: *Lehem* meaning bread. *Bethel* meaning house.

There is something here that will satisfy our hunger. No matter how long we have wandered, here our hearts arise. Our light has come.

In this bread and in this cup, We celebrate something we can't quite understand. Because God has made a house at this table. Because God satisfies our hunger in the most unlikely places. Because God comes to be with us. Now and always.

It is with this expectation that we come to the table to taste and see that God is here.

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to God, who is faithful and just to forgive us.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Loving God, we confess our sins against you and one another, and pray that you will fill us with your light, that we may live our lives as true disciples in your name, without counting the cost. In the name of Christ, the one who showed us the way, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance (responsive)

Leader: God's light is present in this world. Present in the Christ child, born to lead us out of darkness. Present in the star, in all that guides us to love.

People: God's light is in the world, and the darkness did not overcome it. God's grace is in the world, and our missteps will not overcome it.

All: We are loved; we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Passing of the Peace (responsive)

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

People: And also with you.

Invitation to the Offering

As the magi entered the house, they knelt in joy and paid homage to Jesus. Opening their treasure chests, they gave him gifts. So we come into God's house today, offering from our own treasure chests gifts to Christ, the light of the world.

Offertory Anthem 'Brightest And Best' – Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Offertory Prayer (unison)

Radiant God, the light of your wisdom and love shines for all who seek you, guiding us not with force, but with grace. Like the magi, we come bearing gifts, not to earn your

favor, but in response to the gift of Christ you've given us. Use these offerings to reflect your light into dark places, so that others might be drawn to your love, your justice, and your joy. Keep us faithful in our seeking, generous in our sharing, and willing to be led wherever your star shines next. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving Epiphany

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation. You sent a star to guide wise men to where the Christ was born; and in your signs and witnesses, in every age and through all the world, you have led your people from far places to his light.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: **"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."**

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: **"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."**

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Breaking the Bread
Giving the Bread and Cup**

**Communion Anthem
Communion Hymn #“Here I Am, Lord” (vs. 1,2)**

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Almighty God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have revealed yourself to us. Send us out into the world to see and bear witness to your revelation in all things, and invite all to come, taste and see your saving power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Closing Hymn UMH #221 "In the Bleak Midwinter"

1. In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago.

2. Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign. In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

3. Angels and archangels may have gathered there, cherubim and seraphim thronged the air; but his mother only, in her maiden bliss, worshiped the beloved with a kiss.

4. What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

Postlude 'Bring Him Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh - Colin Mawby (1936-2019)
The Light of Christ goes into the world.

Charge (responsive)

Lord of Light—**shine on us**,
Lord of Peace—**dwell in us**,
Lord of Might—**help us**,
Lord of Love—**enfold us**,
Lord of Wisdom—**enlighten us**.

Benediction

Then, Lord, let us go out as your witness, in obedience to your command, to share the Good News of your love for us in the gift of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Today's Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God!

Grace Notes
January 4, 2026

Mission Statement: Glorify God ~ Draw All to Christ ~ Edify & Equip

From the Pastor: 2026 invites us to begin the new year with the revelation of the Christ child. Like the magi, we have wandered over the last year, sometimes across rough terrain and other times over smooth roads, to seek the promise that God is doing a new thing among us. We commit once again to continue on the path of the Christ child throughout the coming year. We choose to see, hear, touch, smell, and even taste the world around us as bearers and seekers of divine love.

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/epiphany-of-the-lord-year-a-lectionary-planning-notes>

Membership Reports: As faithful members of Grace UMC, we faithfully strive to remember our membership vows to support the church by upholding the church with our **prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness**.

Prayers - Persons listed on Joys & Concerns will appear for two weeks. Please fill out a request card if you would like your request shared on Sunday morning and listed in Grace Notes. You may call or email the church office Monday thru Wednesday (**by 10am**) with those you would like to include or remove. If a person requires additional time, or has a long-term illness, request they be added to the "Long-term" list. The joys and concerns will list first name and last initial; no details will appear.

Joys & Concerns

Dec. 28: Ava G., Shana R., Evelyn Y.

Dec. 21: Rick S.

Prayers (Long-term): John S., Paul H., Ron S., Robin G., Lucy K.; Bill S., Erin B., Doris K.; Bill H., Wendi C., Margie C., Bev. B., Connie M.; Vickie S., Rhonda and Tony W., Harriett H.

Our Condolences - We offer our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Rick Straub who passed away on Tuesday, December 16, 2025. Rick is the brother of Bev Bragunier.

The Revised Common Lectionary – A service of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library

Sunday, January 04, 2026: Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-18

Monday, January 05, 2026: Psalm 72; Joshua 1:1-9; Hebrews 11:32-12:2;

Tuesday, January 06, 2026: Isaiah 60:1-6 ; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Wednesday, January 07, 2026: Psalm 72; 1 Kings 10:1-13; Ephesians 3:14-21;

Thursday, January 08, 2026: Psalm 29; 1 Samuel 3:1-9; Acts 9:1-9;

Friday, January 09, 2026: Psalm 29; 1 Samuel 3:10-4:1a; Acts 9:10-19a;

Saturday, January 10, 2026: Psalm 29; 1 Samuel 7:3-17; Acts 9:19b-31;

Presence – Join us for worship in person or via Facebook Live.

Worship: 119 Sunday School: 21 Facebook Live: 576 Ladies T4U:

GIFTS – Your gifts offer HOPE to Grace Church and the community. When we tithe, we follow the example given to us in Genesis 28:10-22 by giving at least 10% to the **General Fund**. United Methodists value the tithe as a benchmark for giving, one we encourage our members to move toward and, once achieved, move beyond. We believe that there is joy in giving, and the greater the generosity the deeper the joy. The **General Fund** is responsible for ensuring all the needs of the church are met; this includes all of the ministries, missions, and operational costs of Grace Church. The One Board (as of May 14, 2023) asks that all tithes and offerings be placed in the General Fund except those for T.H.R.I.V.E., Micah's Backpack & Building for the Future. Separate envelopes are provided for these ministries and located by the lectern. This is the only way to donate to these ministries. This will allow Grace Church to move towards fully funding all ministries and missions of the church. This will bring us up to date with current UMC budget practices.

General Fund: \$2,581.00

Endowment Withdrawal: \$

Estate Gift:

Music Fund: \$5,200.00

Needed for Weekly Budget: \$4,500

Building for the Future: \$51.00

T.H.R.I.V.E. & Micah's Backpack: \$10.00

Service and Witness:

Ushers: J.C. Martin, Bill Thompson, Donna and Roy Shoop, Madison Shoop, Lucas Shoop, Ella Sholty, Justus Osuji

Greeter: Daisy Wolfensberger

Lay Readers: John Hess, Earlene Johnson, Sandy Kendall, Kurt Zimmerman

Media Managers: Donnie Bryan, Roy Shoop

Choir: Becca Bryan, Donnie Bryan, Patti Hull, Hannah Kamseuh, Polly Martin, Peace Osuji, Ryan Wetzel

Congregational Care Committee/Communion Stewards: Chris Jeter, Krista Zimmerman, Cindy Tedrick, Ruth Smith, Patti Hull, Helen Gilliam, Daisy Wolfensberger, Polly Martin, Rose Shank, Earlene Johnson, Sandy Kendall, Donna Bolinger, Amy Bryan, Becca Bryan, Jane Staley, Rhonda Weaver, Wanda Stouffer, Ruth Thompson, Pastor Dionne, Sonja Shearer, Cindy Swales, Patty Frazier, Caroline Jenkins and Vivienne, Margaret Hess

T.H.R.I.V.E. (Thankful, Hopeful, Revitalized, Intentional, Victorious, Educated). Continued needs are non-perishables, dry goods, feminine care products, hand soap, shower gel, razors, shave cream, individually wrapped paper towels and toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste/toothbrushes, laundry detergent, etc. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted, and please use the indicated envelopes located by the lectern. **Closet 712** Volunteers are always appreciated. Donations drop off is Monday -Thursday 10am-12pm., **fall and winter clothing ONLY.** Both T.H.R.I.V.E and the clothes closet are open on Saturday, **January 10, 2026**, 10:00am – 11:00 am.

Pastoral Care and Emergency Contact Information: In case of an emergency, please contact Pastor Dionne at (240) 347-2345 (cell), Facebook Messenger, or pastordionne.hall@gmail.com. The church office number is (240) 850-2934. Please inform the hospital and/or funeral home that Pastor Dionne is the Pastor at Grace. **The Pastor and church should be notified of any illness or death of a member or family member first.** The Pastor will confirm availability dates for Services of Death and Resurrection with the funeral home director.

CALENDAR

Sun., Jan. 4	8:30 & 10:00 am 9:00 am 10:15 am	Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship is provided in Rider Hall Worship, <i>Epiphany Sunday, Communion</i> Sunday school for all ages
Mon., Jan. 5	12:00 pm	T4U luncheon and meeting in Rider Hall
Tues., Jan. 6	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Wed., Jan. 7	1:30 – 3:00 pm	Pop Up Pantry
Thurs., Jan. 8	10:30 am	West End Senior Citizens meeting in Rider Hall
Sat., Jan. 10	9:00 -11:00 am 10:00 -11:00 am	Food Pantry Clothes Closet
Sun., Jan. 11	8:30 & 10:00 am 9:00 am 10:15 am	Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship is provided in Rider Hall Worship, <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> Sunday school for all ages
Tues., Jan. 13	10:00 am 6:30 pm	One Board Meeting held in Rider Hall Choir Rehearsal
Wed., Jan. 14	1:30 – 3:00 pm	Pop Up Pantry
Sun., Jan. 18	8:30 & 10:00 am 9:00 am 10:15 am	Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship is provided in Rider Hall Worship, <i>Second Sunday after the Epiphany</i> Sunday school for all ages
Tues., Jan. 20	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Wed., Jan. 21	1:30 – 3:00 pm	Pop Up Pantry and Clothes Closet

Vacation – *I am out of the office Friday, Dec. 26 and returning on Monday, Jan. 5, 2026.*

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!!
Cindy*

REACH - Grace Week at the Cold Weather Shelter will begin on Sunday, January 19th through Saturday, January 25th.