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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 8, 2026

Sermon Series: *Glory Revealed*

**Greeting**

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

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: When we call,

**People: the LORD will answer.**

Leader: When we cry for help,

**People: The Lord will say, "Here I am."**

**All: Glory to God. Amen.**

Family of God, I welcome you to worship this fifth Sunday after the Epiphany as we look to see God's glory revealed in each of us. We are invited to hear the prophet Isaiah as he reveals how God would have us live as people whose light shines in the darkness.

I welcome you to worship in the name of the Holy Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.***

**Prelude** 'Humoreske' – Robert Ashfield (1911-2006)

*The Light of Christ Enters the Sanctuary*

**Call to Worship (responsive)**

Leader: People of God, why are you here?

**People: We gather to worship with our hearts and our lives.**

Leader: People of God, who do you worship?

**People: We worship God, who loves us and teaches us to love.**

Leader: People of God, how do you worship?

**People: We worship God by breaking the bonds of injustice and freeing the oppressed.**

Leader: People of God, come, let us worship God, whose glory surrounds us!

**People: May our worship demonstrate God’s glory in our neighborhood, community, and the whole earth.**

**Opening Hymn “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”**

**1. Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy’s perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.**

**2. Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.**

**3. As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.**

**4. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.**

**Opening Prayer (in unison)**

**God of compassion and justice, the worship you choose for us is to loose the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free, to share bread with the hungry, to shelter the homeless poor.**

**Then your light shall break forth like the dawn and your healing shall spring up quickly. So, in praise and wonder, we come to worship you not just with our words but with our hearts and our lives.**

**Glory and honor be to you, O God, Creator of a new heaven and a new earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Children’s Message**

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:1-12**

***A reading from the prophet Isaiah***

*The fast that God chooses*

Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,

to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments;

they want God on their side.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day

and oppress all your workers.

You fast only to quarrel and to fight

and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,

a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush

and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,

a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the straps of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry

and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you;  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
The LORD will guide you continually  
and satisfy your needs in parched places  
and make your bones strong,  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water  
whose waters never fail.  
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

**Psalter: Psalm 112:1-10**  
***A reading from the psalms***

*Light shines in the darkness*

Leader: Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.  
**People: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**  
Leader: Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.  
**People: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**  
Leader: It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.  
**People: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**  
Leader: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.  
**People: Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**  
Leader: They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.  
**People: The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

**Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16**

*God's wisdom revealed through the Spirit*

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. But we speak God’s wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within?

So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else’s scrutiny.

“For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?”  
But we have the mind of Christ.

*Here ends the reading of the Word.*

**Gospel Hymn “Here I Am, Lord”**

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.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life 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 of Illumination (unison)**

Lord, open our understanding by the power of the Holy Spirit, that as the Word is proclaimed we may receive holy wisdom to understand the gifts you have bestowed on us. In Jesus’ name we pray. *Amen.*

**Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:13-20**

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

*The teaching of Christ: salt and light*

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.  
People do not light a lamp put it under the bushel basket; rather they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.  
In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.  
"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Pastor: “The word of God for the people of God.”  
**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*“Call to Action”*

Rev. Dionne T. Hall

**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**

Almighty God, through the testimony of those who know your love you have guided us to ask for what we need. Our Lord Jesus called his disciples to live as a city on a hill and a lamp on a stand, that all may see the glory of God.

We pray for the church, the community of disciples. Grant that we, who claim to name of Christ, may shine as light into our dark world.

We pray for those who serve in the church: let our pastors, teachers, and those minister in the name of Christ forsake worldly knowledge that perishes and be led by your truth.

Blessed are those who honor your commandments, O Lord. We pray for our world, for the government and for its leaders. May all who rule honor justice and compassion and serve the common good that the people may flourish.

You teach us to offer food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted. We pray for the sick, the hungry, the poor, the homeless, and those who are oppressed.

Let your church minister to those in distress and bear witness to your abiding compassion for all who suffer.

To you, O God, we pray, through Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. **Amen.**

**Invitation to Communion**

Come, whoever you are,  
wanderer, worshipper, lover of leaving,  
it doesn't matter...  
even if you have broken your vows  
a hundred times,  
Come, again,  
this table is not the table of hopelessness  
and despair.  
This table is open for everyone,  
Come and come as you are.  
*Rumi*

**Call to Confession**

Let us confess our sins before God, our help in times of trouble.

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. Forgive us,**

**God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world.**

**Words of Assurance** (responsive)

Leader: Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love; know that our sins have been forgiven. May we be strengthened in all goodness. Since we have been raised with Christ, let us seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God. 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**

Like a spring whose waters never fail, God calls us to share what we have received. Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

**Offertory Voluntary**

**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)

Liberating God, You call us to a fast not of silence, but of service; not of hiding, but of healing. You ask that our worship be more than words, that our offerings be more than ritual. Receive these gifts as signs of our willingness to share bread with the hungry, to break chains of injustice, to repair what is broken. May our generosity reflect your mercy and our living mirror your love. Use us and these gifts, so that light might rise in the darkness and hope take root where despair has reigned. In Christ's name, we pray. *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** 'My eyes for beauty pine' – Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

**Communion Hymn #418 "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"**



1. We are climbing Jacob's ladder; we are climbing Jacob's ladder, we are climbing Jacob's ladder; soldiers of the cross.
2. Every round goes higher, higher; every round goes higher, higher, every round goes higher, higher; soldiers of the cross.
3. Sinner, do you love my Jesus? Sinner, do you love my Jesus? Sinner, do you love my Jesus? Soldiers of the cross.
4. If you love him, why not serve him? If you love him, why not serve him? If you love him, why not serve him? Soldiers of the cross.
5. We are climbing higher, higher; we are climbing higher, higher, we are climbing higher, higher; soldiers of the cross.

**Prayer after Communion (unison)**  
We give you thanks, O Lord, for once again you have filled us with good things—not just bread and wine, but your very self. Now may this glimpse of your kingdom sustain us, and give us eyes to see you at work in every place, and strength to be your body in

the world. As you have blessed the bread and broken it, you have blessed us and let light shine through the cracks. Make us your people, again and again, light for the world. In Jesus name. *Amen.*

**Closing Hymn “For the Healing of the Nations” (v 1)**  
1. For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord; for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords; to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word, help us rise and pledge our word.

*Let us prepare our hearts and minds for the week ahead.*

**Postlude** ‘Sortie’ – Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)  
*The Light of Christ goes into the world.*

**Charge**  
Jesus said, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to God.

**Benediction**  
As you have been fed, go to feed the hungry. As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned. As you have been received – give. As you have heard – proclaim. And the blessing which you have received from the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be always with you. Amen.

**Grace Notes**  
**February 8, 2026**  
**Mission Statement: *Glorify God ~ Draw All to Christ ~ Edify & Equip***

**From the Pastor:** Isaiah calls us to confession. As we near the season of Lent, confession is a meaningful practice for our communities. As Isaiah models for us, we need to name our sin so that we know what to turn away from. This is not a time for shaming one another but for truth-telling that leads us into living justly, mercifully, and humbly together. Confession opens us to the work of sanctifying grace that answers our confession with renewal and guidance to continue to answer God’s call on our lives.  
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Pastor Dionne

**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**

**Feb. 1:** Bill S., all joys and concerns

**Jan. 25:** all joys and concerns

**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., Frannie J.

**Our Condolences** – *We offer our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Donna DeLauney who passed away on Wednesday, January 28, 2026.*

**The Daily Scripture Lessons**

**Sunday, February 08, 2026:** [Isaiah 58:1-12](#) [Psalm 112:1-10](#) [1 Corinthians 2:1-16](#) [Matthew 5:13-20](#)

**Monday, February 09, 2026:** Psalm 119:105-112; 2 Kings 22:3-20; Romans 11:2-10;

**Tuesday, February 10, 2026:** Psalm 119:105-112; 2 Kings 23:1-8, 21-25; 2 Corinthians 4:1-12;

**Wednesday, February 11, 2026:** Psalm 119:105-112; Proverbs 6:6-23; John 8:12-30;

**Thursday, February 12, 2026:** Psalm 2; Exodus 6:2-9; Hebrews 8:1-7;

**Friday, February 13, 2026:** Psalm 2; Exodus 19:9b-25; Hebrews 11:23-28;

**Saturday, February 14, 2026:** Psalm 2; 1 Kings 21:20-29; Mark 9:9-13;

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

Worship:      Sunday School:      Facebook Live: 245 (Jan. 25), 226 (Feb. 1)      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: \$**  
**Endowment Withdrawal: \$**  
**Estate Gift:**  
**Music Fund: \$**  
**Needed for Weekly Budget: \$4,500**  
**Building for the Future: \$**  
**T.H.R.I.V.E. & Micah’s Backpack: \$**

**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, **February 14, 2026**, 9:00 am – 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](mailto: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

<b>Sun., Feb. 8</b>	8:30 & 10:00 am	Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship is provided in Rider Hall
	9:00 am	Worship, <i>Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany</i> , Communion
	10:15 am	Sunday school for all ages
	4:00 pm	<b><i>Sylvan Waters Duo, Harp and Double Bass Concert</i></b>
<b>Mon., Feb. 9</b>	12:00 pm	T4U Luncheon and meeting
<b>Tues., Feb. 10</b>	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Wed., Feb. 11</b>	1:30 – 3:00 pm	Pop Up Pantry
<b>Thurs., Feb. 12</b>	10:30 am	Senior Citizens meeting in Rider Hall
<b>Sat., Feb. 14</b>	9:00 -11:00 am	Food Pantry
	10:00 -11:00 am	Clothes Closet
<b>Sun., Feb. 15</b>	8:30 & 10:00 am	Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship is provided in Rider Hall
	9:00 am	Worship, <i>Transfiguration Sunday</i>
	10:15 am	Sunday school for all ages
<b>Tues., Feb. 17</b>	<b>3:00 – 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (free to all)</b>
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Wed., Feb. 18</b>	1:30 – 3:00 pm	Pop Up Pantry
	6:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
<b>Sat., Feb. 21</b>	9:00 - 12:00 pm	Chicken, Waffles, and The Chosen
	1:00 pm	Liturgist meeting
<b>Sun., Feb. 22</b>	8:30 & 10:00 am	Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship is provided in Rider Hall
	9:00 am	Worship, <i>First Sunday in Lent</i>
	10:15 am	Sunday school for all ages
<b>Tues., Feb. 24</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>First Tuesday in Lent Service Bible Study</b>
<b>Wed., Feb. 25</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>First Wednesday in Lent Service – Otterbein UMC with Rev. Rani Woodrow (meal begins at 6:00 pm)</b>

**The Chosen – Join us on Saturdays, February 21 (Episodes 3 & 4), March 21 (Episodes 5 & 6) and April 18 (Episodes 7 & 8) from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for Chicken, Waffles, and The Chosen.**