

Order of Worship January 4, 2009

+Stand as you are able

Welcome, Announcements, and signing the Friendship Pads Rev. Werner
Passing the Peace of Christ "May the grace and peace of Christ be with you."

Prelude and Morning Chimes Carole Hall

Worship Leader 8:45 Barry Jones 11:00 Jim Davis

+Call to Worship

O that we had the faithfulness of the Magi!

Then, God, nothing would stand in the way of our search for the highest good.

O that we had the gifts of the Magi!

Then, God, we would present what is appropriate to Jesus, your Anointed One.

O that we had the wisdom of the Magi!

Then, God, we would see the hidden threat of the evil ones and quietly avoid it.

O that we had the joy of the Magi!

Then, God, our encounter with Jesus would leave us exhilarated, thankful, and ready for committed discipleship.

O that we might worship our Lord and King as the Magi did.

+Opening Hymn "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" p. 251

Children's Moment 8:45 Rosemary Balgavy 11:00 Linda Reichard

Recognition of Past Service and Dedication of Leaders

Prayer: **Lord, through Jesus you chose us to be your people and you blessed us with many gifts. We humbly thank you for those blessings and the trust you place in us by inviting us to use those gifts to serve you, your church and your people. Help us, Heavenly Father, to recognize the gifts you have given us. Open our hearts so that through the Holy Spirit, we may learn how to use them to fulfill your plan. Amen.**

Promise: **I am a child of God. I am blessed by God with gifts. I will use these gifts this year as a disciple of Jesus Christ. This I covenant.**

Blessings Gathering of Prayers

Sung Prayer O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Special Music "How Quietly" Choir

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12 p. 2 N.T. Pew Bible

Sermon Is Christmas Over? Rev. Werner

Prayer of Confession **O God, source of all that makes life possible, giver of all that makes life good: We gather to give you our thanks, yet we confess that we have often failed to live our thankfulness. What we have we take for granted, and we grumble about what we lack. We have squandered your bounty, with little thought of those who will come after us. We are more troubled by the few who have more than by the many who have less. Forgive us, O God. Accept our thanksgiving and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Service of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

You may place your gifts, tithes and offerings in the plate, held by the ushers, as you come for communion. The love offering, collected in the baskets at the sides, will be used by the pastor for the emergency needs of those in our community. Thank you for helping our neighbors.

+Closing Hymn "Joy to the World" p. 246

+Blessing with Commissioning

+Postlude

Scripture Reading for January 11
Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29 (UMH 761);
Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Names on this prayer list will be kept for a rolling month. If you wish the name continued or a name removed, please call the church office.

In Mourning / The Families of: George Burton (G. Anderson), Doris Sponseller, Cynthia Manco (B. Gmitter), Bob Kaila

Recent Concerns: Mary Harrell (B. Nash), Billy Harrell (M.A. Holt), Addison Gardner (B. Gardner), Glenn Christenson (E. Penn), Leenie Gless, Teresa Taylor, Helen Faree (D. Barnes), Teri Puetz (P. Jones), Pat Hawley (P. Jones), Bob Dixon

Away from Home: Tom Morgan, Victor Pownall, Jeff McClure, Brandon Sobotta (E. Russett)

Continuing Needs: John Blum (M.A. Morgan), Don Adair (M. Holt), Jim & Hallie Loftice, Tony Kelso (E. Murray), Gladys Talley, Julia & Family (K. Smith), Mark Wilson (B. Wood), Mark & Patty Payne, Randy (D. Moore), Guy Gesswein, Ruth Harrell, Barbara Jent, Sloan Hunter (M. L. Pitzer),



Sunday, January 4

Bible Study Rm. 10
Bible Basics Pastor's Office
Seekers w/ Gary SH. A
Nursery - 2 Rm. 15
3 & 4 yrs. Rm. 6
K - 1st Rm. 8
2nd - 3rd Rm. 18
4th - 5th Rm. 17
6th - 8th Rm. 16
9th - 12th Rm. 4
6:30 pm Cub Scouts
7:00 pm UMYF

Monday, January 5

Happy Birthday Gwen Gesswein!

7:00 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, January 6

6:00 pm Girl Scouts

Wednesday, January 7

Happy Birthday Craig Cate, Don Clark, Liz Morris & Michael Murphy!

11:00 am Prayer Meeting
7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, January 8

Happy Birthday Linda Reichard!

5:30 pm Girl Scouts
7:00 pm Worship
Committee
7:00 pm Al-Anon

Friday, January 9

Happy Birthday Missy Rosner!

Saturday, January 10

Happy Birthday Riley Wilkerson!

6:30 am F.U.N. Group
Dead Tired
Party

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 10 F.U.N. Group "Dead Tired" Party
- Jan. 18 UMM Breakfast
- Jan. 20 Newsletter Deadline

Ashland District Training Day

Saturday, January 24, 2009

Shady Grove UMC

8:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Join us for a great day of church leadership training!

Sound System Operators Needed!!

Training for Sound System Operators is scheduled for Saturday, January 10, 2009, at 2:00 pm.

Hymnals

We are short 40 hymnals. Cost is \$20, which includes printing St. Matthias' name on the front cover and a bookplate acknowledging your gift. If you would like to donate a hymnal, please fill out this information:

Name	
In Memory of	
In Honor of	

Receiving Appreciation Certificates

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| Gordon Payne | Trustee |
| Patsy Vida | Trustee |
| Walt Smith | Trustee |
| Ruth Payne | Lay Leadership |
| Don Clark | Lay Leadership |
| David Arthur | Lay Leadership |
| Doreen Barnes | Staff Parish Relations |
| Susan Wiegand | Staff Parish Relations |
| Dave Hogue | Staff Parish Relations |
| Gordon Payne | Lay Member to Annual Conf. |
| Roy Werner | President, UMM |
| Cheryl Potts | President, UMW |
| Roy Werner | Scouting Coordinator |

New Committee Members

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| A.C. Glover | Trustee |
| Tom Wiegand | Trustee |
| Doug Reading | Trustee |
| Judy Clark | Lay Leadership |
| Mary Lou Wade | Lay Leadership |
| Holly Ryan | Lay Leadership |
| Fran Varela | Staff Parish Relations |
| Paul Haselbush | Staff Parish Relations |
| Erin Wetzal | Staff Parish Relations |
| Ben Wood | Stewardship |
| Joyce Keene | History and Records |
| Tom Wiegand | Lay Member to Annual Conf. |
| Chuck Douglass | Scouting Coordinator |
| Dixie Davis | Family Ministries |

UMYF Council

Please join us in congratulating the following representatives that will serve on the UMYF Youth Council for the first half of 2009:

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| 6 th grade: | Shelby Davis |
| 7 th grade: | Rebecca Sprow |
| 8 th grade: | Westin Davis |
| 9 th grade: | Megan Anderson |
| 10 th grade: | Michael Beaton |
| 11 th grade: | Tyler Morgan |
| 12 th grade: | Amanda Murray |

These youth will help plan and program upcoming UMYF events!!



**Saint Matthias
United Methodist
Church**

Welcome

Welcome to the family of Saint Matthias United Methodist Church! We pray that you will be blessed during today's Worship Service. If you are visiting from out of town, we're glad to have you. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider us. If you are a regular member of our church family, welcome home!

Nursery and Children's Sunday School

We provide a staffed nursery for infants - 5 yr. olds during 8:45 worship and 11:00 a.m. worship. Children's Church is provided during the 11:00 a.m. worship for ages 3-6. Nursery is provided during Sunday school hour 9:45 - 10:45 for infants -- 2 years. Sunday school classes are provided from ages 3 – grade 12.

Assisted Listening

If you sometimes have difficulty hearing during the worship service, consider trying our assisted listening system (amplified earphones and telecoil loops). You may find these in the basket on the shelf at the sanctuary door.

Large Print Bulletins- Available by request to an Usher.

Here to Serve Christ and You:

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| <i>Congregation</i> | <i>All are Ministers</i> |
| <i>Pastor</i> | <i>Rev. Paula P. Werner</i> |
| <i>Director of Youth Ministries</i> | <i>Jen Brennan</i> |
| <i>Nursery Provider</i> | <i>Judy Purinton</i> |
| <i>Choir Director/Accompanist</i> | <i>Carole Hall</i> |
| <i>Custodian</i> | <i>Greg Anderson</i> |
| <i>Administrative Assistant</i> | <i>Chris Embrey</i> |
| <i>District Superintendent</i> | <i>Rev. Mark Ogren</i> |
| <i>Resident Bishop</i> | <i>Rev. Charlene Kammerer</i> |

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Attendance: **December 28, 2008**

Sunday School: 51 Worship: 131 Assisted Living: 33

Finance Weekly Need: \$5,276.00

Last Sunday: \$3,197.00