“This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet.”
(Matthew 2:15)

In popular culture, the Epiphany has been rolled up into the celebration of Christmas. We have the “wise men from the East” right there at the manger with Mary, Joseph, the Baby Jesus, and assorted shepherds and barnyard animals.

But, in fact, it was quite a separate event...and probably a good deal later. When the Magi came looking for the “child who has been born king of the Jews” they went to a house, not a stable; they found a child, not an infant, and when Herod learned they would not be leading him to Jesus he ordered the death of all the children two years old or under. It may have been two full years after the Savior was born that these wise men arrived with their strange gifts.

The Feast of the Epiphany (the “manifestation” or “showing forth” of Jesus to the Gentiles) is celebrated on January 6 (the day after “the Twelve Days of Christmas”) – which in 2019 falls on the first Sunday of the year.

Three times in the story of the Magi a phrase occurs that is far more nuanced that it might appear: “this was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets” (Matthew 2:15, 17, and 23)

• The Holy Family’s “Flight into Egypt” and subsequent return “fulfills” the word of the prophet Hosea, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

• Herod’s slaughtering of the innocent children in Bethlehem “fulfills” what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, “Rachel weeping for her children, and refusing to be consoled because they are no more,” and

• Jesus moving to Nazareth at an early age “fulfills” what had been spoken by the prophets, “He will be called a Nazarene.”

The way that sounds to most people is that in each of these instances there was in the Hebrew Scriptures (The Old Testament) a prediction that these things would come to pass...and in his Gospel Matthew reports to us, that, yes, indeed, they have now occurred.

But, when you go back and read the Old Testament passages themselves, in their original context, they are not predictions at all!

When God says through the prophet Hosea, “Out of Egypt I have called my son” (11:1) it is not a prediction of something in the future, it is a reflection of something that happened in the distant past: the Lord delivering Moses and the children of Israel out of bondage and slavery in Egypt through the Exodus.

Similarly, “Rachel weeping for her children” was not a prediction, it was Jeremiah’s reference to the people of his own generation being led off into captivity in Babylon. Instead of looking into the future, he, too, was looking far back to the time of the patriarchs, and he pictures Rachel, wife of Jacob (Abraham’s grandson) weeping over what is
happening to her offspring. (cf. Jeremiah 31:15)

If neither of these statements is a prediction, what does it mean when Matthew says these events have “fulfilled” them? The best way to understand it is to turn the word “fulfill” around: to “fulfill” is to “fill fuller.” These events have “filled fuller” the things that happened before; they have added another dimension to them; they have replicated and enhanced them.

What happened before is being repeated. Jesus – and the events surrounding him – is recapitulating major elements of holy history. God’s “son,” Israel, went into Egypt and came out again; now God’s Son, Jesus, does the same. Rachel, looking down the corridors of history, wept at what was happening to her “children” in Jeremiah’s day; how much more so does she weep at what is happening to her children in Jesus’ day.

I discussed the phrase “He shall be called a Nazarene” with you back in October. To repeat: there is no such statement anywhere in the Old Testament. There is, however, the frequently repeated promise that a man “whose name is the Branch” will appear to carry out so many of the elements of God’s salvation (see, for instance, Isaiah 11:1, Jeremiah 23:5 and 33:15, Zechariah 3:8 and 6:12). And the word “Nazareth” derives from the Hebrew netser, meaning “branch.”

So, every time he was called “Jesus of Nazareth” people were calling him, “Jesus the Branch!”

Matthew has a much broader understanding of what it means to “fulfill scripture” than simply completing what has been predicted. He also sees God adding new layers and levels of meaning to things that have been said and done previously.

As we move into this New Year it is my prayer that we will see God “fulfilling scripture” again and again in our lives, right here at Lake of the Woods, as we put our trust in him. “Where is the God of Elijah?” asked Edward Goulburn, Dean of Norwich. “He is waiting for today’s Elijah to call upon him.”

My love to you in him,

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Preaching Schedule in 2019

I have now had the privilege of being your Senior Pastor for three years. I continue to give thanks to God – and to all of you – for this wonderful opportunity.

In 2016, when I first arrived, we began using the Revised Common Lectionary for our Sunday preaching schedule. The lectionary works on a three-year cycle, and then begins again.

The other clergy and I have discussed whether to continue following the lectionary into the New Year, and it seems to us better to do something else for a season.

We are envisioning doing several thematic series in 2019.

The Feast of the Epiphany (the Visit of the Wise Men) falls on the first Sunday this year, January 6, and we want to observe it.

But then we anticipate doing an eight-week series on the Miracles of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel of John.

We will be grateful for any feedback and suggestions as we begin this thematic approach.

All the members of the Pastoral Staff wish you and yours a Blessed and Very Happy New Year!

Warmest regards in our Lord,

JWH
In 1896 H. Ernest Nichol wrote the missional hymn “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”. His hymn talks about sharing the story of peace, mercy, love, and truth. A story that our communities and those around the world need to hear.

NO ONE HAS A STORY QUITE LIKE YOURS. In fact, everyone has a unique story. It’s these experiences—and how we respond to them—that make us who we are. A story of how God has transformed your life, and has blessed you with his love and peace. There are people in our community, people around the world that need to hear that story.

This past year members of The Lake of the Woods Church have been sharing their story, and creating a new narrative in our community about who we are. Through our work in the Foster ministry, the homeless feeding ministry, our mission Living Water Community Clinic, our RISE ministry, our support groups at the RISE Center, our mission to Navajo Nation, the Home Helps Ministry and our benevolence ministry we are trying to change the personal narrative of those who come through our ministries. Many of those we serve have a personal narrative that they tell themselves—an internal story that they believe, whether it is true or not. Many people who come for help often find themselves repeating a story that sounds like, “I’m not worth it,” or “I’ll be stuck in this addiction forever,” or “No one cares about my struggles.” And as long as that’s the story they tell themselves, that’s all they will come to expect from their lives.

We work hard to help them change that story, to help people from all walks of life, all experiences with addiction and all levels of poverty change their internal narrative from one of insufficiency and isolation to one of value, courage, community, and hope. We believe in the power of change. When God gave our church a vision to reach out into our community with the love of Christ, little did we know that within two years, this vision—would cause the testimony of our church to go from “the best kept secret in Orange County” to “a church that is making a difference in our community”. If you did not see the film “4th Quarter” (what the community leaders are saying about our church) in one of our services November 11th please log on to the church’s website to view it.

Church family, we have a story to tell because of your faithful prayers, support, and dedication to serving. In 2019, our story is still growing and changing to better address the needs of our community. As we offer life skills and financial training to those in need, we seek to help those struggling move out from under the cloud of economic despair. As we form small groups and Bible studies for those we serve, we desire to see those struggling find the peace and love that God is offering to them.

I am continually astounded by God’s faithfulness and the consistent support of our church and neighbors in the community. As our church’s outreach mission grows and changes to meet new challenges, I know one thing will always stay the same: how grateful I am for you, our faithful and compassionate supporters.

As we look forward to 2019 with hope and renewed vision to transform lives in our community, we also thank God for all that he has done over the last year. Thank you for partnering with me to change the story.
Happy New Year, everyone! I pray that everyone had the opportunity to slow down and spend time with family and friends over the holidays. As the new year begins, I hope that we all make a commitment, as Joshua did, to say, “As for me and my household, we will follow the Lord.” I pray that we all make it a priority to study God’s Word, realizing that may not be an easy task; however, how can we teach our children if we ourselves have not made that commitment? I hope that we all make prayer a priority. I hope that we make fellowship with other followers of Christ a priority.

At LOWC, we try to provide opportunities to know, learn and share our faith to strengthen not only our own faith but that of our families and the community as well. Please join us for one of the many opportunities to grow in faith, strength and knowledge so that we would do as Jesus commanded, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”
Walk with Hope Cancer Support meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Who is this group for? We are a support group for women with any type of cancer. Our program is a faith sponsored program.

What is a typical meeting like? We are sponsored by the Journey of Hope created by the Cancer Treatment Centers of America. Our typical meeting consists of participants sharing their experiences from the diagnosis of their cancer, to treatments, side effects and the effects of the whole process on you, your caregiver, and your family. We discuss nutrition and talk about the positive effect God’s word and prayer have on cancer.

Grief Share - The next session will begin Monday January 14, 2019 at 6:45 p.m. in the library. This is a program for anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. Learn how to cope with your loss, and how to move forward by turning MOURNING into JOY. Register online through the church website or contact Carol Twedt 540-972-8196. This program features 13 sessions created by counseling experts.

The Visitation Ministry is looking for additional members to join Minister Lemay in outreach visitation. If you would like more information about the visitation ministry, please contact Mike Lemay, mike@lowchurch.org or 540-972-9060.
“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”
2 Corinthians 5:17

Happy New Year!!! It’s a new fresh start for everyone. We get to let go of the past and look to a new future and hope that God has promised. We begin looking on the year ahead, setting new goals and making plans. God has made each and everyone of us for a purpose. That is what we teach our children in children’s ministry; that they have a purpose and a meaning, and God placed them here for a reason. Think about your reason and what the year holds for you. We each get that chance to begin again. Let’s use it to do God’s work and fulfill his purpose for us.

LOWC Kids Club

Kids Club begins again on Wednesday, January 9th. We will be learning how to create a prayer to God for the new year. Kids will create their own personal prayer to help them talk to God through the year.

We will also begin our new series on “How to be a Superhero for God”. A fun exciting series on using our God-given purpose to be the best we can be for him.

CentriKid Informational Meeting

Our informational meeting for Centrikid camp is on Sunday, January 27th from 12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Children’s Discovery Zone. This meeting is for 3rd through 5th graders and their parents who are interested in attending CentriKid Camp this summer. Lunch will be provided for the meeting.

We will discuss date and place at the meeting. Deadline to register for camp is February 20th. Check out the Centrikid website, http://www.CentriKid.com, for more information and details about camp.

Wednesday Night Kids Club
Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Kids Club Activities
6:30 p.m.

January 9 – Prayers for the New Year
January 16 – How to be a Superhero for God
January 23 – How to be a Superhero for God
January 27 – CentriKid Informational Meeting
January 30 – How to be a Superhero for God
Happy New Year…. welcome 2019! As we start a brand-new year we know the year will bring new adventures, new challenges and, prayerfully, many new blessings. We reflect on the many accomplishments and blessings The Lake of the Woods Church Preschool and Child Care Center have received. We celebrate with the knowledge that 2018 provided us with 100 percent enrollment in our preschool and 100 percent enrollment in our school-age programs. We continue to have the best and most dedicated preschool teachers and daycare teachers around. The Preschool Program held their 14th Annual Christmas Breakfast and Program on Friday, December 7th.

Registration for the Preschool Program and Summer Program will begin on February 1st for current and returning students. On March 1st we will begin to accept registration for new enrollees for the Preschool Program. Also, on March 1, we begin accepting Full-Time students for the Summer Program and then on March 15th for partial week attendees and drop-ins. For the upcoming school year (2019-20) the Combined Program (before & after care school care) registration begins on February 1st for returning students and March 1st for new enrollees. All slots for all programs are first come, first serve. For more information please contact Belinda Divelbiss or Tracy Dodson at 540-972-2349.

Please pray for this Ministry as we strive to provide quality care for the Child Care Center and provide the best Christian educational environment for our Preschool.

For more information on this Ministry, visit www.lowchurch.org
Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

As the Winter Missions Retreat rapidly approaches on Jan 18-20th, I ask for prayers from my church family.

Our teens will be training on how to share the gospel effectively, how to connect with elementary aged students through sports, and how to build relationships within the Navajo culture. Jesus could have said to go and make converts when he spoke to his disciples just prior to his ascension; instead, he said to go and make disciples. During the three years that he ministered to his disciples, he taught them how to make other disciples. When he gave the Great Commission, he turned his earthly mission over to them. Their job became to go and do what Jesus had done. They were to be disciples who make disciples.

Most of the teens who attend the Winter Missions Retreat know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. This retreat is designed to nudge these young believers towards a deeper commitment to Christ: To follow him wherever he leads. On this retreat, our pastor, our leaders, our missionaries, and our coaches have a unified goal: To make disciples who make disciples. Just like every part of the body of Christ, our teens are also saved to serve. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10) The missions field awaits, and God has many good works for our teens “to walk in.” Please pray for all adults who are investing in our teen missionaries, teaching them to observe all things Jesus has commanded. Likewise, pray for our young people, that their hearts and minds are ready to receive. God bless!

**January Youth Events**

**January 9**<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night Youth Group resumes

**January 18**<sup>th</sup>-**20**<sup>th</sup> Winter Missions Retreat.
Teens will head to Edge Christian Camp (formerly Eastover Retreat Center) in Surry, VA for an action-packed weekend of team-building and training for the summer mission field. The retreat is required for those who plan to be summer missionaries in 2019. Teens will be trained by missionaries in: team-building, cross-cultural training, sports training, and evangelism training. Our theme this year is: Rescue: Everyone Needs the Lord. We will hear morning and evening messages about spreading the hope of Christ with those in need of rescue. Pray that God breaks the hearts of our teens to be on fire for the Gospel! The cost of this trip is only $25.

**January 30**<sup>th</sup> Summer Missions Meeting.
Teen missionaries and their parents will have dinner together and then meet to discuss summer missions plans and submit applications. Payment plans based on summer commitments will be established at this time. Please plan to attend.
A Missional Church. During 2018 Lake of the Woods Church provided financial support to 26 missions and victims of 2 hurricanes. Personal involvement in missions was emphasized through personal communications with missionaries, Mission Week, mission trip to Navajo Nation, Operation Christmas Child and sending materials to the persecuted church. A former member of the youth group at LOWC, Joy Molleck, with her husband, became full time missionaries to Turkey, the fruit and joy of a missional church. Thanks to all who supported and prayed for all of the LOWC Missions.

By David Blackistone, Missions Elder

REACHING MORE WOMEN - BIG CHANGES
THE ORANGE PREGNANCY CENTER
The Orange Pregnancy Center is part of the Pregnancy Centers of Central Virginia (PCCV), a Christian ministry dedicated to helping women, teens and families in central Virginia communities. Their vision:

- Life assured for every baby.
- Hope renewed for every family.
- Lives transformed through Jesus Christ.

To minister to more women and to minister more completely to women this past year the Orange Center:

- Received an ultrasound machine where women can see their unborn child on a screen. This is the only ultrasound machine in Orange County.
- Began offering full medical services through a full-time doctor added to the PCCV staff.
- Offered free tests for Sexually Transmitted Diseases.
- Prepared to affiliate with ThriVe, a pregnancy center that has had great success in reaching women facing an unexpected pregnancy.

The director of the center in Orange is Tabitha Carpenter. She writes, “Our name may be changing, and our services are improving, but our heart for Jesus is the same. Our first and foremost task is to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We are increasing our services so we can do that even better than before.”

Please remember the Pregnancy Centers of Central Virginia in your prayers.

- Wisdom and guidance as the ministry grows to offer medical services.
- Spiritual protection for the Centers, staff and clients.
- That God have a mighty movement for the unborn in our churches.

If you would like to volunteer with this life-saving ministry please contact Tabitha Carpenter, 540-661-5111, or email Tabitha@virginiapregnancy.org. The center needs Patient Advocates, volunteer nurses, and event volunteers.

Prayer for Missions
Our Gracious Heavenly Father, you hold all life as precious. We ask you to cradle, guard and protect those most innocent and defenseless among us who are still in their mother’s wombs. We thank you for the work of the Crisis Pregnancy Centers in preserving the lives of these little ones whom our Lord Jesus Christ invited to come to him; we ask it in his name. Amen.
Community Missions & Outreach Highlights
By Bill Fetzer, Elder Community Outreach

As we launch into the New Year with great anticipation of new beginnings and fresh starts, we should reflect on all the activities and changes that occurred during 2018. We enjoy tremendous blessings in our church, community and congregation. In striving to “Make Christ Known” we support and serve our community in dozens of ways every day, preparing food for the homeless, providing recovery ministries, relationship building, marriage counseling, medical care, after school activities, school supplies, back packs, clothing, spiritual counseling, scouting activities, home cleanup and repairs, foster care support and many other acts of service and love. We thank all our volunteers for their countless hours of personal sacrifice to the community and look forward to an awesome year in 2019. A few of our community ministries are highlighted below:

Our R.I.S.E. (Religious Instruction in Special Education) ministry, dedicated to the social and spiritual needs of adults in our community, provided weekly activities throughout the year that included a baseball league in the summer and a large retreat in Virginia Beach dedicated specifically to adults with special needs. Throughout 2018 as many as 20 adults participated in various challenging activities, and many lives were changed. We finished the year with an annual Christmas celebration dinner for our RISE friends, family members and care givers. A Christmas Candlelight Service was held at the RISE Center with the entire Locust Grove community invited to attend.

The spiritual care and growth of our young children and teens are vitally important to the church. We support the Good News Clubs with a thriving after-school Bible study. Several new teachers have been trained and 50-60 children attend the Good News Clubs each week at the Locust Grove Primary and Elementary Schools. During our Stuff the Bus campaign in August, we provided 287 low income families in the area with much needed school supplies. Please see Pastor Colson’s “We have a story to tell” article this month to learn more about our vibrant Foster Care Program.

Our Home Helps ministry continues to be a great outreach to our neighbors who need extra help to manage and maintain their homes. Dave Blackistone and his project teams tackled many projects throughout the year and conducted two major weekend events in the spring and fall of 2018. This year 135 projects were completed in 47 homes. Eighty-eight people volunteered their services, and another 43 teens and adult leaders volunteered from Youth ministry.

Training young boys to be strong, ethical leaders and active participants in their families, church, community and the nation is what the Boy Scouts do exceedingly well. Our church is blessed with amazing leaders and parents who support and encourage these young men to participate in scouting activities and projects to advance through the scouting ranks. Troop 197 has a strong record of service to the community with a high percentage of boys attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Living Water Community Clinic finished the year well with a very strong patient demand. Ten to twelve patients a week are being provided much needed medical screening and care. Additionally, spiritual care by trained chaplains and clergy is provided to patients on request. Beginning in January the clinic will be open one Saturday morning a month to serve our patients. Medical volunteers are urgently needed to meet the growing patient demand in 2019. To volunteer for the clinic: http://www.livingwaterclinic.life/volunteer-page

If you would like to know more or become a part of any of our community outreach ministries, please contact the church office at 540-972-9060 or call Bill Fetzer at 703-856-3685. Changing lives is an inestimable blessing!
Foster care is a system run by the government where minors are put into the custody of the state and placed with foster parents to care for their daily needs. Staggeringly, in the United States, there are 415,000 children in foster care right now, each staying in foster care an average of two years. Brokenness festers among foster care children. Many of the children have significant needs due to years of abuse and abandonment. Many Foster kids have been removed from their homes because of a drug raid where their mom and her boyfriend were arrested. Might they be numbered among those whom Jesus calls “the least of these my brothers” The Gospel of being an adopted, blood-bought child of the living God has been light and heat for many who care for orphans. Foster care provides daily reminders of our need for the Gospel. So it is VERY fitting that every Christmas we celebrate our Savior who came into the world to be fostered by earthly parents, with a dinner and Christmas celebration for our Foster Care Ministry. This year the church ministered to over 50 individuals providing a wonderful dinner, Christmas Concert, fun games, and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Each child received a gift and a quilt from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Because of your prayers, encouragement and support, we were able to spend a night loving on our Foster kids, and providing love and respite for our Foster parents.
Happy New Year from Living Water Community Clinic. What a blessing to be able to start this New Year in such a positive way. Because of the generosity of so many, we are able to continue to take care of our neighbors and serve our communities. We look forward to opening our Dental Clinic this year, provide new programs to our patients, and add to our volunteer Clinic family.

As a reminder, we will now be checking Medicare eligibility for our Patients. **We will also have a new schedule starting Jan 1.** We will now be open the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Thursdays of the month from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., and the 2nd Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

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**Tables of Eight-2019**

A great way to get acquainted with our church family is through Tables of Eight, where we sit down for dinner and conversation four times a year with different groups of participating church members. Participants take turns hosting in their own homes.

The dates of 2019 dinners are:

- **February 16**
- **May 18**
- **August 17**
- **October 19**

(Please note: If these dates are not convenient, you can coordinate another date with your group. It is not necessary to participate in all four dinners—if you know you will be gone during one or more months, please indicate this when you sign up.)

You will be grouped with a different set of eight people for each of these four dinners. Each pair will be responsible for one of the following at each dinner:

- **Host one dinner in your home** and prepare the main dish and appetizer
- Vegetables for eight
- Salad and rolls
- Dessert

There are three ways to register:

- **Sign up** in the Welcome Center between services.
- **Email** Toni Hamblet at akhamblet@yahoo.com
- **Call** one of the committee members listed below

**Sign-up deadline is January 6.**

After you sign up, watch your mail for further information. We will MAIL a schedule of hosts and who is responsible for what.

**Questions or to Sign up:** Call Julie Phend: 412-9952, Toni Hamblet: 220-6591, or Lora Wood: 972-9803

**Substitutes Needed!** If you are unable to host, perhaps you would like to be a substitute. If you would be interested in being on the substitute list, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet, or call and let us know.

See you at dinner!
**Small Group Bible Study**

Are you interested in joining a small group Bible study? Would you be interested in joining an in-home small group that meets during the day? If your answer is Yes! Please contact Sparky Watson, Elder for Adult Education, 540-972-4522 or by email ebwatson@comcast.net for information on a new in-home small group that is looking for members.

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**Help Wanted**

The Lake of the Woods Church Administrative Office has an immediate opening for an experienced Receptionist/Office Assistant. Part-time Mon - Thurs, afternoons, and occasional Friday mornings.

Please stop by the Administrative Office to complete an application, or submit your resume by email to admin@lowchurch.org.

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**Welcome the New Year with Women’s Guild**

Warm up your winter by coming to Women’s Guild. You’ll be glad you did.

Women’s Guild meets regularly on the first and third Thursday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall. Each meeting consists of a short devotion, prayer, and a featured speaker, followed by a simple meal and time for fellowship. The meetings are always interesting, fun, and spiritually rewarding. In addition, the group participates in a service project each month to benefit the wider community.

Here’s what’s coming up:

**January 3:** Melissa Daly will speak about her recent trip to Israel and its impact on her life. Soloist Michaela Paxton will provide special music.

**January 17:** Our speaker will be Don Fisher, who will talk about the road from addiction to recovery.

**January’s service project will benefit the Thurman Brisbane Center for the homeless.**

All women are welcome, regardless of church affiliation. Registration is not necessary, and there is no cost to attend. However, if you need childcare, please contact Mandy Robinson, Children’s Ministry Director - 540-972-9060 by Monday the week of the Guild meeting.
01/01 Mary Ryan
01/03 Scott Bowman
01/03 Mandy Robinson
01/04 Debbie Harris
01/05 Bruce Killian
01/06 Jack Ruther
01/09 Tanya Hall
01/10 Michaela Phillips
01/10 Donna Blackistone
01/11 Dee Flood
01/12 Inez Hollm
01/12 Adam Colson
01/15 Bill Hutt
01/16 Skip Poole
01/16 Jim Moore
01/16 Carolyn Zachies
01/18 Martha Sukites
01/18 Harold Pellegreen
01/18 Pete Brown
01/18 Marty Poch
01/19 Carl Cornwell
01/20 Charles Bocook
01/20 Chris Wagoner
01/20 Andy Helsel
01/21 Mark Strickler
01/22 Michael L. Lemay
01/23 Alex Salustri
01/24 Carol Hein
01/24 Iris Thompson
01/25 Heather M. Schwartz
01/25 Ron Swarthout
01/25 James Hanes
01/27 Lora Wood
01/28 Jane Gullickson
01/29 Gayla Gamble
01/30 Mary Lou Redenbo
01/30 Kevin Paxton
01/31 Gordon Klooster

01/06 Wes Seaman & Barbara Crawford
01/13 Gary & Lynn Duley
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- Blended Service - 8:30 a.m.
- Traditional Service - 9:45 a.m.
- Contemporary Service - 11:00 a.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE**
- Adult 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 a.m.
- Youth Higher Grounds 9:30 a.m.
- Children and Nursery 9:45 & 11:00 a.m.
- **COMMUNION**
  - Monthly on the 1st Sunday - All Services
- Weekly - Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

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**Pastors in Worship**

**January 2019**

**January 6th - Communion**
- 8:30 Blended: Dr. John W. Howe
- 9:45 Traditional: Dr. John W. Howe
- 11:00 Contemporary: Dr. John W. Howe

**January 13th**
- 8:30 Blended: Dr. John W. Howe
- 9:45 Traditional: Dr. John W. Howe
- 11:00 Contemporary: Rev. Adam Colson

**January 20th**
- 8:30 Blended: Dr. John W. Howe
- 9:45 Traditional: Dr. John W. Howe
- 11:00 Contemporary: Rev. Jordan Medas

**January 27th**
- 8:30 Blended: Rev. Adam Colson
- 9:45 Traditional: Dr. John W. Howe
- 11:00 Contemporary: Dr. John W. Howe
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**Board of Elders Monthly Meeting**
**Third Monday of Every Month:**
**Next Meeting:**
Monday January 14, 2019  7:00 PM
Charter Room

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