

First United Methodist Church

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An Oasis of Grace in the Heart of Marion

An asterisk (*) indicates to stand, as you are able.

Congregation reads the words in **BOLD**.

Covenant Renewal Service

Second Sunday after Christmas ☆ January 3, 2010

GATHERING Yolonde Peterson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the attendance pad at the end of the pew, and pass it to your neighbor.

PRELUDE "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" Organ & Piano

The Light of Christ enters Acolytes

PROCLAMATION FOR COVENANT SUNDAY

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" No. 251

*OPENING PRAYER & LITANY OF THANKSGIVING Bulletin Insert

*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

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!

*A TIME OF GREETING

Welcome to the Oasis of Grace, where lives are changed and God is praised!

Find faith, hope, and love in this place! Welcome to the Oasis of Grace!

A TIME FOR PRAYER

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer, the Pastoral Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer [Unison, No. 895]

PRAYER CHORUS "The First Song of Isaiah" No. 2030

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Following Children's Moments, Children's Church is available in the Education Building.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 43:16-21

OLD TESTAMENT PAGE 632

I am about to do a new thing ...

MESSAGE

"Begin Again in 2010"

Victor Long

SHARING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Offertory

"We Three Kings"

Organ & Piano

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise him all creatures here below!

Praise him above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, we give you back what is your own, and by this offering we pledge our lives again to you. We dedicate our talents and our gifts to the service of Christ, that we may serve as his hands, his feet, and his heart in this world. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Pages 15-16

Please join in the responses as indicated in "A Service of Word and Table III."

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

The bread and cup will be served in the pews. Please hold the elements until we consume them together. All may receive these gifts, remembering that "Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another."

*COVENANT PRAYER IN THE WESLEYAN TRADITION Bulletin Insert

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "O God, Our Help In Ages Past" No. 117

TUNE: AULD LANG SYNE

*DISMISSAL WITH GOD'S BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Larry Sanders Song Leader

Pam Mabry Children's Church

Amy Sanders Projection

Deb Pollex Pastoral Assistant

Yolonde Peterson Director of Music

Marian Smith Organist

Gail West Sound Technician

Victor Long Pastor

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES & ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3rd

- 8:30 a.m. Informal Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Spot / *Host: Susan Whiting*
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Celebration of Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Turn and Burn - *Jr. High/Sr. High Youth*

MONDAY, JANUARY 4th

- 9:00 a.m. Soup Kitchen Volunteers
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5th

- 9:00 a.m. Soup Kitchen Volunteers
- 11:30 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Closed)
- 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous – Women's Group

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6th

- 9:00 a.m. Soup Kitchen Volunteers
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7th

- 6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8th

- 7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Open)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9th

- 8:00 a.m. Life to Eagle Scout Seminar
- 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon

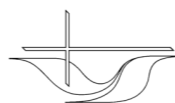
NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 10th

- 8:30 a.m. Informal Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Spot / *Host: Sue McCoskey*
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Celebration of Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Movie Night - *Jr. High/Sr. High Youth*

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for the transformation of the world.**

The people of The United Methodist Church



*Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors*