

Kern Memorial United Methodist Church

January 14, 2018, 11:00 am
Second Sunday After Epiphany



Greetings and Announcements

***Entrance of the Cross/Organ Prelude** Voluntary on *Ein' Feste Burg* arr. Gordon Young

Invocation

If any chance encounter, any routine daily interaction with one's world or one's neighbors, can become suddenly epiphanous, suggesting that nothing is as mundane as it appears, then the deliberate subjection of oneself to wisdom traditions, such as we are engaged in here every Sunday, is fraught with the possibilities of spiritual awakening. In entering the sanctuary one enters the zone of the marvelous!

Magister, though we despair of establishing what exactly you said on any given occasion (notwithstanding the naive security of red-letter editions of the four gospels), we delight in the memories and impressions of your conversations with the denizens of first-century Roman Galilee and Judea. Our working assumption is that they convey sufficiently of your wisdom and grace to alter our thinking and living. May this second Sunday of Epiphany hold epiphanous possibilities for those who listen with care; may we hear your dialogues of long ago not as monitors from afar but as belated participants; may we overcome the vast expanse of time and space by which we are separated from your historical existence by the sheer passion of our thinking. Amen.

***Hymn** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 139

An Epiphany Reading from Walt Whitman's *Song of Occupations*

***Gloria Patri** 70

***Hymn** Lord, Speak to Me 463

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Offertory Sentence

If Kern encourages a culture of giving that is holistic, i.e., that does not confine 'gifts' to one's financial contributions, it is also the case that financial commitment is a mode of giving no less refined or honorable, no less crucial to the sustenance of the community, than faith, hope, and love. So it is that supporting the Church with your tithes and offerings lies at the heart of a spirituality of service.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Solo Eternal Life Olive Dungan
Kevin Miller, tenor

***Doxology** 94

Children's Circle Kris Torrance

***Hymn** Make Me a Servant (sing twice) TFWS 2176

Epistle Lesson: 1Corinthians 6:12-15a Priscilla Spitzer

***Gospel Lesson: John 1:43-51** Jim Giles

Sermon "the qualifications of loyalty, part 2: being here" Donald Morris

***Hymn** God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian 648

***Benediction/Choral Benediction**

Postlude Toccata Liturgique Dennis Elliot

***Congregation Standing**

Encompass Promise in January

Today we continue our *Encompass Promise* focus based on the membership vows of the United Methodist Church: prayers, presence, gifts, and service. Packets were mailed out earlier this month that included a cover letter to explain Encompass Promise, along with forms for you to use for your personal response. Today's message focuses on *Presence*. Additional forms and packets are available for your convenience on the table in the Narthex.



PRAYER

Prayer is essential to a healthy relationship with the Lord. Just as a human relationship cannot be enjoyed without consistent communication, neither can one's relationship with Christ prosper without consistent prayer. God has given us free access to come to him in any moment and any circumstance of life to share our innermost thoughts and most profound longings. If we fail to take advantage of this access, we limit the richness of life that He intends.

PARDON THE DUST WHILE WE MAKE SOME UPDATES!

We are excited to announce that our Trustees have arranged for some great changes at Kern! New flooring will be installed in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall areas over the next couple of weeks. Please pardon the dust and detours for this brief time, knowing that the final result will be a new look and comfortable setting that everyone who enters can enjoy!



Youth Attending Resurrection 2018 Next Weekend

Kern Youth will be attending #REZ18 in Pigeon Forge, January 19-21, 2018. Please be in prayer for our youth and chaperones for a positive spiritual experience.



Impact Youth Events

TODAY—10:00 am Sunday School & Confirmation Class
January 17—Youth 6:30 pm (Rez details meeting with youth)
January 19–21—Resurrection 2018! Meet at 4:00 pm in Narthex
January 21—No Sunday School & Confirmation Class (at Resurrection)
January 24—Youth 6:30 pm
January 28—10:00 am Sunday School & Confirmation Class
January 31—Youth 6:30 pm

PARENTS CAN IMPACT TEENS

Showing interest in their life on a daily basis. I always ask how their day was or if they attended an event. Ask by showing interest, not interrogating. This shows them that they matter and also opens the doors to communication.

Wondering What to do with Old Christmas Cards?



If you have old Christmas cards that you don't know what to do with, we'll take them! Alisha Balcom will be collecting these for our youth to use for missions or the Thanksgiving basket distribution booth where they recycle cards for veterans. Place on the receptionist's desk outside the office.

Valentine Dinner Fundraiser, Wednesday, February 7

Kern Youth will host their annual Valentine fundraiser on Wednesday, February 7. They will be serving a delicious spaghetti dinner with salad, bread, and dessert. Proceeds will go toward funding youth missions in 2018. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this special dinner, and help our youth make an impact in our community and beyond! Reservations will be taken at a later date.



RezKids Coming Next Month



RezKids is a fun, Christian family event that is held every year in Pigeon Forge for kids and their families. Last year a small group of Kern families attended, and we had such an amazing time that we are planning to go back again this year during the weekend of February 10-11. We will once again register for Session A (the earliest session), which will allow us to return on Sunday with time to prepare for the week ahead. If you and your family are interested in being part of the group, please contact Chanda Knight (455-4769) as soon as possible because hotels fill up quickly during this weekend, and accommodations will need to be made very soon. Check out the link <http://www.rezkidz.com> for details on dates, times, sessions, who will be there, and the focus for this year's event.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN FOR KERN CHURCH

Please see the insert in this bulletin for details of the dates of this briefing. Plan to attend one of the two meetings.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CIRCLE MEETINGS

The Friendship Circle of the United Methodist Women will meet tomorrow, January 15, at 7:00 pm, at the home of Carla Giles, 124 Barrington Drive. Larry Brown will present a program on the church safety plan.

The Mary Martha Circle of the United Methodist Women will meet this Thursday, January 18, 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Janet Wood, VP of Community Engagement at Emory Valley Center, will give us information on what the Center does. Our UMW supports this wonderful community resource. All women are invited and we would love to see you! Light refreshments, coffee, and tea will be served. We will start at 9:55 am, if you are bringing something, please arrive at 9:45 am.

This year’s theme is “Sacred Spaces: Encounters with God and Neighbor.” This month we will explore how we can create sacred spaces in our community and personally. Please call or text Diane De Binder at 865-405-7790 if you have any questions. See you Thursday!

PK HOPE IS ALIVE

Parkinson Support Group of East Tennessee wishes you a Happy New Year and many years of good health! Welcome to the monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 16. We will meet from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm (FLC). Acadia Pharmaceuticals will be providing lunch. Speakers this month will be Steve Hodges, founder of KiMe fund, dedicated to finding a cure for Parkinson’s, by funding research (www.kimecnd.org). Our second speaker will be Mary Jo Mosakowski of US Meds. Mary Jo is going to talk to us about two new medications designed to decrease “OFF” time without dyskinesia. For more information see our website: www.pkhopeisalive.org or contact Alan Zimmerman, 865-693-5721.

POLICY FOR CHURCH CLOSINGS AND CANCELLATIONS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

Winter is upon us, and with it comes the potential for dangerous weather conditions. In an effort to keep our church family safe, there are several policies in place that we will follow in the event of bad weather. During the week, when Oak Ridge City Schools are closed due to inclement weather, our church office will be closed, and regularly scheduled church activities will be cancelled. If school is open and weather conditions become unfavorable later in the day, it will be at the discretion of individual class and/or group leaders regarding cancellation of their respective activities. It will be the Pastor’s decision regarding cancellation of Sunday morning worship services due to weather conditions. Note that driving conditions vary depending on where you live. In all cases, please use discretion when venturing out during the winter months. We want you to be safe. For more information on Kern’s policies, see the web site or contact the church office. Check the Kern web page or Facebook page for closing announcements.

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Name

Phone

Email

Check here if new ___ or changed ___

DO NOT SEPARATE NAME FROM THE TEAR-OFF.

Place the tear-off in the offering plate.

Tear-off

WEDNESDAY NITER DINNER

Meal Reservations

- ___ Number of adults/children, 7 years & older—\$7.00
- ___ Number of children, under age 7—FREE
- ___ I would like to make this a Permanent Reservation. Family Cap — \$25.00 (immediate family/household)
- ___ I would like to pay for an additional meal (s) for someone who may not be able to afford one.

Youth Valentine Fundraiser

- ___ I would like to help!
- ___ I can donate money/time .
- ___ I can help set-up/take down.

WEDNESDAY NITER DINNER MENU

Buffet line opens at 5:30 pm. Make reservations by **signing the tear-off**. You may cancel by 12:00 noon on Monday by calling the church office. If you do not attend and did not cancel, you will be expected to pay. To order your meal as takeout, call the office by 4:00 pm on Wednesday.

- Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Peas
- Large Salad, Dinner Rolls
- Drinks: Coffee, Tea, and Lemonade
- Homemade Desserts

Key: Sanctuary (S), Family Life Center (FLC), Narthex (N), Fellowship Hall (FH), Parlor (P), Theatre (T), Chapel/Prayer Room (C)

SUNDAY, January 14, 2018 Second Sunday After Epiphany

- 8:30 am Early Worship Service (S)
- 9:00 am Praise and Worship Service (FLC)
- 10:00 am Sunday School Classes
- 10:00 am Confirmation Class (Rm 13)
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service (S)
- 2:30 pm HIS Puppet Ministry (Rm 12)

MONDAY, January 15, 2018 – CHURCH HOLIDAY

- 9:00 am Monday Morning Maintenance (FH)
- 12:00 pm NO Staff Meeting (P)
- 5:30 pm NO Yoga (FLC)
- 5:30 pm NO Crossroads Nurturing Parenting Classes (C)
- 6:30 pm NO Venture Crew (N)
- 7:00 pm NO Boy Scouts (FLC)
- 7:00 pm Friendship Circle (Carla Giles Home)

TUESDAY, January 16, 2018

- 9:00 am Camp Faith (Rm 24/26/28/FLC)
- 10:00 am Jesus and the Gospels (FH) (Canonical & Non Canonical)
- 11:00 am Parkinson's Support Group (FLC)
- 6:00 pm Safety Meeting (FH)
- 6:00 pm Girls Inc. BB Practice (FLC)
- 6:30 pm EMIM Meeting (P)
- 7:00 pm Order of the Arrow (N)

WEDNESDAY, January 17, 2018

- 9:15 am Yoga (FLC)
- 10:30 am Mommy and Co. (FLC)
- 5:30 pm Wednesday Niter (FLC)
- 6:30 pm REZ Meeting (Rm 18)
- 6:30 pm Happy Hookers & Knit Wits (N)
- 6:30 pm Adult Classes
- 6:45 pm Chancel Choir (S)
- 7:00 pm Praise Band (FLC)

THURSDAY, January 18, 2018

- 8:00 am Prayer Partners (P)
- 9:00 am Camp Faith (Rm 24/26/28/FLC)
- 10:00 pm Mary Martha Circle Meeting (FH)
- 6:00 pm Safety Meeting (FH)
- 6:00 pm Girls Inc. BB Practice (FLC)

FRIDAY, January 19, 2018

- 6:00 pm Girls Inc. BB Practice (FLC)

SATURDAY, January 20, 2018

- 9:00 am Girls Inc. Games (FLC)

SUNDAY, January 21, 2018 Third Sunday After Epiphany

- 12:30 pm Church Council Meeting (FH)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1/14 Richard Frounfelker, Amy Maddux, Neal Martin
- 1/15 Bernice Simmons
- 1/16 Laura Davies, Diane DeBinder, Liz Giles, LeeAnn Kiser, Jason Sanders, Herb Wright
- 1/17 Howell Simerly
- 1/18 Jean Steidle
- 1/19 David Wilson
- 1/21 Andrea Mouring

Participants in Today's Service

Early Worship Greeter	Mike Bradshaw
Early Worship Acolyte	Caleb Bennett
Early Worship Reader	Troy Welch
P&W Parking Greeters	Wayne Fox/Lisa Fitzpatrick
P&W Scripture Reader	Wayne Missaggia
Late Outside Greeter	Lynn Cardwell/James Carroll
Late Narthex Greeters	Lloyd & Betty Stokes
Late Worship Acolyte	Kaeden Miller
Late Worship Crucifer	Caroline Miller
Children's Circle	Kris Torrance
Late Worship Epistle Reader	Priscilla Spitzer
Late Worship Gospel Reader	Jim Giles
Proofreader	Michele Brandenburg
Offering Counters	Ann Farrar/Myrt Merriman

Participants in January 21, 2018

Early Worship Greeter	Betty Hitchcock
Early Worship Acolyte	Traci Welch
Early Worship Reader	Sandy Bradshaw
P&W Parking Greeters	Doug & Sheila Smith
P&W Scripture Reader	David Vick
Late Outside Greeter	Steve Cates/Lisa Fitzpatrick
Late Narthex Greeters	Fred & Pat White
Late Worship Acolyte	Breanna Cobb
Late Worship Crucifer	Dawson Hughes
Children's Circle	Kris Torrance
Late Worship Epistle Reader	Kris Torrance
Late Worship Gospel Reader	Joe Wood
Proofreader	Judy Wilson
Offering Counters	Ann Farrar/David Willey

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Happy giving!