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# **Sebastian United Methodist Church**

A community of faith connecting and growing in Christ, transforming the world.

January 5, 2020

## **Welcome to Worship**

All are invited to enter God's presence in worship.

**Welcome**

Rev. John Gill

**Opening Voluntary**

"We Three Kings"

arr. Mark Hayes

**\*Hymn of Presence # 256**

"We Three Kings"

KINGS OF ORIENT

**\*Psalter**

Psalm 72

*Give the king your justice, O God,*

**and your righteousness to the royal son!**

*May he judge your people with righteousness,*

**and your poor with justice!**

*Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!*

**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor!**

*May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!*

**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!**

*In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!*

**May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth!**

*May his foes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust! May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!*

**May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!**

*For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.*

**He has pity on the weak and the needy,**

*And saves the lives of the needy.*

**From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.**

*Long may he live, may gold of Sheba be given to him! May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all the day!*

**May there be abundance of grain in the land; may it wave on the tops of the mountains; may its fruit be like Lebanon;**

*And may they blossom forth in the cities like the grass of the field!*

**May his name endure for ever, his fame continue as long as the sun! may people bless themselves by him, all nations call him blessed!**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Prayer For Illumination**

Mary Lou Rothfuss

**Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 60:1-6

(NRSV)

**\*Hymn of Proclamation # 245**

“The First Noel”

THE FIRST NOEL

**\*Reading of the Holy Gospel**

Matthew 2:1-12

(NRSV)

**Message**

“Strange Gifts for a Baby Shower”

Pastor John Gill

**The Offering**

*Presentation of gifts of Tithes, Money Gifts and Prayer Requests  
(place prayer request cards in the offering plate)*

**Offertory Hymn # 237**

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

FRENCH CAROL

**\*Doxology # 94**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**\*Prayers for the Community and Holy Communion**

**Sharing of the Bread and the Cup**

# 629

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT

# 617

“Come With Joy”

DOVE OF PEACE

# 628

“Eat This Bread”

BERTHIER

All those desiring a closer relationship with God are welcome to receive Communion, regardless of church membership. Children may receive, at the discretion of their parents/guardian. We serve by “intinction”, which is the act of dipping the bread into the juice. A gluten-free station is available at the communion table

**\*Hymn of Invitation # 251**

“Go Tell it On the Mountain”

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

**\*Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response # 251**

“Go Tell it On the Mountain”

Refrain Only

**Closing Voluntary**

*\*Congregation will please stand if able*

*Altar Flowers today are given by Bill & Maureen Steele in Memory of Doreen Steele*

Flowers by Amazing Creations

## Worship Participants

|                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Lead Pastor</b>    | Rev. John Gill.          |
| <b>Music Minister</b> | Megan Mash, MSM          |
| Liturgist             | Mary Lou Rothfuss        |
| Media                 | Alan Hulse<br>Ed Johnson |

## Welcome to Sebastian United Methodist Church

We hope that you will feel the warmth of this loving congregation while you are here worshipping with us.

After Worship Coffee is a time of informal fellowship that follows the worship service. This is usually a gathering for coffee and light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall, but occasionally the coffee hour is replaced by a potluck lunch, a fundraiser brunch or other activities. If you would like to volunteer to help with fellowship hour, please stop by the kitchen after worship.

Remember SUMC has started to go green! Reusable coffee cup and drinking glasses now in use.

### **Welcome Table**

Dinners for Grace's Landing and By the River will resume in January. Please see the sign-up sheet for donations. In the narthex before worship and in the Fellowship Hall during Coffee Time.

Thanks

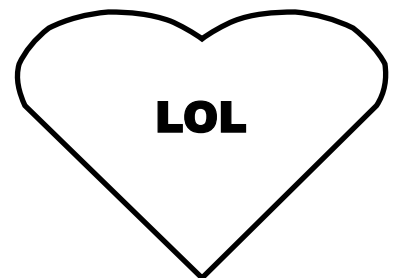
Donna Osborne, Missions Chair

### **Life of Love Youth are cooking again! Fundraiser Dinner, February 14, 2020**

Come join us for dinner on Valentine's Day! The LOL Youth will be hosting a fundraising dinner starting at 6:00PM. Tickets will be \$10 per person. Dinner will consist of salad, meat lasagna, bread and deserts! There will also be a vegetarian option. This will help us send our youth to church camp this summer. Tickets will be available for purchase from any youth member or in the office.

Following the dinner, for couples who would like to participate, there will be a short service to renew wedding vows in the sanctuary.

(not a couple only event) All Welcome



### **Grace in Action (Discretionary Fund)**

We traditionally take a special collection for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund on the first Sunday of the month. If you are able to make a donation in addition to your regular gift, please mark your envelope or put it in a pew envelope and mark Discretionary Fund

### **New Pastor's Bible Study – "The Book of Acts"**

Beginning Tuesday, January 7 (10 a.m.), Pastor John will begin leading a study of the Book of Acts, the story of how the Holy Spirit birthed the Church. Bring your Bible and a friend! (We will meet in the Large Classroom on the north side of the Education Building.)

### **Have You Never Been Baptized?**

**Next Sunday** on January 12, in our worship, we will invite everyone to renew their baptismal covenant/vows. That service would also be a perfect time for those who have never been baptized to do so! If you feel the nudging of the Holy Spirit to present yourself for the Sacrament of Baptism, please contact Pastor John! (321-794-0010 or [johngillumc@bellsouth.net](mailto:johngillumc@bellsouth.net))

### **January 15, 2020 Potluck**

**6 p.m. Fellowship Hall**

Sandra Santiago of the Florida United Methodist Foundation will do a 45 minute mini-workshop on different giving options "Faithful Expressions"

Hosts for the Potluck will be the Finance Committee. Hosts provide beverages and desserts. Bring a dish to share.

### **Handbell Concert**

"He's Got The Whole World In His Hands"

January 31, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

SUMC Handbell Ensembles

### **Shirt Order Sign-Up**

**In Fellowship Hall**

Men and Women embroidered shirts, prices \$20—\$25 depending on the style of the shirt.

Available now: Woman's White size XL cost is \$20

## **Lenten Devotional Call For Writers**

During the season of Lent, (yes Lent! it is just 2 months away!) Pastor John is going to be doing a sermon series that explores who Jesus is according to the different Gospel writers which will culminate with a sermon on "Who Is Jesus According to You?" on Easter Sunday.

So, who is Jesus according to you? We want to know! We are going to create a devotional for Lent written by members of the congregation. If you are interested please write no more than 2 paragraphs on who Jesus is to you.

This should include personal experiences. Please also include a short Bible passage and a prayer. These should be modeled after The Upper Room devotionals. If you are interested and have any questions please see Pastor John or Megan.

You can email your writings to:

Megan at [meganmash@gmail.com](mailto:meganmash@gmail.com) or Sharon at [johnsonumc@bellsouth.net](mailto:johnsonumc@bellsouth.net).

The deadline for submissions is February 9. We are looking forward to hearing from each of you about who Jesus is in your life!

## **University of Life**

### **Sunday Education Classes 11:30 -12:15 pm**

Adult study—Large Class Room

January 5 - "Spiritual Gifts" Mary Lou Rothfuss, facilitator.

Children - "Route 66", Children's Class Room

### **Three-Week "Inquirers' Class" in January**

Our Church has developed a three-week "Inquirer's Class" for all those curious and wanting to learn more about the Christian faith, the United Methodist Church, and this congregation. This three-session class will be made available every month on the first, second, and third Sundays of every month, and repeated each month. They will take place during our University of Life hour (11:30 p.m. for 45 minutes) and will take place in the Small Group Classroom (south side of the education building). This class is designed especially for those who are not yet members of our church to help answer questions folks might have as they make a decision about joining SUMC, however, members may also find it helpful. The sessions are as follows:

Session #1 (Jan. 5):           What It Means to Be a Christian

Session #2 (Jan. 12):        What It Means to Be a United Methodist

Session #3 (Jan. 19):        What It Means to be a Member of Sebastian UMC

Those not yet members may choose to join on "New Member Sunday," the fourth Sunday of each month (Jan. 26).

If you are interested in learning more about your faith, exploring baptism and/or professing your faith and becoming a member of SUMC, either as a full or affiliate (seasonal) member, join us for these session and/or contact Pastor John at 321-794-0010 or [johngillumc@bellsouth.net](mailto:johngillumc@bellsouth.net).

## Remember Them In Prayer

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6:18 ~

### Sunday Worship Prayer Requests (three weeks)

The Gowin Family  
Safe travels for Thomas  
Family of Lee Cousins at his passing  
John Rubio  
Garrett & Katherine Decker  
Rosaline Martinez at her passing  
Kathy and John Frost and all those traveling  
over the holidays  
Alice Huber  
Jessica  
Blake Greishaw

### Ongoing Prayers

Jane Hino  
George Schultz  
Mary Lou Rothfuss  
Al & Jon Ray Conniff  
Vic Grabis  
Sheri Peterson  
Ray Royall  
Betty Stull  
Eugene Whitmore  
Jacque Crick  
Mary Jo Barton

Lloyd Thomas  
Sean Cousins  
Pauline Adams  
William Hutterman  
Kathy Markland  
Harold Banta

### Pray for the Homebound and those in Assisted Living

Minnie Hungerford, Nellie Brookens, June Crain,  
Janice & Ed Ertel, Doris McNutt, Carmen Wilson

### Pray for Our Men and Women In the Military

Amn. Justin Tuck, (USN), Major Eric Killoran  
(Army), Lt. Jeremy Venske (USN), MSgt. David  
Schumacher (USAF), SPC Nicholas Davis (Army),  
Pvt Thomas Ferraro (Army), Airman Blake Gre-  
ishaw (USAF)

Praise God for prayers answered for Tom Flanigan,

## The Season of Epiphany

The Christmas season ends with Epiphany, a feast day in which the early church celebrated Jesus' brilliant manifestation (**epiphaneia** in Greek, also translated as "appearing") not only to the Magi but also to the world through his birth, baptism, and first recorded miracle at the wedding at Cana. Eastern Christianity maintains this multifaceted celebration of Epiphany, while we in the West focus primarily on remembering and celebrating the arrival of the Magi, those mysterious and devoted Wise Men who traveled far to welcome the Christ and offer their gifts.

## Opportunities This Week

- 1/5 Sunday                    10:00 am Worship / Communion  
                                  11:00 am After Worship Fellowship (FH)  
                                  11:30 am University of Life Sunday Education  
  Adult (LCR) Children (CCR)  
                                  3:00 pm LOL Youth (YR) at the parsonage
- 1/6 Monday                    9:00 am Lois Planeta Small Group (closed session) LCR  
                                  10:00 am Barb F. Bible Study (SGR)  
                                  4:00 pm Ecumenical Council (LCR)  
                                  7:00 pm Trustee (CO)
- 1/7 Tuesday                    9:30 am Stroke of Hope (FH)  
                                  10 am Pastor's Bible Study (LCR)  
                                  12:00 pm Gator Rug Hookers (FH)  
                                  12:00 pm Men's Out to Lunch Bunch—Roadside Restaurant  
                                  1:00 pm Computer Circle (CO)  
                                  6:30 pm AA closed session (FH)  
                                  7:30 pm AL anon (LCR)
- 1/8 Wednesday                10:00 am Ben Ashton's Adult Bible Study (FH)
- 1/9 Thursday                 7:30 pm AL anon (LCR)
- 1/12 Sunday                    10:00 am Worship  
                                  11:00 am After Worship Fellowship (FH)  
                                  11:30 am University of Life Sunday Education  
  Adult (LCR) Children (CCR)  
                                  3:00 pm LOL Youth (YR) ages 6 grade & older

CO—Church Office FH—Fellowship Hall SG—Small Group Room  
LCR—Large Class Room S—Sanctuary CCR-Children's Class Room YR—LOL Youth Room

Attendance Last Sunday 114

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