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“Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Sunday, January 25th, 2026

Rev. Dr. Andreá Cummings, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman, District Superintendent
LaTrelle Miller Easterling, Presiding Bishop



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Third Sunday after the Epiphany
****Please stand as you are able in body or spirit***

Prelude~ “Praise Him”

Welcome~ Rev. Dr. Andrea Cummings

****Opening Hymn~ “This Little Light of Mine”***

Opening Prayer

****Offering***

***Doxology~ “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”~#650
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Prayer of Illumination: *God, illumine our minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, our eyes may see your kingdom, our ears may hear the call of Jesus, and our hearts may know the joy of your salvation. Amen.*

****The Scripture Readings***

First Reading: *Isaiah 49:1-7: Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother’s womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God.” And now*

Ready to Join?

Please complete the form and hand it to an usher. Pastor Cummings will reach out to you to arrange a time to discuss the membership vows and the date for you to join.

What are our membership vows?

Vows are taken when a person joins a United Methodist Church as a baptized or professing member. By taking the baptismal and local church membership vows, the individual agrees to covenant with God and the local church members to keep the vows that are part of living the baptismal covenant and reception into membership in the local church.

These vows have four parts: (1) to confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; (2) to believe in the Christian faith as contained in the Old and New Testaments; (3) to support The United Methodist Church; and (4) to uphold the local congregation with one's prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone/Email _____

Mark your Calendar

United Women in Faith: We welcome women of all ages to our 2026 UWF meetings, scheduled for the third Sunday of January, March, June, September, and November. Please come prepared to share your ideas on how we can best serve our church and community. For more information, please contact Omega Taylor at 301-904-6978.

Outreach ministry requests that on the **5th Sunday**, members bring the following items: tuna fish, salmon, chicken, corned beef, mayonnaise, and/or relish. Please place these items in the box located in the social hall.

The Annual Heritage Potluck is on February 22nd. Zion will close out Black History Month with its annual Heritage Potluck. Traditional dishes are requested. Please sign up to bring a dish. The sign-up sheet is located on the ushers' table. For additional information, please contact: Sis. Claudia Barnett or any member of the Kitchen Committee.



IGNITE is a high-impact, life-changing weekend for youth in grades 6-12. It features high-energy worship with powerful worship bands. A relevant, engaging message from nationally and locally known speakers. The

conference will take place March 20-22 in Ocean City, MD. **If you would like to donate to the Youth ministry to cover registration and lodging, please mark your envelope accordingly.** For questions, email Min. Kevin Harris at krharri2@gmail.com

the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

*The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.***

***Psalm Reading~** Psalm 27 (selected verses), Psalter #758-759 UMH

758 PSALTER

Psalm 27

Ps. 36:9
Jane Marshall

RESPONSE (General)

For with you is the foun-tain of life;

in your light do we see light.

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

⁴ One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:

*that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in the Lord's temple. R*

*⁵ The Lord will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble,
will conceal me under the cover of his tent,
and will set me high upon a rock.*

*⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies round about me;
and I will offer sacrifices in the Lord's tent
with shouts of joy;*

I will sing and make melody to the Lord. R

*⁷ Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!*

*⁸ "Come," my heart said, "seek the Lord's face."
Your face, O Lord, I seek.*

*⁹ Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger,
for you have been my help. R*

****Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:10-18: Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its*

power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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Song of Preparation

****Gospel Reading:** Matthew 4:12-23: Matthew 4:12-23 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.*

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Proclamation~ Dr. Cummings

Affirmation of Faith~ 881 UMH

Prayers of the People: Response - Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Confession & Pardon & Peace~ pg. 8, UMH

Thanksgiving & Communion~ pg. 9-10, UMH

The Lord's Prayer

Post Communion Prayer: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Announcements

**Benediction~ Dr. Cummings*

