

# The Guided Light

Memorial Lutheran & First Presbyterian Churches

January 2020

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***Mission: "Growing the faith, connecting with the lost,  
and helping those in need as we share God's Word  
through education, sacraments, worship,  
praise, and fellowship"***

## ***Happenings...***

Sunday School for All 9:15

Worship Service 10:15

### **Every Tuesday**

Busy Bunch 9-12:00

Staff Meeting 10:00

### **Every Wednesday**

Choir Practice 6:00

Youth Group 6:30

### **Every Thursday**

Men/Women Bible Study 10:00

Thursday Evening Bible Study 6:30

### **January 1**

New Year's Day

Offices Closed

### **January 5**

Epiphany of Our Lord

Care Team Visits

### **January 5**

Care Team – Visits to homebound

### **January 12**

Baptism of Our Lord

Fellowship Meeting

### **January 13**

Worship Committee Meeting 6:00

### **January 19**

Church Directory Update Deadline

### **January 20**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

### **January 20**

MLC Council Meeting 6:00

### **January 26 (after worship)**

MLC Annual Congregational Mtg

First Presbyterian Congregational Mtg

### **January 27**

Bunko 6:30





Welcome to 2020!

It's a new year and one that promises to be a landmark year in our congregational history. The call committee is moving full speed ahead with its work and I'm sure that God has already been diligently preparing the person who will eventually be our new settled pastor. We are doing a lot of important administrative work in the office to ensure that our sacramental records and attendance/giving records are accurate and up to date so that our new shepherd will have the most complete statistical picture possible. With our March 1 goal only eight weeks away, we still have some work to do, but I'm very excited about all that we've accomplished so far!

As we move out of the Christmas Season and into the time after Epiphany, we get six full Sundays before the feast of the Transfiguration. The time begins with the calling, marking, and sending of Jesus through baptism, and continues with stories of the disciples calling. We then listen for a number of weeks to well-known passages from St. Matthew's version of the Sermon on the Mount. These Sundays offer an opportunity in our prayers of intercession to consider who and what we pray for, attending to people, places, and situations that we often forget and leave out of our prayers. Please give time in your private devotions to pray for our Synod and Presbytery staffs who will be working the machinery necessary to deliver our new pastor to us, as well as for our congregational leaders who will be deeply immersed in listening to the Holy Spirit with one ear and ministerial candidates with the other.

Finally, my wife (Krista) and I want to thank each of you for the generous Christmas gift we received at the Christmas Eve service. I was completely surprised and deeply touched. You are a wonderful group of folks that I'm privileged to serve for a few more months before your new settled pastor arrives. As always, I'm available in the office on Tuesday & Wednesday (10 am—2 pm) and before/after church on Sunday if you want to drop by for a chat.

Pr. Steve

Dear Members of Memorial Lutheran & 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Churches,

The Annual Congregational Meetings will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2020, immediately following the 10:15 a.m. church service.

These are important meetings to vote on the church budget and Church Council/Session members. You are an important part of the church and the church leadership hopes you will attend.

If you have anything to add to the agenda, please contact Joyce Palmer (MLC) or Peggy Dietel (FPC) by Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, please contact one of your council members. We are here to serve you.

President	Randy Dietel
Vice President	Joyce Palmer
Secretary	Janine Luke
Treasurer	Barbara Silvertooth
Administration	Karen Bernhardt
Education/Youth	Arthur Lowe
Fellowship	Peggy Dietel
Outreach	Mike Allison
Property/Long Range	Woody Silvertooth
Stewardship	Don Pollock
Worship	Sue Edrozo

Looking forward to seeing you at morning worship every Sunday!



**JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>**



**Committee meeting**

**The Fellowship Committee will meet Sunday, January 12 after church. We will be planning the 2020-year schedule. All are invited.**



**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>**



**Memorial Lutheran Annual  
Congregational Meeting**

***Sunday, January 26, 2019, immediately  
following worship service.***

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**First Presbyterian Annual  
Congregational Meeting**

***Sunday, January 26, 2019, immediately  
following worship service.***



Sylvia and Paula are in the process of **updating the combined church directory** for distribution in February 2020. Please review your information in the directory and send any changes to the church office by January 27th.

**New members, please make sure we have your information!!**



**In Our Prayers...**

- Joyce Palmer
- Mi ke Allison
- Wanda Applegath
- Peggy Armstrong
- Joyce Beard
- Catherine Brown
- Bev Churchwell
- Imogene Christian
- Betty Coulthard
- Linda Duncan
- Audrey Earl
- Kathryn Franks
- Mary Guajardo
- Evelyn Jolly
- Thomas Kaye
- Joe King
- Juanita Lux
- Shirley Martinez
- Kathryn McKaig
- Dave Palmer
- Don Pruns
- Carol Rhodes
- David Robinson
- Theresa Smith
- Frances & Larry Weber
- Martha Welch
- Joe Armstrong
- Rick Armstrong
- Michele Boening
- Barbara Bradford
- Mary Bradford
- Shirley Cato
- Gerald Cleveland
- Patia Darras
- Carolina Diaz
- Terry Dellolio
- Beth Eslinger
- Ben Gayle
- Lindsay Grigsby
- Ira (Dubby) Hansley
- Barbara Heckendorn
- Maryem Holt
- Steven King
- John Lawrence
- Shirley Long
- John Marshall
- Danny Meyer
- Alice Metcalf
- Karla Peschka
- Karly Sevinsky
- James Thompson
- John Zimmerman

**Military:**

- Alexis Copeland
- Marshal Fundling
- Kaleb Jacobs

**Military (cont):**

- Andrew Redmon
- Georgie Rodriguez, Jr.
- Peri Schoppe

**In God's Church:**

- Pray for the future of Memorial Lutheran / 1st Presbyterian as we continue to discern God's will for us.



UFA Monthly Collection Items: Since

food stamps can't be used to buy non-food items, the United Faith Alliance Is asking churches to collect non-food items on a rotating basis. **Baby Products (wipes, baby powder, baby lotions) have been designated for the January collection.** Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the church narthex.



**Many Hands Make LIGHT Work**

**Call for 2020 Volunteers!** If you would like to be added to the rotation for any of the worship service positions for 2020, please sign up in the Narthex by January 12. If you would like to be removed from any list for 2020, contact Paula Smith. 2020 rotation lists will be sent out monthly to help you plan ahead.

**NewsLetter**  
**DEADLine**

*Deadline for February news submissions is  
Tuesday, January 28th*



**Service Reminders for January**

**Lay Assistant:**

- January 5: Peggy Dietel
- January 12: Mike Allison
- January 19: Doug Caldwell
- January 26: Billie Hansley

**Communion Assistants:**

- January 5: Terry Earl & Billie Hansley
- January 12: Kim Kaiser & Peggy Dietel
- January 19: Doug Caldwell & Don Pollock
- January 26: Sue Edrozo & Debbie Guthier

**Ushers for the Month:**

- Elaine Lewton, Cindy Totty, Mike Allison, Joe Wileman

**Sound System for the Month:**

- John Hackbarth, Larry Edrozo, Lloyd Jewell

**Computer Tech:**

- January 5: Paula Smith
- January 12: Donna Allison
- January 19: Janine Luke
- January 26: Paula Smith

**Altar Guild for the Month:**

- Violet Lowe & Sue Edrozo

**Children's Talk:**

- January 5: Lindsay Hood
- January 12: Peggy Dietel
- January 19: Arthur Lowe
- January 26: Kim Kaiser

**Tellers for the Month:**

- Jim Kees, Mary Kees, Arthur Lowe, Cheryl Rose

**Cookies & Cleanup:**

- January 5: Melissa Holland & Carol Wylly
- January 12: Velma Bage & Sophie Hander
- January 19: Arthur Lowe & Peggy Dietel
- January 26: Audrey Earl & Francis Fundling

**Helping Hands:** Frances Fundling & Violet Lowe

**Good Cheer Committee:** Tilli Herrera

**Coffee Cup Outreach:** Elaine Lewton



- January 29: Tim & Debbie Healy



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 2:	Vicki Heath
January 5:	Delores Koopman
January 15:	William Bailey, Jr.
January 16:	Sophia Hander
January 17:	Billie Hansley
January 18:	Taylor Clausen
January 19:	Tyler Hood
January 26:	Kristian Dietel
January 27:	Gary Bage
January 31:	Arvin Holland
January 31:	Mary Snarr



## Trivia Questions for New Year's Eve and Day

1. The first ball to be dropped in New York's Times Square happened in what year?
  - a. 1908
  - b. 1925
  - c. 1938
  - d. 1962
2. The first time that January 1st was celebrated as the beginning of a new year was in 153 B.C. when the Romans moved the first month of their calendar back to January. For what reason did the Romans do this?
  - a. To coincide with elections of the two highest ranking Republic positions.
  - b. To honor the god, Janus, god of beginnings and transitions.
  - c. More sacred sheep were born in January than in February.
  - d. To honor Tobasco, god of hangover relief.

3. What famous Frank was born in Bayonne, New Jersey, on January 1, 1938?
  - a. Entertainer Frank Sinatra, Jr.
  - b. Actor Frank Langella
  - c. Football player and coach, Frank Beamer
  - d. Head of the barley cereal syndicate crime family, Frankenberry
4. The lyrics of the now-traditional New Years song "Auld Lang Syne" began as a poem set to the tune of a much older Scot folk ballad. Who wrote the poem?
  - a. John Keats
  - b. Robert Burns
  - c. Lord Byron
  - d. Dr. Seuss
5. On January 1, 1877, what happened to Queen Victoria of Britain?
  - a. She got married.
  - b. She celebrated her 50th birthday.
  - c. She was proclaimed Empress of India.
  - d. She got stuck in her throne, requiring three hours of manpower and twenty pounds of butter to get her out.
6. Much to the dismay of millions, on January 1, 1945, this person announced they were not a god. Who was it?
  - a. Joseph Stalin
  - b. Emperor Hirohito
  - c. Gandhi
  - d. Clark Gable
7. On January 1, 1971, what kind of commercials were banned from American television?
  - a. Anti-free labor union ads.
  - b. Ads for cigarettes.
  - c. Anything relating to or suggestive of illegal drug paraphernalia.
  - d. Car sale ads that feature a dealer's annoying and untalented children.



Trivia Answers: 1. a, 2. a, 3. b, 4. b, 5. c, 6. b, 7. b