Prelude

Choir Introit *This is the Day* Chancel Choir

Announcements

The Prayerfor Epiphany UMH #255

**\***Opening Hymn *We Three Kings*  UMH #254

Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer Dennis Epley

Choral Response Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir *Tis Winter Now,*

Children’s Message Dennis Epley

Scriptures Readings

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 3: 1-12

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 60: 1-6

**\***Gospel Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12

Hymn of Preparation *O Little Town of Bethlehem*  UMH #230

Message “Truth with a capital T” Dennis Epley

Unison Call of Giving

**God of glorious surprises: Like the wise men sent by Herod, we, too, come as searchers**

**for a glimpse of your presence. As were the people in those days, we are surprised that**

**we find you not in a palace but in a stable, surrounded by a family of poor refugees and**

**worshiped by the lowly shepherds. Like them, our gifts from our wealth seem**

**simultaneously too material and woefully shabby and outshined by what you have given**

**us. Just the same, use our gifts for the work of justice, mercy, and compassion—as**

**would befit the Savior who sleeps in a manger. It’s in his holy name, we pray. Amen**

**\***Offertory/Doxology UMH# 95

**\***Sending Hymn *Joy to The World*  UMH #246

Benediction/Sending

Postlude

**\*Please stand if you are able**

Jan 10th Tuesday 7:00 pm Trustee Ministry - Library

Jan 11th Wednesday 5:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice

6:30 pm Youth Group

Jan 13th  Friday 1:00 pm Stitches - Library

Jan 15th Sunday 5:00 pm Parent’s Group - Wesley Hall

**Please Welcome our Guest Speaker:** Dennis Epley who was born and raised northeast of Waverly. Graduated from Waverly-Shell Rock (WSR) High School and Iowa State University. Served in military in Vietnam. Is a former agriculture teacher in the Estherville Community Schools. Farmed in the Waverly area for 46 years retired from milking dairy cows in 2012 and crop farming in 2022 although he still raises Holstein heifers and steers.

Has participated heavily in agriculture commodity promotion organizations and continues to serve on the WSR School Board, now in his 30th year.

Although he grew up in the Evangelical United Brethren church, he is now a member of Trinity United Methodist in Waverly where he is currently a Lay Leader and active in the vocal music ministry. He is a 2022 graduate of the Iowa Conference School for Lay Ministry and occasionally fills the pulpit for a few area churches.

Dennis and his wife Wanda have 4 grown children, seven young grandchildren and a black lab service dog, that has over the past 7 years produced eleven service-bound pups for the Retrieving Freedom Foundation in Waverly and she has a church attendance record better than most church members.

**Bible Studies:** The Letter of James bible study will resume Jan 8th in Wesley Hall

The Truth Project bible study will resume Jan 15th in Library

Parent’s Group will meet on January 15th at 5:00 pm in Wesley Hall- we will start with a Taco themed meal then study our third session of “Christ-Centered Parenting”

**Youth Group** will resume Jan 11th at 6:30 in Wesley Hall

**Prayer List** Lorraine Duffy

Greg Ragland (friend of Pastor Tom’s that has undergone quadruple bypass)

**Thank you from the Meals on Wheels** for anyone who has ever driven, Prepared Meals,

Donated time and money, and especially those who have received meals.

**Thank you from the Charles City Singers** - for the usage of the building and UWF for arranging and serving refreshments.

**Charles City Singers (CCS)** Monday Jan 9th CCS rehearsal in the choir room of Charles City HS at 5:15 to 7. The spring program will feature show music. New Voices are welcome to come to the first or second rehearsal.

**Offering**

Needed Weekly to meet budget: $7,203.52

12-24-22 Church Attendance: 132 Offering for week: 12-24-22 $ 271.00

12-25-22 Church Attendance: 36 Offering for week: 12-25-22 $ 3,735.00

01-01-23 Church Attendance: 55 Offering for week: 01-01-23 $ 2,616.00

Organist Jeannine Mills Sound Booth Kelly Tynan /Cindy Childs

Bell Choir Jacob Gassman Broadcast Elijah Deverell

Chancel Choir Derek Sturtevant Pastor Rev. Tom Barnard

Office Admin. Kim Kingery, Ann Tunnicliff, Lori Aird, and Amber Deverell

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