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NEW TIME FOR
WORSHIP

**Effective January 1, Sunday
School will begin at 9:30 am and
Worship will begin at 11 am.**

HOW DO WE SAY WELCOME?

Recently a rainbow flag has been put up on the church sign by the street. This flag was placed up there as a sign of welcome to all, as the rainbow is a universal sign of diversity and inclusion. Some concerns have been raised about it – what it symbolizes and who it really welcomes. Since the rainbow flag does have certain connotations for different people, we understand people's hesitancy to have it flying in front of our church. We invite everyone to discuss with the people below about the flag and what it means to them. We are all willing to have an open dialogue about any thoughts or concerns you might have about the flag. We also want to announce that we will have a special event during worship on January 6th further discussing this issue. We look forward to hearing from you.

Shalom,
Ashley DeVore, Scott Pieper, Jason Clay, Rick Neale, Mimi Carroll, and Curt Schroeder

LITURGICAL MURAL

Our Liturgical Year Mural is taking shape beautifully. We are close to having the project complete. There will be one more opportunity for you to take part by painting gold ribbons. Plan to stay after Worship on Sunday, December 30th, to help finish. *We will be having a Dedication and Celebration of the mural on January 6.*

EPIPHANY PARTY

A potluck luncheon and Epiphany Party will follow the church service and dedication of the Liturgical Wall on January 6. A King Cake will be provided by the Fellowship Committee for dessert.

A **king cake** (sometimes rendered as **kingcake** or **kings' cake**) is a type of cake associated with Christmas traditions in a number of countries, and in other places with Carnival. It is popular in Christmas season in the area of France (*galette/gateau des rois*), Portugal (*Bolo Rei*), Spain (*Roscón de Reyes*), Catalonia, Greece (*vasilopita*) and Bulgaria (*banitsa*). In the United States, which celebrates Carnival ranging from Mobile, Alabama to East Texas, centered on New Orleans it is associated with Carnival traditions. The cakes have a small trinket (usually a small plastic baby) inside, and the person who gets the piece of cake with the trinket has various privileges and obligations.

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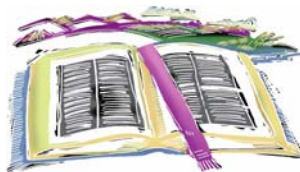
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Newsletter Submissions

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January Lectionary Readings

- January 6** Isa. 60:1-6; Ps. 72:1-7, 10-14; Eph. 3:1-12; Matt. 2:1-12
- January 13** Isa. 42:1-9; Ps. 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matt. 3:13-17
- January 20** Isa. 49:1-7; Ps. 40:1-11; 1 Cor. 1:1-9; John 1:29-42
- January 27** Isa. 9:1-4; Ps. 27:1, 4-9; 1 Cor. 1:10-18; Matt. 4:12-23



The Clifton Night Hospitality volunteers are:

January 12—Ted and Suzanne Mikalsen

January 19—Kenneth and Marty Riviere, Marc Dryman

MONTREAT IN 2008

Anyone interested in a beautiful mountain setting, fantastic worship, gorgeous music, interesting classes? And in the company of a host of good people?

We would like to get a group to go to Montreat for the Worship and Music Conference. The dates are the week of June 15 or the week of June 22, 2008. We can stay at the Assembly Inn or in a lodge.

And the bonus is that Martha Clay, our former music director, is on the staff for the conference. She will be accompanying choirs and teaching a class on Music for the Small Church. That class should be one we can use here.

If you have any interest in this adventure, please let Gretchen Turner know.



January 2	Marcia Morley
January 3	Marilee Gibson
January 3	Marcia Thurston
January 4	Paul Robertson
January 6	Helen Palmour
January 8	Frank Cook, Sr.
January 14	Ted Meinersmann
January 17	David Clay
January 17	Scott Dodunski
January 17	Bennie Jordan
January 19	Bill Thurston
January 25	Eugenia Powell
January 25	Frank Wright
January 26	Helen Lindell
January 30	Shirley Cantley

MIDVILLE MISSION

Brief History of Midville Community Development & Outreach Center

Again, on behalf of the Midville Community, I want to thank all of you for being so supportive during the past years and up until the very present time. You enabled many children to have presents and warm clothing at Christmas time. Many citizens of Burke County will long remember your gifts and donations of food, clothing, computer, etc.

In 1999, the Burke County Board of Education was selling unused portable buildings from their property. As a result, a group of Midville Concerned Citizen asked the Board's Officers to donate the building to our community to address the needs for various afternoon activities. We have offered to the community various after school activities including tutoring, computer classes, sewing classes, and GED and summer enrichment programs. Due to the lack of funding all class have been aborted.

In 2006, we had a new roof and siding put on the building by a local carpenter. In March 2007 a strong wind blew half of the roof to the ground and left the remainder of the roof folded back. We did not have any insurance on the building and the carpenter refused to redo the top without being paid again.

Today, there are still a few of us who want to see the mission accomplished by getting the needed repairs on the building completed and again being able to "Empower The Community Through The Community".

NEW CLASS OFFERED

New Adult Class



Beginning January 6, Kenneth and Milt Riviere will again be leading a Sunday School Class at Church of the New Covenant. The class will continue through May, 2008.

The text to be studied will be *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith* by Marcus J. Borg, Professor Emeritus of Oregon State

University, and a world-renowned Jesus scholar. This study should broaden our understanding of Christian traditions, and may well strengthen our lives as faithful disciples. Every member is invited to join us in this endeavor.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

A reminder that on the first Sunday in January (1/6/08) we will be starting our Worship Service half an hour later at 11:00 A.M., with Church School from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

During January, Milt and Kenneth Riviere will be teaching a new class. Be sure to come, it will be interesting.

The Rev. Cecelya Taylor visited with Session as part of a tri-annual visit by the Committee on Ministry. She highlighted changes to the Book of Order relating to occasions of abuse to minors and adults who lack mental capacity and the responsibility to report them.

The session voted to hold the Annual Meetings of the Congregation and Corporation on February 3, 2008 following the Worship Service.

Members who have not worshiped with us for more than one year are being moved from Active to Inactive status.

We will be dedicating the Liturgical Wall in the narthex on January 3, 2008. A potluck luncheon and Epiphany Party will follow this.



JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 SDAC 9-2pm, 5-7pm
6 WOR- SHIP-11AM Epiphany Party follow- ing Worship	7	8 Circle-10am 1pm Crochet- Library Circle-6:30pm	9 6:30 Asbell Ringers, 7:45 Adult Choir	10 7:00pm Six Star board meeting	11 9-2:30 Montes- sori School- Fellowship Hall SDAC 8-9pm	12 SDAC 9-2pm, 5-7pm
13	14	15 9-3pm Presby- tery Executive Meeting 1pm Crochet- Library	16	17	18 SDAC 8-9pm	19 SDAC 9-2pm, 5-7pm
20	21	22 1pm Crochet- Library	23	24	25 SDAC 8-9pm	26 SDAC 9-2pm, 5-7pm
27 Pres. Women CT Meeting fol- lowing Wor- ship	28	29 1pm Crochet- Library	30	31		