



Fairfax United Methodist Church

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January 3, 2010

Epiphany Sunday

Music to Celebrate the Presence of God

Prelude sur l'Ubtroit de L'Epiphanie

Maurice Duruflé

David Leahey, organ

Welcome

Entrance and Praise

* Call to Worship

Leader: Although the beckoning star heeded by wise travelers long ago no longer leads the way,

People: The manger-born Christ is still to be found and followed.

Leader: We are not brought to our knees in surprise as were those journeyers of old,

People: Yet our desire to worship can be as deep as theirs.

Leader: And though we do not bear gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh,

People: We offer ourselves and what we have.

Leader: The story continues. The good news abounds. There is a living Christ to discover and worship and serve.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad!

* Hymn No. 254

We Three Kings

Kings of Orient

* Opening Prayer

God of all who wander, we have come through many deserts; we have endured them all. And now we see the Light that the Holy Child sheds upon our path. We worship him, offering the treasure of our hearts. God, be our guiding light. Dispel all darkness, and let the good news shine in our lives in word and deed. Amen.

* Affirmation of Faith No. 883

*A Statement of Faith of the
United Church of Canada*

* Gloria Patri No. 71

Children's Message (11:00)

Proclamation and Response

Prayer of Illumination

We give thanks, O God of sacred stories, for the witness of holy scripture. Through it, you nurture our imaginations, touch our feelings, increase our awareness, and challenge our assumptions. Bless, we pray, our hearing of your word this day. Speak to each of us; speak to all of us; and grant that, by the power of your Spirit, we may be hearers and doers of your word. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

(page 835, pew Bible)

Matthew 2:1-12

Meditation

Pastor Steve Bray

*Prayer of Covenant Renewal

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee; let me be full, let me be empty; let me have all things, let me have nothing; I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou are mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Hymnal, page 12

Confession and Pardon

*The Peace

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

(8:15)

The Three Kings
Ian Lane, Tenor

Peter Cornelius

(9:30 & 11:00)

The Three Kings
Chancel Choir
Ian Lane, Tenor

Peter Cornelius

*Doxology

Hymnal, page 94

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Great Thanksgiving

Hymnal, page 13

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Giving of the Cup

*This morning our Communion will be received at the communion rail.
The ushers will direct the worshipers forward. The pastors will direct the serving of
the congregation while participants kneel or stand at the rail.*

Prayer for Those Communing in Other Places

*Before we leave the Table of the Lord, we remember those of our congregation
who wish to receive Communion with us today but who cannot be present at this place.
We share this meal with them and remember them as part of us.*

Sending Forth

* Hymn No. 245

The First Noel

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* Benediction and Choral Response

(9:30 & 11:00)

Amen
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

Postlude

Festival Toccata
David Leahey, organ

Percy Fletcher

** Congregation Standing*

*Immediately following each worship service this morning,
please meet and greet persons you do not know.*

Thank you for turning off your cell phones during the worship service.

Large print Bibles and hymnals are available from the ushers upon request.

Worship material for children ages 3–6 and 7–12 is available from the ushers.

The audio for the worship service is available at

www.fairfaxumc.org/Downloadaudio.aspx

The previous week's service is under archives on the website.

WELCOME VISITORS

Good morning and welcome to Fairfax United Methodist Church! As we gather for worship today, we hope that within our sanctuary you will feel the presence of God through friendly faces, meaningful worship, and opportunities to serve God's people in our world. Our hearts are blessed by your presence, our minds are focused on Christ, and our doors are always open for you.

We invite everyone to sign the attendance registration pads located in the pews. We are blessed to have you worshiping with us. If you would like to receive information from the church via e-mail, **please provide your e-mail address** in addition to the other requested information, or you may provide your e-mail address to the church at **church@fairfaxumc.org**.

You are invited to the Fellowship Hall (directly below the sanctuary) between services this morning (10:30) for coffee, juice and fellowship.

Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. If you have a loved one, special need, concern or situation you would like lifted up in prayer, please complete one of these cards. Your pastors and staff will remember you in prayer during the Tuesday morning staff meetings. Please indicate if you desire your request to be listed in the bulletin Prayer List. Each request will be listed for four Sundays unless you request an extension.

The Altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of Liz Lane by Ian Lane.

The Narthex flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of Anna Lee Lytton and her many years of service to the Altar Guild.

The rosebud on the Altar this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Cora Marie Hensley on December 19 to Mike and Amy Hensley.

***Retirement Celebration
For Art Looney
January 31, 2010***

Everyone is cordially invited to a celebration honoring Art Looney's 21 years of service as Director of Administration at Fairfax Church. Art's administrative leadership has been a constant through years of change, growth, challenges, ambitious plans and staff transitions. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 am worship service, to offer our appreciation to Art for his service.

UMYF Sub Sale Returns! – Our UMYF will again be taking orders for Super Bowl Subs from January 3rd through 31st. Subs can be picked up on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We will be offering Turkey and Cheese, and Italian Cold-Cut subs for \$6.00 each. Meal deals (including chips and cookies) will be available for \$7.50 – or feed the whole family with a Family Pack of Meal Deals for \$25. It's a great way to plan your Super Bowl party and a great cause, too! All proceeds benefit FUMC's UMYF. Subs orders can also be placed for donation to the Lamb Center.

UMYF - Tonight at 6:30pm our youth ministries will be hosting their annual Christmas party. All students in grades 7-12 and all college students who are home for the holidays are invited. Bring a gift for the White Elephant exchange and get ready for an evening of fun, food, games, and fellowship!



Tuesday Fellowship Supper. Join us each Tuesday evening from 6:15pm - 7:15pm. This week's menu is Meatloaf, French Onion Soup, Mashed Potatoes and Corn.. The kid's menu is Hot dogs and French Fries. . The cost is \$7.50 per adult; \$4.00 child, under 12; OR a \$20 maximum per family. Make your reservation and payment today. Reservations made after today will increase the price \$1 per person and family tickets will not be available.

UMM Pancake Breakfast- The Fairfax United Methodist Men will serve breakfast on Saturday morning, January 9, 2010. The menu includes Pancakes (regular or blueberry), Eggs, Bacon, Biscuits, Sausage Gravy, and Grits. The price of a meal is your generous donation to be used to support Rising Hope UMMC and other charities. Breakfast is served from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00.

Paths of Faith - Sign up today for the next semester of Paths of Faith beginning January 19. Multiple week and single session opportunities for adult Christian education are available. A complete brochure may be picked up this morning in the Narthex or Resource Room. Our first sessions are *Boundaries with Teens* (1/19) led by Debra Godwin and *VIM VIM Vroom* (1/19) led by Marty and Betsy Draper.

“Going Green” is such a fad right now. We hope you will join us from January 17 to February 7 for our Open Doors sermon series, *Going Green Is Going God*. We will be spending these four weeks looking at how “going green” is actually an imperative of God's and why we as faithful Christians must look at our own engagement with our environment. As part of our sermon series, we want your reflection to continue throughout your week. We invite you to pick up a copy of *Earth Gospel-A Guide to Prayer for God's Creation* which will be available in the Resource Room during our morning services and the narthex during our Open Doors service starting today. The book costs \$15. If you are unable to spend \$15, please take one as We are asking that people give what they can and hope that if some are able to give a little more, it might cover the cost for someone who may not be able to give. This book contains prayer, scripture, and quotes to reflect on in the morning, afternoon and evening of each day for four weeks. Be sure to pick one up and join us in January.

Save the date - FUMC is hosting the Hypothermia Shelter January 31 - February 7, 2010. Volunteers are needed for evening sign in and visitation, overnight supervision, breakfast and evening meal preparation and cleanup. To sign up or find out more about available opportunities, contact Christie Johnson at ckdj@netzero.net.

Confirmation 2010 will begin in January. Confirmation is a great time for 7th-12th graders to explore and take greater ownership of their Christian faith. We'll be using the *Claim the Name* confirmation curriculum to cover theology, church history, and what it means to live a Christian life. Following the course, students have the opportunity to become full members of our congregation. A parent orientation will be held on January 13th at 6:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. The Confirmation classes will meet each Wednesday night from 6:30-8:00 in the Multi-Purpose Room. There is also a retreat on February 27th from 8:30am-3:00pm. The first session for students will be held on January 20th. The classes will conclude March 10th, and Confirmation Sunday is March 20th. To register, please contact Mike Hensley (mhensley@fairfaxumc.org).

Preschool Registration - Registration for Church members and returning Preschool families will begin on January 4th and will open to the general public on January 19th. If you would like more information, please call the preschool at (703)591-3177.

ESL classes - are held every Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm beginning January 11. Registration will be at 7pm on Wednesday January 6. The cost is \$40 and includes all classes, supplies and the text book. Child care is available for children 12 and under. For more information please contact the Church office.

Director of Administration Opening – The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is seeking a person to be responsible for key administrative services including Personnel Management, Financial Management, and Property Management and Procurement. The individual needs to be comfortable functioning in a church environment and working collegially with staff and church members. This person must be able to take independent action in administrative matters. This is a full-time, salaried position with benefits and requires a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration or equivalent experience and proficiency in MS Office suite. Resumes may be sent to adminjob@fairfaxumc.org. A Job description is available upon request.



It's not too late for making
New Year's Resolutions...

and when you do, think,
"Risk Taking Mission And Service"
Commit to one or more of these programs.
Your reward will be great!

* Art for Humanity
Appalachia Service Project (ASP)

ESL

FACETS

FISH

*Gleaning

*Habitat for Humanity

Hypothermia Shelter

Jeremiaha Project (JP)

Lamb Center

*Medical Reserve Corp

Mission Trip (Adult)

Mitten Tree

Music Camp

Operation Christmas Child

Our Daily Bread

*Park/Stream Clean-Up

*Project Energy-Save

*Rebuilding Together

Rising Hope

Scouting Ministry

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

* new initiatives

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who
are members of my family, you did it to me."

Matthew 25:40

Jim Conklin, Jr. 703-385-1106

Cindy Meyer 703-691-8852

Karen Howard 703-385-1242

SERVING US TODAY

January 3, 2010

8:15 a.m.

Ed Eichelman
David Bauer
Buddy Jenkins
William McCurdy

9:30 a.m.

Ushers

Bob Bruce
Mark Moffatt
Ron Rhoades
Tom Scibilia
Scott Tribbie

11:00 a.m.

Bill Clift
Tony Almond
Daniel Cosner
Millie Holdaway
Patrick Shea
Al Wells

Jason Snow

Worship Leaders

Sue Johnson

Laura Zotian

Lay Reader

Marsha Ficken

Sanctuary Greeters

Gordon and Anne Moffatt

Jim Conklin, Jr.

Corkie Wilson
Marsha Ficken

Acolytes

Bryan Moffatt

Sarah Zotian

Crucifers

Elizabeth Bowman

THE MINISTRY

Stephen G. Bray
Senior Pastor



Jason Snow
Associate Pastor

Elizabeth P. Barricks
Program Ministries

David Leahey
Music Ministries

Martha D. Peacock
Program Ministries

Michael Hensley
Youth Director

Ian Lane
Music Ministries

In Our Prayers

January 3, 2010

Gene Atkison (brother-in-law of Mary & Peter Jackson)	Andrew Maternick
Bob Boughton	Katelyn McFarland (granddaughter of Janet Jones)
Kurt Brindley (brother of Kelli Martin)	Harry Mitchell
Michael Brock (son of Bill & Linda Brock)	Lindsay Shaw (friend of Molly Weaver)
Virginia Buesking (friend of Brenda Weaver)	Sandra Smith (cousin of Clark Adams)
Jim Conklin, Sr.	Frances Stream
Jim Fay (father of Erin Fay)	Bud Traynor
Fisher House Families	John & Sue Wallace (father & mother of Sue Crane)
Elle Howdershell (friend of the Arcia Family)	Kathleen Weaver (mother of Gerry Weaver)
Craig Goldsworthy (friend of the Weaver family)	Lisa Williams (daughter of Bob Boughton)
Duston Grefe (uncle of DeAnn Boehm)	Jacqueline B. Wilson (Mother of Corkie Wilson)
Roger Kaveney Family (uncle of Gerry Weaver)	
Don & June Klimkiewicz (former members)	
Greg Laws (Grandson-in-law of Betty Fisher)	

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the friends and family of James Mathias, who died December 28 in Fairfax, Virginia.

Our Prayers are With Those Serving Our Country Overseas. . .

Stephen Anderson (cousin of Daniel Cosner)	Jay Martin (son-in-law of Joan Hensley)
Jesse Charles Andrew (grandson of Alma Eblen)	James Mayer (grandson of Jim & Gloria Joyce)
Ray Britt (son of Diane Britt)	Ann Mazur (friend of Doug & Maureen Frank)
Patrick Bull (grandson of Ed & Marilyn Bull)	Christopher McClung (nephew of Pete & Leah Fortney)
Tyler Butterworth (son of Marion Butterworth)	J.R. (Jack) O'Connor (friend of Ann Hamann)
Charles Cashin (friend of Jeanne & Bob Buchanan)	Gregory Orrell (nephew of Mikki Goubeau)
Keith Corey (friend of the Foggs & the Bouchards)	Gary Rhodes (friend of the Charles Walter family)
David Fernandez (grandson of Art & Marcy Bivens)	Daniel Richitt (nephew of Souren & Lori Tashjian)
Brian F. Foley (son of Nina Deluca-Phillips)	Joseph Scanlin (son-in-law of Larry & Mary Branch)
Paul Gault (nephew of Pete & Leah Fortney)	Mike Schenaker (friend of the Sachlis family)
T. J. Graham (friend of Gale Pearson)	Greg Soulé (nephews of Walter & Judy Ferguson)
Robert Hensley (son of Joan Hensley)	Jim Sparks (nephew of Sue & Fred Bowers)
Jeff Hicks (nephew of Ted & Jean Tedder)	Col. George Walsh
Matthew D. Hudson (son of Sharon & Chip Hunt)	Joe Weeren (relative of Alex & Rosemary Graham)
John & Jennifer Huntsman (nephew and niece of Jen & Mark Tajnai)	

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

JANUARY 3 -9, 2010

SUNDAY	9:30 am	UMYF Sub Sales , Fellowship Hall
	3:00 pm	Chapel Ringers, 215
	4:00 pm	Chapel Choir, 212
	5:30 pm	Open Doors Worship Service, Sanctuary
	6:30 pm	Jr & Sr High Youth Meeting, 312, Youth Activities Room
MONDAY	6:00 pm	Cub Pack 187 Den Meeting, 112, 113, 115, 217
	7:00 pm	Cub Pack 187 Webelos Den Meeting, 115, 217
	7:00 pm	Adult Ringers, 215
	7:00 pm	Open Doors Music Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:15 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 187, 112, 113, Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY	7:30 am	UMM Tuesday Morning Prayer Breakfast, 112
	9:30 am	Staff Meeting, Conference Room
	10:00 am	UMW Executive Meeting, Multi-Purpose Room
	6:15 pm	Fellowship Dinner, Main Kitchen, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Fairfax City 4-H Cloverbuds, 303, 304
	7:00 pm	Fairfax City 4-H, 306-308
	7:00 pm	Youth Drama Rehearsal, Youth Activity Room
WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Meeting, Parlor
	7:00 pm	ESL Registration, 107, 112,113,115, Multi-Purpose Room
THURSDAY	9:30 am	W.A.T.E.R. Circle, Parlor
	10:00 am	Harnsberger Circle, Off-Site
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 216
	7:00 pm	Congregational Care Purpose Area Meeting, 309
	7:30 pm	Evangelism Purpose Area Meeting, Conference Room
FRIDAY	6:00 pm	Cub Pack 187 Tune Up Night, Fellowship Hall, Main Kitchen
	8:00 pm	Cub Pack 187 Camp In, Fellowship Hall, Main Kitchen
SATURDAY	4:00 am	Cub Pack 187 Camp In, Fellowship Hall, Main Kitchen
	8:00 am	UMM Pancake Breakfast, Fellowship Hall, Main Kitchen

The Passages for Sunday, January 10, 2010

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22