PIANIST - Angela Garrison
ACOLYTE - Aaron Hunt

GATHERING

STRIKING OF THE HOUR  Bryan Massengale

WELCOME  Worship Leader

*HYMN  “We Three Kings”  No. 254
(*Enter your name in the friendship pad and pass it to the person next to you. When the pad reaches the end of the pew, pass it back, noting the names of others.)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN  “O Little Town of Bethlehem”  No. 230

PRESENTATION OF TITLES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY  “Follow the Brightest Star”  Bryan Massengale

THE DOXOLOGY  No. 95

*GREETING EACH OTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

HYMN  “Surely the Presence of the Lord”  No. 328

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS  Worship Leader

CHILDREN’S SERMON  John Hanson

Children, ages 3 thru 2nd grade, may now go to Children’s Church.

CHORAL ANTHEM  “In the Bleak Midwinter”  Chancel Choir

*SCRIPTURE LESSON  Matthew 2:1-12  Worship Leader

WORSHIP LEADER: The Word of God for the People of God

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God

MORNING MESSAGE  “Off by Nine Miles”  Dr. Tony Collins

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

RECEIVING COMMUNION

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP  “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”  No. 251

*BENEDICTION  Dr. Tony Collins

*CHORAL AMEN  “O Come, All Ye Faithful”  Congregation & Choir

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

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*POSTLUDE  Bryan Massengale

*Congregation stands

Personal transmitters for the hearing impaired are available. Please see an usher for assistance. Nursery available near the Fellowship Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ROSEBUD ON THE ALTAR is in honor of the birth of Daniel Isaiah Wyrick, son of David & Kayla Wyrick, and grandson of Rev. Dale Wyrick and Donna Wyrick. Daniel was born in Athens, TN., on December 23, 2014, weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz., and was 19.25 inches long. Congratulations to the Wyrick family!

MINISTRY TEAM TRAINING is today from 3 - 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

BEGINNING NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 11th, we will have a five part series of sermons on “Five Things That Will Change Your Life in 2015.” We encourage you to be present for these important messages about how to live our lives within God’s will.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO BIBLE STUDY at 6 o’clock this evening in the Fellowship Hall as Pastor Tony leads our study of the Book of Luke.

YOUTH MEET IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER at 6 p.m. this evening.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) will meet at church on the second Tuesday, January 13th, at 11 a.m., and carpool to Rhea County High School for lunch and a tour of the building. The lunch and tour of the high school will take the place of the UMW’s January 6th monthly meeting. All women in our church are invited to join our UMW.

GET REAL TRAINING for pastors and church leaders will be held at Walker Valley High School in Cleveland, Sunday, January 11, 3 - 5:05 p.m. Registration begins at 2:30 p.m.

TRUSTEES will meet Tuesday, January 13th, at 7 p.m., in the Parlor.

STAFF PARISH TEAM meets on Monday, January 19th, at 7 p.m., in the Parlor. All team members should make plans to attend this important meeting.

A SINCERE APOLOGY to Marla Hinzman for the misinformation given to the church office, which led to the inaccurate listings of the death of her brother.

Thanks be to God.

When a man becomes a Christian, he becomes industrious, trustworthy and prosperous. Now, if that man, when he gets all he can and saves all he can, does not give all he can, I have more hope for Judas Iscariot than for that man!” - John Wesley

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Jonathan Harrison (James Weaver’s step-grandson)

Tyler Shaffer (Kathy Heimel’s nephew)

Brannan Reed (Nancy Gilliam’s nephew)

Justin Reed (Nancy Gilliam’s nephew)

Trevor Harz (Kathy Heimel’s nephew)

Monty Johnson (John & Judy Johnson’s son)

Nathaniel Taft Moffett (grandson of Glenn Moffett)

Denise Hinkle (husband of John & Sam Hanson’s granddaughter)

Dillian Osborne (Arthur & Linda Osborne’s grandson)

Christopher Yonke (Diane Yonke’s grandson)

Troy Brown (Tom Heimel’s friend)

Sam Shaffer (Kathy Heimel’s nephew)

Christopher Eicher (son of David & Joyce Eicher)

Robert Flynn (Whitney Flynn’s brother & Tammy Flynn’s grandson)

Amy Kester (Eleanor Trail’s cousin)

Charles Krumwiede (Eleanor Trail’s nephew)

John Lewis (Vickie Creek’s ‘other son’)

Aaron D. Mooneyhan (June Flaman’s friend)

Colby Nelson (Leon & Nancy Hicks’ grandson)

Tom Reed (Nancy Gilliam’s nephew)

John Cody Robinson (Virginia Hales’ grandson)

Joshua Russell (Heidi Miller’s nephew)

Earl Schaller (George & Phyllis Schaller’s grandson)

Thomas R. Taylor (Eleanor Trail’s daughter-in-law’s brother)

William Wilkey (Eleanor Trail’s grandson)

Thams P. Reed
Today's Scripture Reading
Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)

1 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem.
2 asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."
3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;
4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.
5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:
6 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"
7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men, and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.
8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."
9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.
10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.
11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.