

Schedule for the Week

Today	9 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
January 7, 2018	10 a.m.	Worship Service
	After Church	Treats in Fellowship Hall
Monday January 8, 2018		Funeral Luncheon for family of Jim Wilson
	7:00 p.m.	Bell SG meeting at Don & Sherryl Potter's
Tuesday, January 9		
Wednesday, January 10	6:30 a.m.	Promise Keepers in FH
Thursday, January 11	7:00 p.m.	AA meeting @ church
	7:00 p.m.	SG @ Tapson's
Friday, January 12	10 a.m.	Bible Study @ Scharla's
Saturday, January 13	1-3 p.m.	FH in use

Our Giving for 2017

Gerry Smith will give a formal report, but at the end of the year 2017, the church had a positive balance of nearly \$14,000. This is surely an answer to prayer. Thanks church family for coming through!

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First United Methodist Church of Marlette

Epiphany Sunday January 7, 2018

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Prelude Alijah Howard

Greeting and Word of Grace

Songs of Praise & Worship

Blessing of Our Children

Passing of the Peace

Sharing

Prayer Song: #453 *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

Verse 1

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Giving

Doxology #94

Scripture: Mark 1:4-11

⁴And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Sermon: **New Covenant Communion**

Pastor Dave Mulder

Communion Hymn #362 *Nothing but the Blood*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Song of Affirmation: #389 *Freely, Freely*

*Benediction

**Standing*

Praise choir includes
 Sherryl Potter, pianist,
 Krissa Welshans, guitar,
 Jenn Mason, Sarah
 Kady and Katie Lewis.

Birthdays: The following are celebrating birthdays this week: Wayne Nicol 1/8, Sarah Kady 1/9, Pat Heintz 1/12 and Isaac Seaman 1/14.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*****Copies of the *Upper Room* for January/February are now available on the table in the Fellowship Hall or in the windowsill in the Sanctuary. Help yourself and take one for a friend. Large print versions available in the same locations.

*******Get in the Game** Men's Conference "Be the BEST MAN you can be" February 3rd, 2018, 8 a.m. -3:30 p.m. Countryside Church, 912 West Sanilac Rd. Sandusky. \$23 Admission includes day-long conference, Tailgate party lunch & snacks, Breakout sessions (Fly Fishing, Everything Guns, Archery, Golf Pro Analysis) For tickets contact Countryside Church.

*****The regularly scheduled Ad Board meeting will be Tuesday, January 16th at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, It is an open meeting and anyone interested in the business of the church is welcome.

*****The First **Crafters' Palooza** for 2018 will be Saturday, February 3rd in our Fellowship Hall. This event supports our food ministries. Stay tuned for details.

*******Giving envelopes** for 2018 are now available. Check with Gerry Smith or Michelle Boyle if you do not see your package of envelopes on the table in the Kilgour Street entrance. These envelopes help our treasurer keep track of your giving for the year which can be tax deductible. Before the end of January, you should receive a printed statement of your giving for 2017. Any questions call Gerry Smith at 989-274-6795 or Michelle Boyle at 989-912-8239.

*****Just a reminder that the **United Methodist Women** will not meet during the months of January, February or March due to the possibility of bad weather.

*****A special thanks to **Scott Bohms** who has been a Trustee for our church for 10 years. Today is his last day of service as Trustee. Thanks, Scott, the buildings and grounds are in great shape due to your efforts.

Serving Today

Greeters: Mary Lou Prowse

(Next Week: Inez Stephens)

Ushers: Dick Schell, Jim and Isaac Seaman

(Next Week: Pat Wilson, Don Potter and Tom Decker)

Nursery: (Age 5 and under) Kristie and Arlayna Seaman

(Next Week: Linda Bush)

Children's Church: Sarah Kady and Gracie Bell

(Next Week: Jill Bell and Nicole Brydon)

Counters: We Need Counters!

Thank You

Thank you for the lovely gifts of quilt, massage and money. It's been a pleasure to serve as Church Treasurer. The love and support of the Church family has always been appreciated. Thanks again.

Serving thee, Christ,

Gerry Smith

Stay for Treats after church in Fellowship Hall!
