



January 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Celebrating an Anniversary this Month</i> 		2 <i>Mary & Mike Meier</i> 17 <i>Dotty & Paul Kinnun</i> 24 <i>Tanya & Chris Morgan</i>	1 <i>Happy New Year!</i> <i>Church office closed</i> <i>No activities</i>			
5 Communion 8:30 am Hospitality Time 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 5:15 pm Puppet practice 5:30 pm Youth Choir	6 6:30 pm BSA Troop 92 6:30 pm Community Choir	7 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Women's Breakfast at Fully Baked 1:00 pm Crochet Fellowship 8:00 pm AA Foxhall Group	8 5:45 pm Chime practice 6:45 pm Choir practice	9	10	11
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Birthdays of the Month

- 1 Martha Ferguson
- 2 Dan Benefield
- 3 Jim Barton
Era Looney
- 4 Erma Chanslor
- 6 Ruth Gray
Makenley Sullivan
- 7 Christy Pasquinzo
- 8 Sandy Wiggins
- 9 Nancy Hines
- 11 Sharon Overcast
- 12 Bill Jones
- 16 Hope Roberts
- 17 Krystal Thrailkill
- 18 Al Gathright
- 19 Natalie Bowen
Vickie Ferry
- 20 Robin Marlin
- 24 James Thompson
- 25 Tim Bowen
- 26 Elizabeth Baker
Stan Johnston
Seth Singleton
- 27 Paul Gray
- 28 Tanya Morgan
- 30 Sarah Grenier



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January Circuit Writer



Growing in the love of God and our neighbors

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Happy New Year!!

UM Men are proud to announce that coaches from University of Arkansas Rich Mountain Community College baseball and softball will be our guest speakers at our dinner Tuesday, 21 January 2020. They'll be discussing their plans for the upcoming season and how we can support the fledgling programs. For dinner, we will have Chili Dogs and Cracker Jacks for dessert. **Additionally, men and women will be welcome to take part in this special event.**

Michael Meier,
UM Men Chair



Coming Upi

Church Council meeting - 19 January

Souper Bowl fundraiser for Youth - 2 February

Scouting Sunday - 9 February

Ash Wednesday Service - 26 February

Wise Men Still Seek Him Matthew 2:1-12

Of all the characters in the Christmas story, the wise men are the most mysterious. They appear out of nowhere from an unnamed country. With their flowing robes and ornate crowns, they seem as out of place in the nativity scene as a tuxedo in a barn.

Yet it is their search for Christ and their response when they find him, that reveals to us the essence of true wisdom.

The star appeared, and they set out to search for the King it announced.

And these magi, who came to Bethlehem, had the wisdom to understand that if what the Scriptures said was true, then it only made sense that they should seek Him personally. So, laying aside their traditions, their nationalism, their native religion, and their prejudices, they set out to find the truth.

Isn't that the essence of wisdom - searching for the truth?

They were, also, wise enough to worship the King when they found Him.

When the wise men found Jesus, Matthew does not say that the magi studied Him, debated about Him, or postponed deciding what to do about Him until a more convenient time. The Bible says they fell down and worshipped Him.

What was true two thousand years ago is still true today. Wise men still seek Him, and when they find Him, they worship Him.



Thanks to everyone who participated in our Ingathering this year. Because of your generosity, we distributed 93 hygiene kits to four different local organizations: Polk County Family Mission, Samaritan's Purse, UARM free flu shot clinic and God's Feeding Hands Ministry.

The kits were very much appreciated, and we got wonderful feedback. Thanks, also, to the youth for assembling the kits.

Bright blessings, Everyone!

Carolyn Wood, outgoing Missions chair.



Thank you so very much to the following people who made our Live Nativity such a blessing: Joseph - Landon Rowe; Mary - Kendall Posey; Wisemen - Larry Barsic, Bob Lancaster, Rick Kauffman; Shepherd - Andy Posey; Angels - Katie and Kilee Rowe; the Methodist Men for erecting the stable; and Wingo Johnson for providing the hay. The special ladies who helped with the costumes were Judy Kauffman and Jeanne Barsic.

Thanks, also, to Samantha Maechler for taking the picture that made the front page of The Mena Star. A huge thank you to the choir for caroling and the Genesis Class and members of the congregation for their generous, and delicious, Open House refreshments. What a night of Wonder!!

**Love, Peace and Grace,
Flora McChristian,
Nativity Coordinator.**