

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 20th	10:30 am	Worship via WVRQ & Facebook Live
	1:00 pm	Christmas Caroling—meet at church
	5:45 pm	Zoom Sunday School
Thursday, December 24th	4:30 pm	Hunt for the Gifts of the Magi (by car)
	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Worship in Parking Lot
Friday, December 25th	MERRY CHRISTMAS	

Christmas Eve

Get your first clue for the Gifts of the Magi Hunt at 4:30 in front of the church. Bring a Bible to help solve the clues that will take you to 3 locations where you will pick up the gold, frankincense, & myrrh. (Hints will be provided if you need them.) Once you have found all the gifts, come back to the church parking lot for a time of worship. Your Christmas offering will be your gift to the Baby Jesus. Folks are welcome to join in the parking lot worship whether or not you have completed the Hunt.

Poinsettias

In Loving Memory of:

Jim Schipper
 Joe Schipper
 Jim & Marge Jeffery & Gert & Roy Swanson
 Don & Delores Hornby Farrington
 Bryce & Jackie Hornby Kimrey
 Art & Lynne Amundson
 Jason & Helen Hornby
 Louise Mulvaney

From:

Janet Schipper
 Janet Schipper
 The Family
 Joanne Hornby
 Joanne Hornby
 Joanne Hornby
 The Family
 Chuck & Mary Mulvaney-Kemp

In Honor of

Maris Kalnins' Birthday
 Kristine Kalnins' Birthday
 Jim Porter

Phyllis Kalnins
 Phyllis Kalnins
 The COVID Task Force

Prayer List: Bud, Annabel, Pat, Mae, Ramona, Arnold, Jean, Pastor Lorri, Elizabeth, Hanna, Danny, those suffering from COVID.

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Viroqua United Methodist Church

Our Prayer

God, the giver of life, generous giver of gifts and abilities, help us discover our talents and have the courage to use them to serve you and our community with unimagined new purposes on behalf of Jesus Christ. Amen.



Viroqua UMC
 221 S. Center Ave.
 Viroqua, WI 54665

December 20th, 2020
10:30 a.m.

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Viroqua UMC Worship Service—Sunday, 10:30 A.M.

Please turn off all cell phones and electronics

**Please stand if you are able

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE "IN DULCI JUBILO" *by J.. S. Bach*

****RINGING OF THE BELL**

****GREETING**

But he was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53: 5-6

****LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE THE CANDLE OF LOVE**

****ADVENT HYMN "LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE" (verses 1-4) TFWS NO. 2090**

****PRAYER**

Holy God, your love is amazing, steady, and unchanging. Your love is relentless, passionate, and astounding. We thank you for the sacrifice of Jesus which has redeemed us and restored us to a right relationship with You. Help to grow our love for you and be more generous with all you have given to us. Amen.

WELCOMING WORDS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLED TO WORSHIP

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

L. Our souls magnify the Lord!

P. **Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!**

L. The mighty One has done great things for us!

P. **Holy is God's name!**

L. Let us worship God.

P. **For God is our Maker and our Redeemer; from generation to generation God gives mercy.**

****HYMN "ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH" UMH NO. 238**

****OPENING PRAYER (in unison)**

Most High God, for you nothing is impossible. Through a poor young woman in a small town you gave birth to your realm of endless glory. By your Holy Spirit, fill us with new life and hope and overshadow us with your power and grace so that we, like Mary, might be your servants, bearing witness to the promise of your Word; through Jesus Christ, who is coming to reign. Amen.

CALLED TO REFLECTION

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 SAMUEL 7: 1-11, 16 PEW BIBLE NO. 330

NEW TESTAMENT READING LUKE 1: 46-55 PEW BIBLE NO. 1225

****GOSPEL READING LUKE 1: 26-38 PEW BIBLE NO. 1225**

L. This is the word of God for the people of God.

P. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "MY SOUL GLORIFIES THE LORD" PASTOR ERIKA MARTINEZ-FLORES

HYMN OF REAFFIRMATION "WHAT CHILD IS THIS?" UMH NO. 219

CALLED TO COMMUNITY AND TO SHARE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER, COMMUNITY PRAYER WITH LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING "HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING" *by John R. Shannon*

****DOXOLOGY UMH NO. 95**

****OFFERING PRAYER**

****CLOSING HYMN "JOY TO THE WORLD" UMH NO. 246**

SENT TO SERVE

****APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION**

****SENDING FORTH (in unison)**

Let the love that overcomes suffering and hatred dwell within us this Christmas. Let the love that causes us to rejoice with loved ones dwell within us this Christmas. Let the love that forgives and renews dwell within us this Christmas. Let the love that brings reconciliation after separation dwell within us this Christmas. Let the love that brings the blessing of peace dwell within us this Christmas. And may we share that peace with all people near and far. Amen.

****BENEDICTION RESPONSE "GO TELL IT ON THE MT" (refrain) UMH NO. 251**

****POSTLUDE "HE IS BORN" *arr. by Mark Thewes***

The radio broadcast is given in honor of Gregg Roberts.

The bulletins are given by Miny Hirschfield in honor of her mother, Martha Burns, on her 92nd birthday, December 22.