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CALENDAR OF EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

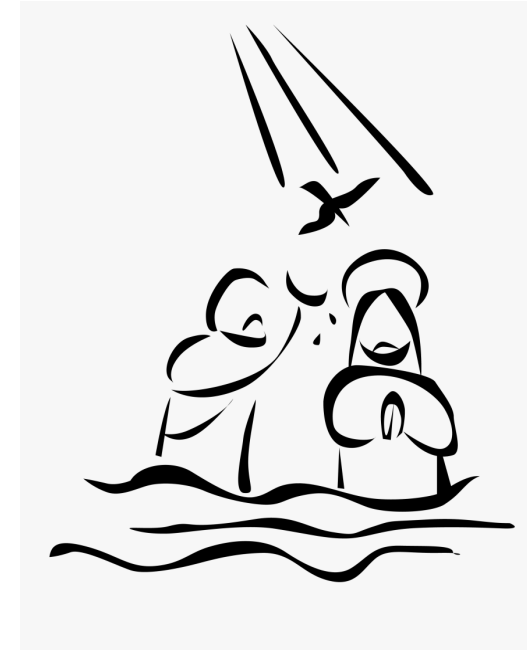
Today, January 10th	4:00 pm	Jones Book/Bible Study (Zoom)
	5:45 pm	Zoom Sunday School
Monday, January 11th	6:45 pm	Education Committee
Tuesday, January 12th	9:00 am	Hymn Selection
	6:00 pm	Trustees
Wednesday, January 13th	8:00 am	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
		Call 606 -5009 to ask for prayer or to join
Sunday, January 17th	10:30 am	Worship

If you or someone you know is experiencing financial difficulties because of COVID related issues, talk with Pastor Erika about how our COVID-Angel fund might help.

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

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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

January 10th, 2021
10:30 a.m.

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Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

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 “ON JORDAN’S BANK THE BAPTIST CRY” *by Hal Hopson*

****RINGING OF THE BELL**

****GREETING**

The Reign of God is drawing near: the prophet calls us to change our lives! Prepare the way for the Lord: a just and peaceful path! Welcome one another, for Christ welcomes you: for the glory of God.

WELCOMING WORDS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLED TO WORSHIP

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

L. The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

P. Jesus emerges from the water.

L. And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

P. "This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."

L. Jesus is named. Claimed.

P. We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.

L. Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

P. Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

****HYMN** “JESUS THE NAME HIGH OVER ALL” **UMH No. 193**

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

Most wonderful God, foolish and flawed though we are, we too delight in your beloved Son. As in his name we gather in the house of many praises, may the heavens be opened for us, that we may catch a glimpse of that Light and Love that transforms our common days with a beauty not of our making. Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen!

CALLED TO REFLECTION

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT READING **PSALM 29** **PEW BIBLE NO. 665**

NEW TESTAMENT READING **ACTS 19: 1-7** **PEW BIBLE NO. 1347**

****GOSPEL READING** **MARK 1: 4-11** **PEW BIBLE NO. 1191**

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

P. Thanks be to God.

SERMON “LIFE IN THE DESERT” **PASTOR ERIKA MARTINEZ-FLORES**

EPIPHANY PRAYER

God, we acknowledge that we are not always ready to receive your best gifts for us. You have given us an epiphany word in order that our searching will bring us to you. It is often our habit to turn aside, stumble over, or even reject experiences and encounters that we later understand to have been precious gifts. Help us to be open to the gift that you offer us now through our star words. We acknowledge that we do not fully understand what this word might mean for our faith, but we receive it from you with gratitude and pray that your Spirit will enable us to live into our word with intention and faithfulness. Amen.

CALLED TO COMMUNITY AND TO SHARE

HYMN OF CONFIRMATION “WHEN JESUS CAME TO JORDAN” **UMH No. 252**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER, COMMUNITY PRAYER

OFFERING “COME LET US JOIN OUR CHEERFUL SONG”- *by Joseph Prentiss*

****DOXOLOGY** **UMH No. 95**

****OFFERING PRAYER**

****CLOSING HYMN** “SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER” **UMH No. 723**

SENT TO SERVE

****APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION**

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

O Star-flinging God, whose light dances across eternity, dazzle us into your presence this new year. Open our hearts to the mystery of your love. Heal us, that we might be healers. Reconcile us to you and to ourselves. May the word of your grace guide our steps like the sun by day and the north star by night, as we travel into the gift of a new year. Amen.

****BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE” *Spiritual*

****POSTLUDE** “CAPRICE” *by Leon Bellmann*