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CALENDAR OF EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, January 3rd	5:45 pm	Zoom Sunday School
Wednesday, January 6th	8:00 am	Prayer Meeting (Zoom) Call 606 -5009 to ask for prayer or to join
Sunday, January 10th	10:30 am	Worship
	4:00 pm	Jones Book/Bible Study (Zoom)
	5:45 pm	Zoom Sunday School

Prayer List: Bud, Annabel, Pat, Mae, Ramona, Arnold, Jean, Pastor Lorri, Elizabeth, Hanna, Danny, Gloria, 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.



**January 3rd, 2021
10:30 a.m.**

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

January 3, 2021

Epiphany 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 “FROM HEAVEN ABOVE” by David Schack

****RINGING OF THE BELL**

****GREETING**

We gather to celebrate that no darkness can extinguish light, to remember that love will always be more powerful than death, and to trust that peace will always be stronger than violence. We gather, people of faith in the light of God’s world. Welcome to worship.

WELCOMING WORDS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLED TO WORSHIP

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

L. Jesus comes along side us and calls us by name. A simple call. A hard call.

P. Because following requires leaving.

L. And we look around to see who else Jesus could be talking to.

P. And we look around to see the trappings of the life we know.

L. It’s hard to leave our nets and walk away from the lake.

P. But we have come this far, to this place, where we can listen and be transformed.

****HYMN** “WHAT GIFT CAN WE BRING?” UMH No. 87

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

Holy One, God of all Creation, you call us to be your people, to carry your vision in this time and place, to go where you send us to help welcome your amazing good news. As we gather in the presence of the risen Christ to spread the news that your realm is near, fill us with your Holy Spirit, O God of all Creation. Fill us with your glorious Spirit, that we may share your good news with a world in need. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

CALLED TO REFLECTION

OLD TESTAMENT READING PSALM 60: 1-6 PEW BIBLE NO. 687

NEW TESTAMENT READING EPHESIANS 3: 1-12 PEW BIBLE NO. 1423

****GOSPEL READING** MATTHEW 2: 1-12 PEW BIBLE NO. 1138

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

P. Thanks be to God.

SERMON “STAR GIFTS” 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

COMMUNION HYMN “LIFE-GIVING BREAD” TFWS NO. 2261

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S TABLE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER, COMMUNITY PRAYER

OFFERING “WE THREE KINGS” by John Barr

****DOXOLOGY** UMH No. 95

****OFFERING PRAYER**

****CLOSING HYMN** “WE THREE KINGS” UMH No. 254

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** “GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN” *setting by Paul Manz*