

Please join us in worship Sunday at 10:00 a.m. as we welcome Rev. Dr. Patricia Epprecht back to our pulpit. Pastor's sermon is titled "Where Jesus is Born" from [Luke 2: 1-7](#).

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The January 2018 issue of the Good News is now available online. Follow the [link here](#) to view **and** save to your desktop, or visit [our website](#) at any time during the month and follow the links to the Good News and [Calendar](#).

***Access our online calendar 24/7/365! The online calendar is updated as information is received in the office - good for reminders of events and meetings, or if you need directions to an event held off-site. This is also a helpful tool for committees and groups when planning your events. See what dates, times, and rooms are available.***

***The calendar is easier to read by clicking the AGENDA tab. Click on an event for more details.***

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**The church office will be closed Monday. We wish you many blessings in the year to come!**

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The sacrament of communion will be observed January 07. Also, our Adult Sunday School class will resume that day at 8:50 a.m.

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The annual meeting of the congregation and corporation has been called for Sunday, February 04, 2018. It is the goal of office staff and volunteers to have the booklet prepared and in your hands on or before the Sunday prior. **The deadline for all end-of-year reports from our various committees, groups and organizations is Monday, Jan. 08.**

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Lunch Bunch will be going to Olive Garden on January 10. The van leaves at 11:30am for those who need a ride. If you prefer to drive yourself, meet us there at noon.

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The Christian Readers Book Club had to postpone their November meeting so on January 17 the books "Shaken" by Tim Tebow and "Twelve Days of Christmas" by Debbie Macomber will be reviewed. These books are available at the library. Come join us for a lively discussion. We meet in the lounge at 6:30 Wednesday night January 17.

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**Please check your mailbox in the hall.** Also, if you see any mail left which you can deliver to those unable to come to church could you please be so kind and do so. The church is not responsible for postage to mail any leftover cards.

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Upper Room devotionals are in your pew racks. Start the new year off right - take and read daily!

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The 2018 Altar Flower calendar is hanging in the vestibule. If you would like to donate altar flowers please mark the calendar, fill in a dedication form and submit the form with payment to the church office. Flowers are ordered through Pockets Full of Posies, Smithville, and cost \$55 per urn including delivery fee. (If you wish to make your own purchase and delivery arrangements check the box for that option.)

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### **Sunday Servants**

Lay Assistant  
David Burgess

Head Ushers  
Betty Price, Jo-ann Weller

Acolyte  
Jack Little

Offering  
Tina Brown, Greg Hamaty

Nursery  
Jennifer Platt

Deacon of the Month  
Karen Muldoon

Refreshments  
Fellowship Committee

Van Driver  
Dirk Williamson

Breakfast Club Kitchen Crew  
Set-up: Lynn Adkisson  
Cook: Russ Adkisson  
Clean-up: Gayle Ackerman

Counting Team  
David & Judy Stebbins

### **Please Remember in Prayer**

Zach Perry	Jinny Wolcott	Barbara McLaughlin
Jim Mong	Joan & David Smith	Bob Gillis & Family
Mildred Felsberg	Gus & Doris Steele	Ethel Washington
Taylor	Isaac Umoren	Ruth Bird
Russ Adkisson	Monica	Nicholas
Barbara Hughes	Ferd Morgan	Dottie Hanlon
Jordan Torjussen	Virginia Loeb	Susan Little
Ruth Carmen	Robin McBrearty	Rose Scott
Betsy Cunius	Kayla Storr	Chuck Inman-Sergott

Victims of violence and natural disasters  
Christians in Pakistan & the Middle East, People of South Sudan  
Pastor Udo, his Churches & all Christians in Nigeria  
Conflict and unrest throughout our nation and around the world

### **This Week in Our Church . . .**

Sunday

8:30 Breakfast  
9:00 Bridges  
10:00 Worship  
11:00 Refreshment

Monday **New Year's Day**  
Office Closed

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

11:30 Serve at Sister Jean's

7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PNC, chapel

Friday

Saturday

9:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry, Madden Hall