

# Order of Worship

January 7, 2024                      Epiphany Sunday                      10:30 a.m.

**Entrance**

Gathering		
Greeting and Announcements		
Prelude		William Elliott
*Call to Worship	“Shine, Jesus, Shine”	Chancel Choir
*Opening Hymn	“Love Came Down at Christmas”	UMH 242
Opening Prayer		UMH 255
Anthem	“Angel Carol Medley”	Chancel Choir

**Proclamation and Response**

Scripture	Matthew 2:1-12 NSRV	
Sermon		Rev. Billy Kurtz
*Hymn of Invitation	“What Child Is This”	UMH 219
Sharing of Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Billy Kurtz
Receiving of God’s Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory		William Elliott
*Doxology	“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”	UMH 95

**Thanksgiving**

Invitation to the Table	UMH 12
Confession and Pardon	
Great Thanksgiving Prayer	
Lord’s Prayer	
Breaking of the Bread, Pouring of the Cup	
Giving the Bread and Cup	

**Sending Forth**

*Closing Hymn	“We Three Kings”	UMH 254
*Dismissal with Blessing		Rev. Billy Kurtz
*Benediction	“Go Tell It on the Mountain”	Chancel Choir
Postlude		William Elliott
Going Forth		

(\*Please stand as you are able.)



**ILLNESS**

Richard Brown (Margaret Elam’s cousin)  
Charlotte Childers (Carol Hash’s Sister)  
Cindy Elliott  
Kathy Farley (JC Higginbotham’s sister)  
Margaret Farmer  
Katie Franklin (Dean Coon’s Niece)  
Millie Hartsock  
Randall Hash  
Tom Hodge (Shelby Clendenen’s brother)  
Joyce Keith (Chemo)  
Bryan Little (Darlene Little’s Son)  
Larry Mahood  
Janet Moore  
Lori Moss  
Sally Rash (Shelby Clendenen’s sister)  
Elliott Spencer (8 years old - Eye surgery at Duke)  
Pam Spracher  
John Taylor (Mark Stower’s friend)

**MILITARY**

Lucas Graham  
Garrett Houck  
Laken McKinney  
Nate Owen  
Ryan Shott  
Jeremy Woody  
All those serving our Country.

**HOMEBOUND**

Lila Atkins  
Rudy Austin (Vera Lee Austin’s brother)  
Jimmy Jones  
Gerry Stowers

If you have someone you would like to put on the prayer list, please call the church office at 276-326-1466 or email [info@bluefieldfumc.org](mailto:info@bluefieldfumc.org).

The January/February Upper Rooms are at the Tazewell Avenue entrance, the ramp entrance, and in the narthex.

*We extend our sympathy to the family of Susan Higginbotham for the passing of her father on Wednesday, January 3, 2024. Please keep Susan, J.C., and her family in your prayers.*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Wednesday, January 10

Choir Practice 6:30 pm

### Sunday, January 14

Sunday School 9:30 am

Worship Service 10:30 am

### Tuesday, January 16

Shrove Tuesday planning  
meeting in library 7:00 pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

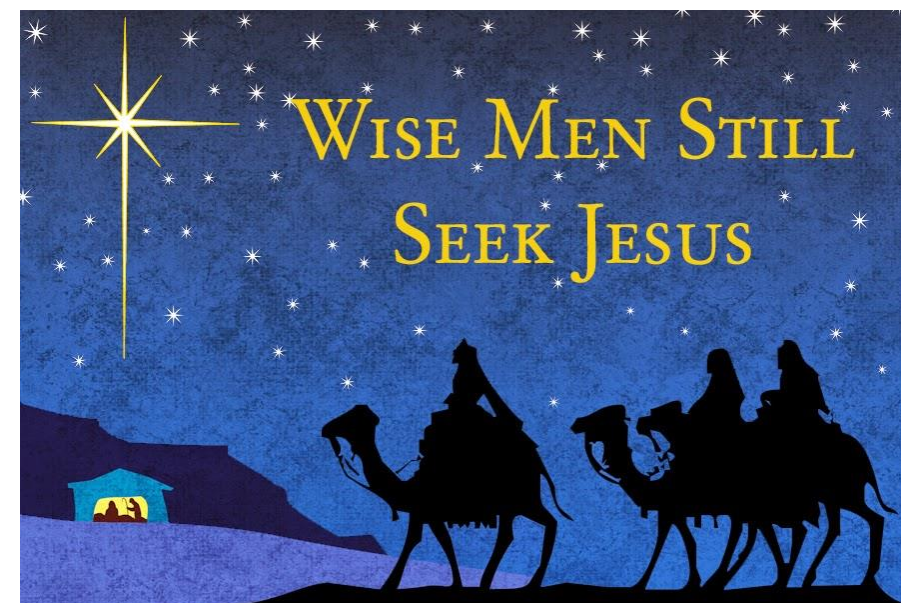
The church is planning to have a Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. We need a small team of volunteers to help plan this event. We will have a meeting on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the library. If you are interested in helping with this event, please attend. If you have questions or can't attend, please contact Jacob Stowers.

The Martha Circle continues to collect peanut butter for the Bluefield Union Mission. Thank you so much for your help and your continued support for this ongoing project of the circle. The peanut butter will be taken to the mission monthly. The collection boxes are at the Tazewell Avenue entrance and the front entrance.

Please send us any scenic pictures you have that we could share on our slides each week. You can email them to [info@bluefieldfumc.org](mailto:info@bluefieldfumc.org) or text them to Beverly Beavers at 276-210-6359.

Our church has several minor projects that need attention (lights in ladies parlor, outside lights, etc). If you would like to donate to this need, please mark your donation to Capital Improvement Projects Dedicated.

## *First United Methodist Church* *Sunday, January 7, 2024*



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