



## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



<b>Mon</b>	<b>Jan 08</b>	4:30 PM Communications--L, 6:00 PM Gerry's Quilt Class.
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Jan 09</b>	9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 10:00 AM Sew n Sews--MMR, No Yoga this week, 5:00 PM Handbell Practice--HR, 7:00 PM Trustees--CH.
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Jan 10</b>	9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 10:00 AM Church Work Day --CH, 1:00 PM Mission Team--CH.
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Jan 11</b>	9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 5:00 PM Handbell Practice--HR, 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal--S.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Jan 14</b>	8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service-Sanctuary.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Jan 14</b>	10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service-Sanctuary.

### Abbreviation Legend

CH--Criswell Hall

S--Sanctuary

K--Kitchen

L--Library---  
Room #123

MMR--McMillen  
Room #113

PS--Pastor's Study

HR--Handbell  
Room #115



### FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY FUTURE EVENTS

**FEBRUARY 10--Paulding Museum Tour  
with Jim Gregory**

**FEBRUARY 24--Branch Street Historic  
Tour**

**APRIL--SLO Botanical Gardens**



*Please visit the Connections Desk  
in the Narthex for more information  
and to sign up for these adventures!*

For this year's Advent/Christmas offering we brought all the animals to the manger to adore baby Jesus.

We beat our goal for the Advent/Christmas offering by raising  
**\$7,832 vs. the goal of \$7,000.**  
**That includes:**

36 Doves @ \$10

15 Cats @ \$25

15 Dogs @ \$25

15 Donkeys @ \$50

25 Sheep @ \$100

2 Cows @ \$250

4 Camels @ \$500

Angel @ \$1000 (bless you!)

Thank you to all,  
Joel Anderson, *Acting Treasurer*



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January 7, 2024

8:30 AM





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**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

Baptism of the Lord

OPENING PRAISE *All the People Said Amen*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONGS *Baptism  
Let the Waters Rise  
Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ILLUMINATION *Down to the River to Pray*

SCRIPTURE Acts 19:1-7  
Mark 1:4-11

SERMON Rev. Mary Birgelaitis  
LIGHT IN US

OFFERING *Wings of a Dove (verse 3 and chorus)*

COMMUNION *Arms of Love*

FINAL BLESSING *The Blessing*

CLOSING *My Lighthouse*

*Praise Band Leader: Mike Clark Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler Bass: Bob Jorstad  
Singers: Connie Clark, Pam Garza*

*Today's Scripture*

**ACTS 19:1-7**

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

*Today's Liturgist: Joseph Brown*

**MARK 1:4-11**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

ATTENDANCE							
WEEK	8:30	10:30	CHRIST- MAS EVE	IN- PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	GIVING
12/10	39	78		117	48	165	\$4,649
12/17	34	93		127	30	157	\$2,817
12/24	40	75	106	221	38	259	\$17,209
12/31	36	52		88	19	107	\$ 4,952

**Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,038  
STEWARDSHIP REPORT: YTD Received \$182,169 YTD Budgeted \$154,502  
Christmas Offering Received \$7,832 Christmas Budgeted \$7,800**

*HOSPITALITY  
TIME*

*Today's Hosts:*

**United  
Women in  
Faith**

*Next Sunday  
--Jan 14--  
Fellowship  
Ministry*