

**Stewardship of Time and Talents, January 11, 2015**

General.....\$1,471.00 Parsonage .....\$100.00  
Coffee Outreach.....\$15.00 .....  
Attendance: Worship – 33 Sunday school –

**Schedule of Events**

Today, January 18, 2015 .....9:00 a.m. .... Worship  
.....10:00 a.m. .... Sunday School  
Monday, January 19, 2015.....9:00 a.m. .... Sermon Shaping  
Tuesday, January 20, 2015.....7:00 p.m. .... Boy Scout Meeting  
.....7:00 p.m. .... Worship Team  
Wednesday, January 21, 2015 .....9:00 a.m. .... Book Club  
Thursday, January 22, 2015 .....7:00 p.m. .... Blessings of the Flesh Study  
Friday, January 23, 2015 .....8:00 a.m. .... REACH, all day  
Saturday, January 24, 2015.....10:00 a.m. .... Food Pantry

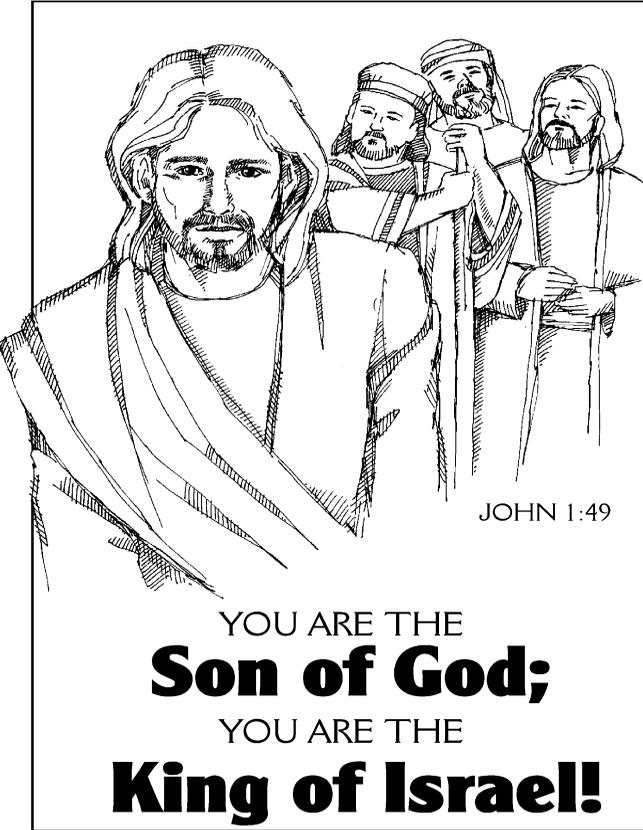
**Participants in this morning’s Worship Service**

Pastor ..... Rev Bruce McDaniel  
Organist..... Linda Allen  
Pianist..... Kathy Bame  
Liturgist ..... Nancy Shrider  
Greeters: East ..... Kent and Kay Lincoln  
North ..... Millie Broka  
Ushers..... Jay and Anne Deutschman

**Announcements and Reminders**

- Please mark your calendars, our **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DAY** has been scheduled for Saturday, January 31, 2014, from 9 AM – 4:30 PM. Details will be posted at a later date.
- The **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** class is starting a new book for our class. The title is “Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life” by Karen Armstrong. From a blurb on the books back cover it says “In this important and thought-provoking work, Karen Armstrong, one of the most original thinkers on the role of religion in the modern world, provides an impassioned and practical guide to helping us make the world a more compassionate place.” Please come join us Sunday mornings following coffee time for good discussion and fellowship.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to Alex and Kaley Glassford on the birth of their baby boy, Tate James Glassford. This is Kathy Bame’s great grandson. Congratulations and best wishes.

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Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
Christ Church Vision Statement:  
CHRISTIAN SERVANTS UNITED IN MISSION TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD  
<http://home.dacor.net/ChristUMC/>

# Christ United Methodist Church

January 18, 2014  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

## We Gather for Worship

Sharing of Events & Ministries

Prelude as the Light of God enters Among Us

**Call to Worship** (Stand if you are able)

Nancy Shrider

Young or old, slow or fast; tall or small, know-it-alls or eager learners:

**Wonder of wonders! God has called each of us here.**

Wrinkled, white-haired, stooped with age; bright-eyed, smooth skinned, leapers of two steps at a time:

**Wonder of wonders! Each of us is made in God's image.**

Parents volunteering at school, kids playing tag; workers stocking shelves, retirees planning a trip:

**Wonder of wonder! God works through each of us**

**Hymn #338**

Where He Leads Me

**Invocation** (Stand if you are able)

Nancy Shrider

It doesn't matter how far we go to run from you, God-who-calls-us: you reach out and touch us with healing in your hands, and turn us around so we can follow you home.

**It doesn't matter how suspicious we are of you, God-who-invites-us-to-follow: you remove our fears with your compassion, you take away our doubts with complete acceptance of who we are.**

It doesn't matter how often we ignore your words, God-who-speaks-to-us: you whisper to us until our ears tingle with anticipation and we listen with eager hope.

**God in Community, Holy in One, continue to call us by name, even as we pray this hour**

## We Proclaim God's Word

**Time with the Children**

"Come and See"

**Hearing the Sacred Text**

1 Samuel 3:1-20 John 1:43-51

**Interpretation of the Sacred Text**

Hello? Who is this?

## We Respond to God's Word

**Offering our Prayer**

**Sharing our Prayer**

**Time of Silent and Personal Prayer**

**Offering our Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness**

**Invitation**

**Doxology and Offering Prayer** (Stand if you are able)

You call us, not because you need us, but because others do. You gift us, not because we are so special, but because others need to be blessed by our gifts. We give from the abundance which is ours, not because we are so generous, but because you have graced us with so much. May our gifts go to serve the work of your kingdom, we pray. Amen.

## We Are Sent Forth

**Hymn #398**

Jesus Calls Us

(Stand if you are able)

**Blessing**

Wonder of wonders! God sends us from this place, to be healing hands to the world's brokenness.

**Wonder of wonders! Jesus calls us as sisters and brothers, to accept others as completely as we have been embraced.**

Wonder of wonders! The Spirit is at work through us, wherever we are - work, home, playground, shelter, school.

**Wonder of wonders! We will go to live as God's people!**

## Prayer/Concerns Requests

Sherrad Adam

Jim Avery

Mary Briggs

Family of Nancy Bostdorff

Lisa Cole

Joe Colen

Family of Dennis Deters

Nydia Deutschman

Josh Earl

Dale Fry

Tom Hales

Carole Hummel

Zak Hunter

Charlotte Jones

Char Kelly

Tom Hales

Family of Tom & Char Horky

Brent Hoestetler

Family of Melvin Johnson

Virgil Krassow

Karen Landries

Roy and Vicki Lanham

David Lowe

Nancy Lowe

Kay Michaels

Marcia Moore

Joel Nowicki

Luann Palmer

Robert Palmer

Joe Perez

Laura Rothhaar

Family of Bob Sabo

Family of Nicholas Salaz

Donnagene Shrider

Derek Stender

Family of Michael Wenig