

## Welcome and Announcements

Prelude	"He Won't"
* Responsive Reading	from Psalm 29
* Gloria Patri	"Glory Be to the Father" UMH 70
* Hymn	"Down to the River to Pray"
Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon	
Passing the Peace and Threefold Amen	
Mission Moment	Grace Wellman
Offertory	"You Are Always Good" Chancel Choir
* Doxology	UMH 94
* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication	
Kids' Moments	Emma Slaughter and Gillian Brents
Song for Illumination	"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"
Scripture Reading	Matthew 3:13-17
Sermon	"Heaven Is Open for Business" Tim Robinson
Contemplative Moment	"Thank You, Jesus, for the Blood"
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer	
* Affirmation of Faith	"Apostles' Creed" UMH 881
* Hymn	"Nothing but the Blood" UMH 362
* Benediction	
* Postlude	

## Celebration Meal for Kristen Marian

To honor Kristen and show our appreciation for her six years of service, we invite you to join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship **next Sunday, January 18**. Meat and drinks will be provided by the church. Bring your favorite side dish to share.

If you would like to give Kristen a love offering, you can bring your card and gift that afternoon or you can leave them in the church office ahead of time.

Please remember that love offerings should be in the form of cash or checks made out directly to Kristen, not the church. This way, your kindness remains a personal gift and won't be reported as taxable income.

## Wednesday Night Activities Resume

Our spring semester of Wednesday night activities starts this week. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 for chili and then plan to stay for activities for all ages. See the calendar for more details.

## Twelfth Night Cantata

If you missed last Sunday's Twelfth Night Cantata, "A Thrill of Hope" (or want to see it again), visit the Music page on the church website: <https://mafairumc.org/music> to watch the recording.

## 2025 Giving Statements

Statements were sent out last week for 2025 giving. If you haven't received yours, please contact Ray in the church office.

## Prayer Concerns

Linda DeBord; Doris Cox; Warren Larson; Ann Keith; Nellie Stover; Amy Reedy; Dannie Flanary; Joyce Weldon; Jacques Weldon (Joyce Weldon's nephew); Philip Weldon (Joyce Weldon's brother); Kristy Bright (Jackie Tranbarger's daughter); Phyllis Charles; Susan Flanary; Amanda Flanary; Randy Smith; Pauline Smith; Roni Acuff; Mike Hartwyk (Bobbie Carico's nephew); Jackie Beatty and Shonn Carter (Deric Beatty's sister and niece); Billy Reeves (Jackson Coleman's grandfather); James Bowden (Helen Alley's father).

If you would like to be added to the Prayer Warriors list and receive an email when prayer requests come in, please email Ray at [rjohnson@mafairumc.org](mailto:rjohnson@mafairumc.org).

## The Season of Epiphany

**Baptism of the Lord and Transfiguration of the Lord** stake out the beginning and the culmination of the Christian life, from baptism to glorification. The gospel readings for the Sundays between are stories of Jesus with his disciples in the early part of his public ministry. Taken together with their bookends, the season presents an opportunity for congregations to invite non-Christian friends or family to discover what discipleship to Jesus involves, and, if they choose, continue into a process of intentional formation as his disciples (catechumenate) during Lent.

Baptism of the Lord Sunday is thus more than simply a commemoration of an event in Jesus's life nearly 2,000 years ago. It also the springboard for a congregation to engage in evangelism by inviting others to "come and see" what life with Christ may be like. On this day, the baptized recommit themselves to live out the baptismal vows alongside seekers listening to Jesus to find out what following him may mean for them. *from UMC.org*

# This week at Mafair

Rooms: FH Fellowship Hall TPC The Prospect Center  
B01-B09 Basement 101-109 First Floor 201-209 Second Floor

## Sunday

8:30am Staff Meeting · 104

9:45am Sunday School

10:30am Chancel Choir warmup · 105

11:00am Worship · Sanctuary

## Monday

6:00pm Staff-Parish Relations, Trustees, Finance · 107

6:00pm Recovery Resources TN · TPC

## Tuesday

8:00am Morning Hope Breakfast · TPC

10:30am Intercessory Prayer Group · 104

## Wednesday

3:30pm Worship Planning · 107

5:30pm Dinner · FH

6:15pm Kids' Choir · B05

6:15pm Youth · 205

6:30pm Bible Study · FH

6:30pm Kids' SPLASH · B08

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal · Sanctuary

## Twelve Step Groups at the Prospect Center

These are all open meetings and for men and women unless otherwise specified.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** ..... 2:00pm every day

**Alcoholics Anonymous** ..... 9:30am and 7:00pm Sundays

**Alcoholics Anonymous (Women)**... 6:30pm Wednesdays

**Al-Anon** ..... 4:00pm Sundays

**Drug Addicts Anonymous** ..... , 8:30pm Fridays

**Narcotics Anonymous** ..... , 12:00pm Thursdays

**Narcotics Anonymous** ..... , 7:00pm Saturdays

## New Prayer Group

**Morning Intercessory Prayer Group** will meet here in the Ladies' Parlor at 10:30am on Tuesday, January 13.

## Welcome to Worship!

We're glad you're here. If you'd like to learn more about Mafair, please fill out a green information sheet from the pew rack.

Need a cough drop, water, or help of any kind during worship? Please ask an usher.

Worshiping with children? You're welcome to keep them with you or use our nursery for infants through age 3. We also have quiet activities available at the sanctuary entrance.

Children are invited to the front for a brief message, followed by Kids' Church.

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**Nursery:** Infants through age 3, located downstairs in Room B03.

**Kids' Church:** For children ages 3-7, held downstairs in the Lower Elementary classroom (Room B07). At the end of the service, parents pick up their children from Kids' Church.

**Hearing Assistance:** Hearing-assisted devices are available at the sanctuary entrance. Please ask an usher for assistance.

## Mafair Staff

Pastor .....	Tim Robinson
Director of Student Ministries .....	Annie Coleman
Director of Children's Ministries .....	Susan Jenkins
Nursery Attendant .....	Piper Benton
Music Director .....	Kristen Marian
Pianist .....	Glenda Gray
Operations Manager .....	Ray Johnson

## Baptism of the Lord January 11, 2026



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