

New Covenant United Methodist Church

Epiphany Sunday

January 1, 2012

“The Body of Christ: Going in Faith, Growing in Love and Serving Others”

*Indicates that they who are able should please stand.

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Call to Worship *Love Came Down at Christmas*

Leader: Come, let us worship the one who is Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end.

Greeting (Responsively) People: BEHOLD, OUR GOD MAKES ALL THINGS NEW.

*Congregational Praise *We Three Kings*

Offering & Music *A Baby Changes Everything—Amy Pacitto*

*Offertory Response Doxology—MH 95

Prayer Pastor Randy Wall

Anthem *We Would See Jesus—Adult Choir*

Scripture Genesis 1:1-6—Carolyn Lazevnick

Message “First Words”—Pastor Randy Wall
“In the Beginning.....” Sermon Series

Welcome to worship on this first day of the new year of 2012. What a great way to begin this new year. If you are a guest here at New Covenant Church, a special welcome to you. Pastor Randy begins a new sermon series today titled “In the Beginning: Beginning Stories, Lifelong Lessons.” Today, he focuses on the beginning of creation. As worship begins, speak to God uttering a prayer for this time of worship before us. During worship, allow God through the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

Principle 1—God not only created light but _____. See Exodus 3:1-6

Principle 2—We are called to _____. See Matthew 5:14-15

*Closing Song *Go Tell It On the Mountain—MH 251*

*Benediction *Love Came Down at Christmas—MH 242 verse 3*

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emergencies!—If you have an emergency and need our pastor, please call Randy at (704) 464-9837. If you cannot reach Randy, please call Linda Stroup at (704) 913-2812.

Worship Attendance Sheet—You will find in your bulletin our worship attendance sheet. Whether you are a regular attender or a guest, please fill this out and drop it in the offering plate so we will have a record of your attendance and follow up accordingly. For those who are regular attenders, please register your attendance and update your information if there has been a change. Thank you for your help.

Prayer Quilts—The quilts placed on the quilt racks are for Everete Jordan, Martha Webster & Thomas Springs, Ill. Quilts on the left were placed on the racks last week. The quilts to the right are on the racks for the first time. Please say a prayer and tie a knot for these individuals.

Christmas Decoration Removal—We will remove the Christmas decorations on Monday, January 2nd, at 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Meal—Please join us for our Fellowship Meal on Wednesday, January 4th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Food for the tummy and friends for the soul! The Cornerstone Sunday School Class will be sponsoring this meal. Menu to be announced. We will need desserts and beverages. All proceeds will go to the Building Fund.

Election of Officers—The following committees will meet on Sunday, January 8th at 10:45 a.m. to elect officers for 2012:

Trustees (meeting in sanctuary: Randy Wall, convener)

Bob Simmons, Donny Coltharp, Trip Callahan, Judy Price, Cheryl Smith, Jim Rudisill, Webb Hatley, Curt Deskus, Teresa Weyeneth, Tommy Everhart

Parsonage Comm. (meeting in parlor: Gail Foster, convener)

Carolyn Lazevnick, Jill Hatley, Harvey Thomas, Donnie Lanham, Gregg Ganous, Wendy Callahan, Jennifer Price, Boyce Parker, Shan Stroupe

Comm. on Lay Leadership (meeting in office: Angela Hallman, convener)

Kelly Hawkins, Cindy Ganous, Wanda Parker, Sam Price, Bryan Abernathy, Holly Adams

If you would like to be included in the *New Covenant email group*, please contact Kim Reese at kimreese@newcovenantumc.org.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Giving Goal	\$ 5,186.00	Building Fund Giving for 12/25	\$ 5,642.00
Given 12/25	\$ 4,525.00	Building Fund Balance	\$ 36,493.92
Giving Goal to Date	\$269,672.00	FLC Loan Balance	\$480,262.80
Given to Date	\$233,281.80		
Deficit	\$ 36,390.20		

Attendance for December 25th—141

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

NURSERY THIS WEEK—9:00 Eddie & Sandy Cox; 11:00 Laura & Bailey Canady, Melissa Hallman & Kristy Ballard

NURSERY NEXT WEEK—9:00 John & Kelly Carpenter; 11:00 Robin & Lauren Lanham, Bryan & Crystal Abernathy

VISITATION TEAM THIS WEEK—Bobby & Jane Riggins

VISITATION TEAM NEXT WEEK—Shannon Reavis & Debbie Stewart

ACCOUNTING TEAM THIS WEEK—Kelly Hawkins & Lou Ann Simmons

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ACOLYTE THIS WEEK—Christian Thomas; **ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK**—Leah Carpenter

USHERS FOR JANUARY—9:00 Harvey Thomas, Doug Hyche, Curt Deskus & Tommy Everhart, 11:00 Spencer Stewart & Randy Hallman

AT NEW COVENANT THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 1

9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
10:00 a.m.	Blood Pressure Checks in Parlor
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship

Monday, January 2

6:00 p.m.	Decoration Removal
7:00 p.m.	Visitation Team

Tuesday, January 3

9:00 a.m.	Prayer Service
9:30 a.m.	Quilt Ministry
6:30-8:00 p.m.	Tae Kwon Do
7:30 p.m.	Cornhole in Sanctuary

Wednesday, January 4

9:00 a.m.	Baby Quilt Ministry
5:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
6:00 p.m.	His Song Men's Choir
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir

Thursday, January 5

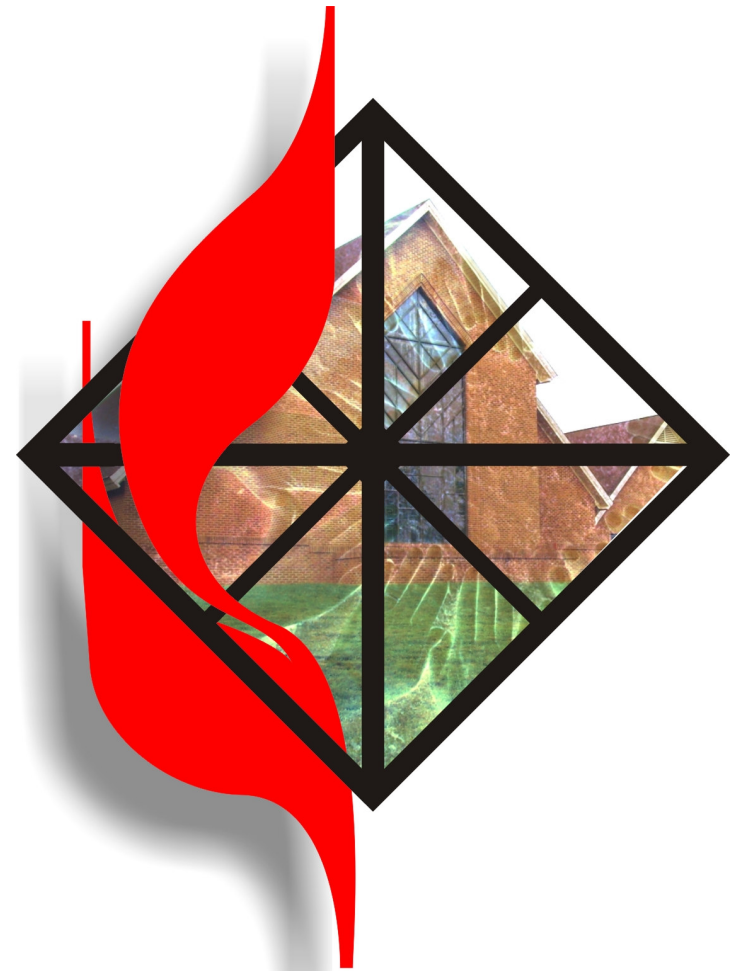
7:00 p.m.	Praise 150 Practice
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Friday, January 6

Saturday, January 7

FLC Reserved

Bulletin Deadline is NOON Wednesdays



giving the Spirit room to grow...

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Nuts for Sale—The Youth will be selling nuts for \$4 for a 1 pound bag. We have toasted salted pecans, English walnuts, black walnuts, sliced almonds and asst. salted nuts. The nuts will be available in the narthex. See Donnie Lanham for details.

UMM Breakfast—The breakfast for the United Methodist Men will take place on Sunday, January 8th, at 7:00 a.m. in the FLC. All men are invited to attend

UMW Unit Meeting—The UMW Unit Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 8th, at 4:00 p.m. in the Library. All ladies are invited to attend. **UMW Morning Circle**—Please join the UMW Morning Circle on Thursday, January 12th, at 10:00 a.m., at the church. All ladies are invited to attend. **UMW Hart Circle**—The UMW Hart Circle will meet on Thursday, January 12th, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Karen Rhyne. Group 5 will provide refreshments. Missy Michael will continue our study of “Duty or Delight.” All ladies are invited to attend.

Worship Committee—The Worship Committee will meet on Monday, January 9th, at 7:00 p.m.

Attention Men—The men’s study group will begin a new study on Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m. They will be studying the book, *Paul, Living for the Call of Christ* by Gene A. Getz. Cost for the book will be approximately \$15. Questions? Contact Randy Wall or Bryan Abernathy.

Lake Norman 2012 District Leadership Conference—The Lake Norman District Leadership Conference will take place on Saturday, January 14th, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., at Davidson UMC. Please let Randy or the church office know if you are interested in attending. Information is available on the table in the narthex.

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