

New Covenant United Methodist Church
First Sunday After the Epiphany
January 8, 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 *This Is A Day of New Beginnings* (MH 383 v. 4)

Leader: In this is love, not that we loved God but He loved us

Greeting (Responsively) People: AND GAVE HIS SON AS THE SACRIFICE FOR OUR SINS, AND NOT ONLY OUR SINS, BUT THE SINS OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

*Congregational Praise *Freely, Freely* (MH 389), *Something Beautiful* (MH 394)

Offering & Music Kat Granger

*Offertory Response Doxology—MH 95

Prayer Trip Callahan

Anthem *Draw Me Close To You*

Scripture Genesis 3:1-13—Amy Overbay

Message “Where Are You?”—Pastor Randy Wall
 “In the Beginning,.....” Sermon Series

Welcome to one and all as we worship on this second Sunday in 2012 in January. A special welcome to those who are our guests for worship today. Last Sunday, Pastor Randy began a new sermon series titled: “In the Beginning: Beginning Stories, Lifelong Lessons.” He continues that look at stories from the Book of Genesis by focusing on the sin of Adam and Eve. Before worship, speak to someone else especially to someone you may not know. As music begins, take a moment to speak to God uttering a prayer for yourself and our worship leaders as you prepare for God to speak to you this day.

Principle 1—Are you in a place of _____ in your relationship with God?
 See Genesis 3:1-4

Principle 2—Are you in a place of experiencing _____ ?
 See Genesis 3:5-6

Principle 3—Are you in a place of seeking _____ ?
 See Genesis 3:7-8

Principle 4—Are you playing _____ in your relationship with God and others?
 See Genesis 3:11-13

*Closing Song *Take Time to Be Holy* (MH 395)

*Benediction

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 Christine Sherrill, Everette Jordan & Martha Webster. 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.

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

UMW Unit Meeting—The UMW Unit Meeting will be held today 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. Our study of “Duty or Delight” will be delayed. Instead, Amber-Drew Foster will be joining the group. Amber-Drew is excited to share with us her experiences during her recent mission trip to Nicaragua in November. All ladies are invited to attend.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Giving Goal	\$ 5,222.00	Building Fund Giving for 1/1	\$ 1,945.00
Given 1/1	\$ 5,940.00	Building Fund Balance	\$ 8,217.18
Giving Goal to Date	\$ 5,222.00	FLC Loan Balance	\$450,260.17
Given to Date	\$ 5,940.00	Special Mission	\$ 260.00
Favorable	\$ 718.00	Fellowship Meal	\$ 536.26

Attendance for January 1st—1st Service-77, 2nd Service-87

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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

NURSERY NEXT WEEK—9:00 Cindy & Cameron Ganous; 11:00 Michelle Stroupe & Christy McInnis, Steve & Missy Michael

VISITATION TEAM THIS WEEK—Shannon Reavis & Debbie Stewart

VISITATION TEAM NEXT WEEK—Gregg & Cindy Ganous

ACCOUNTING TEAM THIS WEEK—Dannette Carson & Ann Ballard

ACCOUNTING TEAM NEXT WEEK—Kim Reese & Luann Elliott

ACOLYTE THIS WEEK—Leah Carpenter; **ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK**—Kevin Sellers

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 8

9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
10:45 a.m.	Trustee, Parsonage & Lay Leadership Off. Elections
11:00 a.m.	Worship
1:00 p.m.	Youth Leave for WinterJam
4:00 p.m.	UMW Unit Meeting
5:30 p.m.	DOC Women's Choir

Monday, January 9

7:00 p.m.	Handbells
7:00 p.m.	Visitation Team
7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee

Tuesday, January 10

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

Wednesday, January 11

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

Thursday, January 12

10:00 a.m.	UMW Morning Circle
6:30 p.m.	UMW Hart Circle at Karen Rhyne's House
7:00 p.m.	Praise 150 Practice

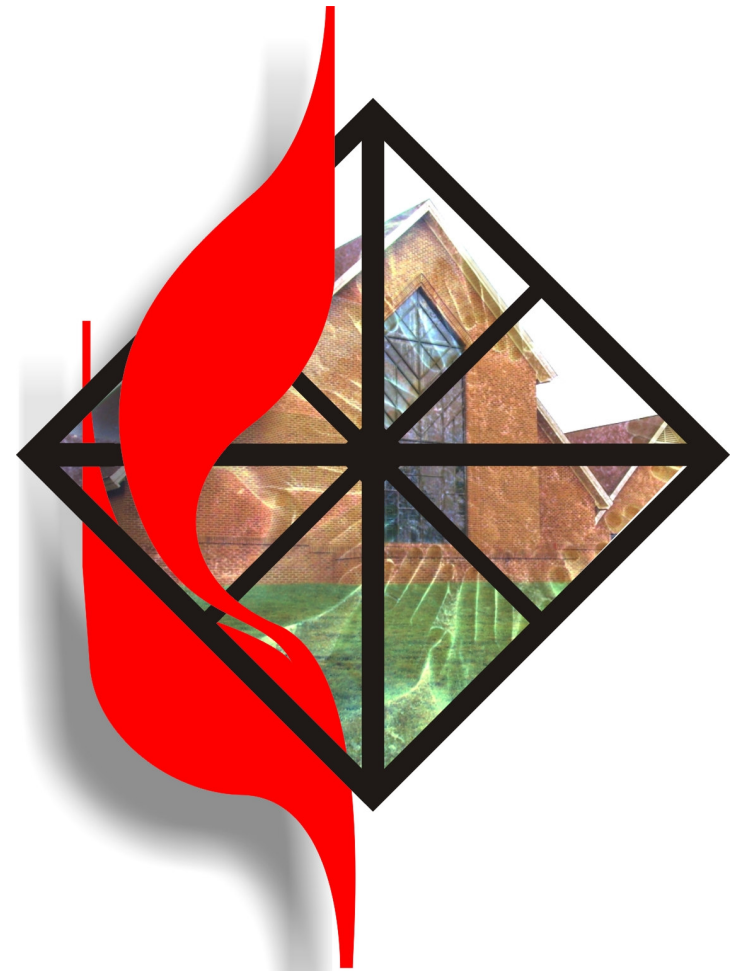
Friday, January 13

Saturday, January 14

8:00 a.m.	District Leadership Conference & Davidson UMC
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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.

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Confirmation—There will be information sessions for young people and their parents who are interested in being a party of a Spring, 2012 confirmation class at the following times: on Sunday, January 30 from 5:00-5:30 p.m. in the parlor or Wednesday, February 2 from 6:00-6:30 p.m. in the church parlor. General information about class expectations will be shared. Our confirmation sessions will begin on Sunday, February 6th, and will be held on Sunday afternoons at a time to be decided.

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