

ECHOES

January, 2019

**We Invite
We Welcome
We Nurture
We Serve**

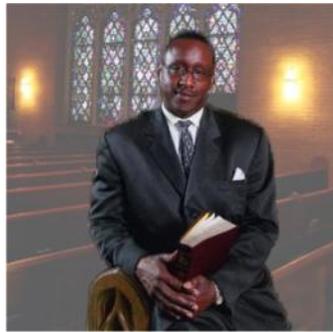


From the Pastor's Desk...

By Pastor Quentin Wallace

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

(Matthew 2:11-12)



As a child several important persons in my life discussed the importance of dreams. "People should always have a dream of something more or of something to aspire to," were their encouragements. At one time I dreamed of being a comedian, and on other occasions a basketball star, a professional singer, an actor, and at another time a great preacher and leader like the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Whether I achieved these aspirations or not did not matter as much as having something to aspire to.

According to the Bible, God has spoken to and continues to communicate to people through dreams. As in the case of Jacob and his dream of a ladder from earth to heaven in the Old Testament, it was through a dream God guided him. Joseph interpreted a dream for Pharaoh in the Old Testament and was elevated from prisoner to second in command in Egypt. It is important to have dreams.

In the passage of scripture above, after the magi properly worshipped the Christ and spent some time together in His presence, they were warned in a dream not to return to king Herod with news of the Christ child's whereabouts. In obedience the wise men went home without returning to Herod. In 2019 there are some dreams for our lives and our ministry that God intends to bring into fruition.

What things has your worship experience with Christ wrought that may be leading you to take another route? I believe that now, at the beginning of the new year, is the time to evaluate what personal or spiritual dreams we must pursue and what other concerns we must not return to through God's revelation. In faith we must "Dare to pursue your God inspired dreams in 2019."

Blessings and Happy New Year!

Sidelights

UMW WINTER BREAKFAST

All teen girls and women are invited to our annual women's breakfast, Saturday, January 12, at 9:00 am. Fellowship around the breakfast table; enjoy light entertainment; meet the challenge of a reading program; participate in a prayer partner exchange; and be encouraged to be part of a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. Breakfast will start at 9:00 am in Bethany Hall. Please call Chris Kimmich with any questions. 717.468.5126. See you there.

UMW SPRING RETREAT

The annual UMW Spring Retreat will be held in Ocean City, New Jersey, April 26-28. All women of Covenant are invited to our retreat. Join us for a time of fellowship and spiritual growth. Sue Kresge, Cindy Smith, and Chris Kimmich will lead our retreat (theme to be announced soon). Registration is due in January. A non-refundable payment in full is due by Sunday, February 2. The retreat starts Friday, April 26, at 8:30pm and concludes Sunday at noon. Cost is \$75 per person (\$100 if you arrive Thursday). If you have any questions or wish to register, contact Chris Kimmich at rkimmich@aol.com or call at 717-468-5126.

Sidelights

GIFTS GIVEN...

In honor of **Quentin E Wallace** from Dolly Kepner to the Discretionary Fund.

In honor of **Quentin E Wallace** from Patrick Synder to the Discretionary Fund.

In honor of **Quentin E Wallace** from Karen Schneider to the Discretionary Fund.

In memory of **Randall Dippary** to the Building Fund from Sandra Leonard.

In memory of **Gladys Subers** to the Memorial Fund from K Pauline Staab.

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In memory of **Randall Dippary** to the Building Fund from Lois Neidermyer.

NOTES OF THANKS

Peg Walz wishes to thank the Covenant members for their Christmas cards, the beautiful poinsettia, and the wonderful visit from the Covenant Christmas carolers.

Ella and Ted Lewis sent a lovely note of Christmas wishes for all the members of Covenant, as well as their thanks for helping out her family in their time of need.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

The finance team in conjunction with the Leadership Team has decided to make church envelopes available for pick-up at the church rather than sending them through the mail. The envelopes are now ready and available for pickup in the Gathering Area. Please be aware that envelopes will not be mailed this year.

We Worship Together

Sunday Services

9:00 am - Contemporary Worship

10:20 am - Traditional Worship

January 6, 2019—Epiphany Sunday

Pastor Quentin will bring the message at the 9:00 am and 10:20 am services. Holy communion will be observed. The Chancel Choir will provide the music for worship at 10:20.

January 13, 2019—1st Sunday after the Epiphany

Pastor Wallace will preach the message at 9:00 am and 10:20 am. Both the Chancel Choir and the Bell Choir will participate in the 10:20 am service.

January 20, 2019—2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Pastor Wallace will preach at both worship services at 9:00 am and 10:20 am. The Chancel Choir will participate in the 10:20 am service.

January 27, 2019—3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Pastor Wallace will preach the message at both the 9:00 am & 10:20 am services. The Chancel Choir will sing at 10:20.

Wise men still seek Him.

January Volunteers

January 6

Lobby Greeters:

8:40 - Ruth Neuman & Brenda Roth

10:00 - Lori Brown & Tina Butler

Hallway Greeter: 10:20 - Grace Fisher

Anchorite: Lois Neidermyer

January 13

Lobby Greeters:

8:40 - Cindy & Bob Hean

10:00 - Youth

Hallway Greeters: 10:20 -

Anchorite: Carole Horn

January 20

Lobby Greeters:

8:40 - Mary Lou Hill

10:00 - Sandy & Rev. Carrigan

Hallway Greeters: 10:20 -

Anchorite: Don Dale

January 27

Lobby Greeters:

8:40 - Mee Schuler

10:00 - Harold & Janice Ulmer

Hallway Greeters: 10:20 -

Anchorite: Nancy Grau

January Ushers

Head Usher: Glenn Miller

Tina Butler, Merle Groff,

John Longenecker, Maryanne Miller

February Ushers

Head Usher: Denise Troop

Ron Kimmich, Bill Grau, Jr.,

Joan Miller, Esther Mefferd

A Day Set Aside

We set aside this day in January to recognize the life and work of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. In doing so, we recognize that there is still much work to be done in "carrying the gospel of freedom," to our communities, as King wrote in his Letter from a Birmingham. In closing that same letter, King writes of his hope that:



“...the deep fog of misunderstanding will be lifted from our fear drenched communities, and in some not too distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty.”

As Christians, we are called to continue the reconciling work of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Financial Update

The Finance Team wishes to keep the Covenant Family up to date on the state of our church finances. Please review the information carefully and use it as you prayerfully consider your stewardship—your time, talents, and resources—in support of Covenant Church. If you have questions regarding the report, please feel free to contact any member of the Finance Team.

Below are Income and Expenses for November				
which represents 92% of the year				
		Budget	November YTD Actuals	Percentage of Budget
INCOME				
	Envelope Offering	\$300,000.00	\$265,274.20	88%
	Plate Offering	\$3,300.00	\$2,733.52	83%
	Special Offerings	\$8,500.00	\$455.25	2%
	Trusts	\$22,800.00	\$17,120.10	75%
	Parking Lot	\$22,000.00	\$24,551.50	112%
	Use of Bldg	\$1,500.00	\$1,355.00	90%
	Day Care	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00	80%
	Miscellaneous	\$6,450.00	\$4,799.35	74%
	BB&T	\$109,621.28	\$80,000.00	73%
		\$484,171.28	\$404,288.92	84%
EXPENSES				
	Missions & Benevolence	\$52,152.00	\$47,005.34	90%
	Evangelism	\$310.00	\$240.00	77%
	Christian Education	\$5,900.00	\$4,122.46	70%
	Worship	\$2,265.00	\$2,895.04	128%
	Program Administration	\$26,000.00	\$25,784.24	99%
	Personnel	\$280,299.28	\$250,302.85	89%
	Property	\$117,245.00	\$101,602.48	87%
		\$484,171.28	\$431,952.41	89%

Sidelights

THE CHILDREN OF COVENANT NEED YOU!

The Nurture Team needs a few dedicated volunteers to support our children's & youth ministries. To be in compliance with our safe sanctuary policies, we are seeking adult second helpers. Our nursery ministry needs someone for 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10:20. We are also seeking a second person to assist with our Connect children's ministry at 10:20. Lastly we are seeking one or two enthusiastic individuals to support Minister Santa in our youth ministry. This may include youth Sunday school at 10:20 or extended youth at 11:30. If you are available for one or more Sundays, we would love to hear from you. You will not be required to plan lessons; we are looking for a second adult presence. As God is leading you, please share your availability with Minister Brenda.

NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

Pastor Quentin will lead a six week Bible Study beginning Thursday, January 17, and concluding on Thursday, February 21. Each study will consist of a topical subject and begin at 7:00pm. Any questions, please speak to Pastor Quentin.

MOOS UPDATE

Come support Mornings On Orange Street (MOOS) at GO'N Bananas on January 17 anytime between 11am and 9pm. For each paying family, 15% of the proceeds will go to MOOS. Upon arrival, just mention you are there to support MOOS and you will receive \$5 off your package plus \$5 EXTRA towards arcade game cards. Thanks for supporting MOOS! Pick up a flyer with all the information in the Gathering Area.

Sidelights

CHURCH THEME FOR 2019

Pastor Quentin has chosen a theme for 2019. It is "Preparing for Increase." Please be in prayer for Covenant as we begin a new year.

A THANK YOU FROM PASTOR QUENTIN

Hello Church Family, This past year I reached another milestone with the Lord, allowing me to reach 60 years of age. I was doubly blessed by being the appointed pastor of Covenant at this time. Thank you so much for making my birthday and Christmas season so special. Many thanks and blessings.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY PLEDGE CARDS

Thank you to everyone who turned in a pledge card. If you have not already done so, there is still time to submit your card. Please pick up a pledge card in the Gathering Area and return it to the church office.

JOIN A PRAYER GROUP

Start the new year with prayer. You are invited to join the Wednesday Prayer Group, which meets each Wednesday at 10:15am or the conference call prayer group that meets every Friday morning at 6am. via the phone. Just dial 515-739-1034, and enter this code— 202700.

GROCERY CARDS

Support our Outreach Team and Outreach Ministries by purchasing a grocery card at the table in the lobby. Cards can be purchased on the first and third Sunday of each month. By using the card, a percentage of your purchase price is returned to the

Epiphany...What?, Why?, and How?

WHAT is the history behind this holiday? The word epiphany means "manifestation" or "revelation." When Christians talk about Epiphany, we are referring to the three wise men or the Magi's revelation that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah that Israel had been waiting for (Matthew 2:1-12). On this day, we recognize the wise men's journey to see, worship, and bring gifts to "the one...born king of the Jews" (Matthew 2:2). The festival commemorating Epiphany is Jan. 6 and is also called Three Kings Day. Epiphany celebrates Jesus' outward and visible expression of love for us.

WHY does the Epiphany matter? Christ's birth was a big deal for the wise men, and it is a big deal for us. At its essence, Epiphany celebrates Jesus' outward and visible expression of love in leaving His rightful place in heaven to live as a

human and become the sacrifice for our sins. The Magi, wise men who studied the stars and were considered sinners, represent Jesus' ability to draw all types of people to Him. He is a Savior who came for all people, including each one of us.

HOW should I celebrate Epiphany? Epiphany traditions vary from culture to culture. It can be helpful to remember and celebrate significant events in Jesus' life, including the Epiphany. What is important to keep in mind when celebrating any holiday is the reason for and the heart behind the celebration. Rather than acknowledging traditions or rituals because they've always been done, celebrate the meaning of the holiday: Jesus came to earth to save us.

(Article from NewSpring Church website)

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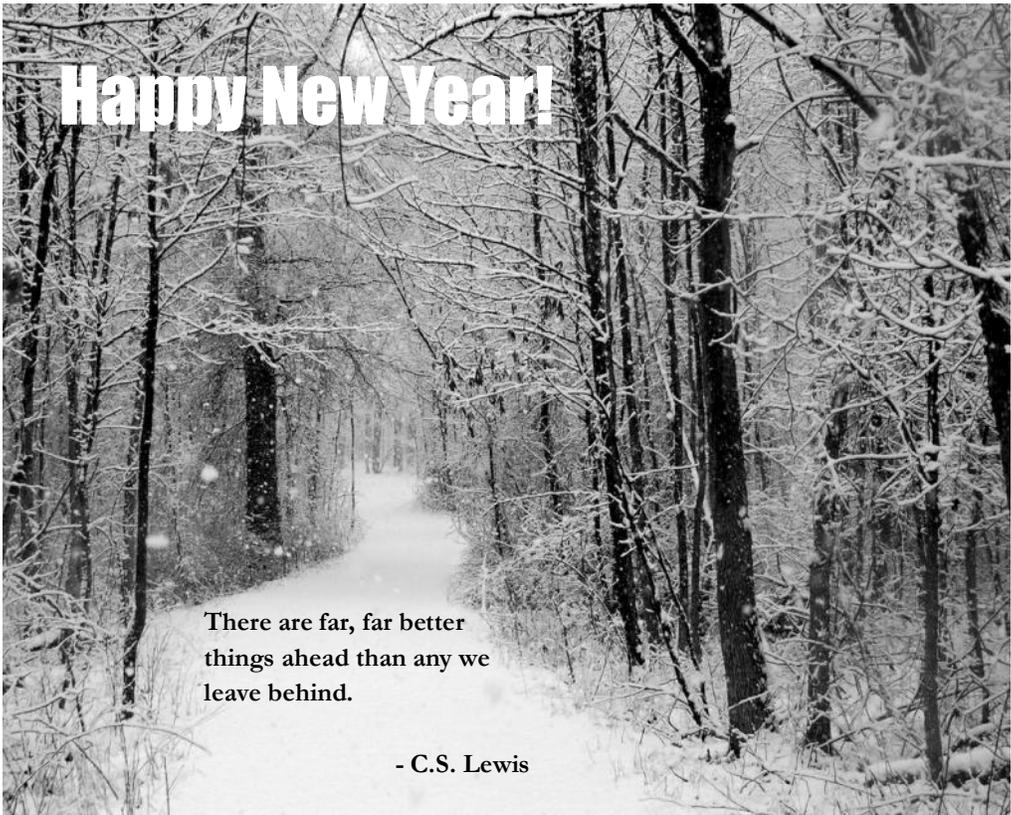
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Happy New Year!

There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind.

- C.S. Lewis

Here's To Good Health

Back in November there was an article in the newspaper about older people and falls. That got me thinking about giving you some tips to help keep you safer in 2019.

No matter your age, no one wants to fall. It can be embarrassing; your pride can be hurt; and, worse, you can be injured. The risk of falling increases as you age, but there is good news... falls can be prevented.

- **Exercise** Yes, I've talked about this before, but exercise is great to help keep you healthy and can help you keep your balance.
- **Use a walker or a cane.** Please, folks, please don't be embarrassed to use one of these devices. Make sure you have plenty of room to walk around in your living areas.
- **Remove those throw rugs.** Yes, I know they make your home look nice, but they can cause you to fall if you catch your foot on the edge of one.
- **Use grab bars** in the bathroom for getting in and out of the shower or tub.

- **Wear good fitting shoes.** Be sure they are non-slip.
- **Don't forget to drink plenty of water.** Yes, I know that will make you go to the bathroom more often, but it is a healthy thing to do.
- **Don't go rushing** to answer the phone or door bell. People can call back or wait until you get to the door.
- **See your primary care provider regularly.** Talk with them about what your medications are being used for and what might be the side effects. Also talk to your primary care provider about the possibility of physical therapy to strengthen your legs.

My New Year's prayer for each of you is that you will have a happy, healthy, and safe 2019!

Cindy Smith

Wellness coach

JANUARY CALENDAR

Regular Events

(Unless Otherwise Noted)

MOOS, 7am

Prayer Group, Wednesdays, 10:15am

Chancel Choir, Wednesdays, 7pm

Praise Team, Thursdays, 7pm

Conference Call Prayer Group,
Fridays, 6am

1/5, Saturday

Community Closet, 9am

1/9, Wednesday

Community Meal, 4:30pm

1/12, Saturday

UMW Winter Breakfast, 9am

1/15, Tuesday

Trustee Board meeting, 7 pm

Worship Team meeting, 7:05pm

1/16, Wednesday

Bell Choir rehearsal, 5:30pm

1/17, Thursday

New Bible Study, 7pm

1/19, Saturday

IMPACT! Missions workday, 9am

1/21, Monday

MLK Day, Church Office Closed

1/22, Tuesday

Opera Lancaster rehearsal, 7pm

1/24, Thursday

Bible Study, 7pm

1/26, Saturday

Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 7:30am

Leadership Retreat, 9am

1/31, Thursday

Bible Study, 7pm

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