

# ASHLAND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

*Disciples of Christ*

*Star*

*Sunday*

Second Sunday after *Christmas* ~ January 5, 2020

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## *Announcements*

**Welcome & Announcements**

Shannon Stockwell

### **Congregational Meeting- 2020 Church Budget**

There will be a congregational meeting January 12, 2020 to vote on the budget for the new year. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting. A copy of the 2020 budget is available in the narthex.

### **Star Sunday 2020 —TODAY**

Star Sunday is the time we remember the word written upon our stars from 2019 and share how God has used your star to draw you closer to Christ. Today there will be time to share your spiritual journey with your church family.

## **Mark Your Calendars**

Our Regional Minister, Rev. Bill Spangler-Dunning will be preaching and worshipping with us **January 12, 2020**. Our Hospitality team will be planning a special luncheon to follow worship so please make every effort to welcome Bill!

## **January Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Happy Birthday:** 6-Collin Cameron, Irv Kenyon; 8-Greg Jennings; 10-Caleb Jones, Ella Stanley

**Happy Anniversary:** 6-Steve & Donna Jones; 8-Fred & Cathy Crews

## **Chili Cook-Off**

Sunday, January 26, 2020 bring your best Chili to Hunter Hall by 4:45 pm. Serving & Judging begins at 5:00 pm.

There will be prizes for Judge's Choice & People's Choice.

## **Thank You!**

The Staff of Ashland Christian Church wish to express our deep and sincere appreciation for the monetary Christmas gift we each received at year's end. Your generosity has reminded each of us of the generosity of God and God's people. It is a joy to serve our wonderful church family. Thank you!

## **Laity Sunday**

Sunday, February 2, 2020 the GoD-Family Team will be leading worship for Laity Sunday. The Great Team will be organizing the Laity Sunday Family Team Luncheon, which will follow worship.

## **Dinner for the Hanover Interfaith Free Clinic Volunteers**

Please help support *The Hanover Interfaith Free Clinics* by providing dinner for 15 volunteers at SJTL clinic on Feb. 26th. Please have food at ACC by 5pm on Feb. 26th labeled SJTL in a disposable container/plate. Finger foods work best. Sign up sheets are available in the narthex. See Jennifer Sydnor for more information.

## **Giving Online**

Give online by going to [www.ashlandchristianchurchva.org](http://www.ashlandchristianchurchva.org) Then please use the "I Give Online" cards, found in the pew pockets, during the offering.

## *Calendar*

### **This Week**

**TODAY-** Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am; Star Sunday

**Wed. Jan. 8-** Youth 6:30 pm; Choir 6:45 pm

### **Upcoming**

**Sun. Jan. 12-** Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship 11:00 am; Congregational Vote; Rev Bill Spangler Dunning preaching; Welcome Luncheon following worship

**Mon. Jan 13-** Board Meeting 7 pm

**Wed. Jan 15-** Choir Practice 6:30 pm; WYOUTH 6:30 pm

**Thurs. Jan 16-** Disciple II 10 am; Disciple I 6:30 pm

## Offerings

### Budgeted Amount Needed Weekly \$2,357.55

Offering Received 12/29	\$1,668.62
Received Online 12/29-12/31	\$260.00
Total	\$1,928.62

### Un-budgeted Offerings Received 12/29/19

Youth	\$145.00
Poinsettia's	\$20.00
Week of Compassion	\$300.00
Organ	\$125.00

### Serving Schedule for January, 2020

**Elders:** Carroll LaHaye & Billy Sydnor

**Communion Prep:** Stacey Wilson & Karen Lynne

**Serving Deacons:** Lisa & Baxter Dingman

**Acolyte:** Lucy Lynne

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## Order of Worship

**Prelude** Harold Rohrs, Organist

"O Morning Star" -- P. Nicoli/arr F. Ritter

**\*Call to Worship** Trudy Betts

One: Darkness is banished!

**Many: God's light has come to us!**

One: The brightness of the Star leads us!

**Many: We come to celebrate God's abiding love!**

One: Glory be to God in the Highest!

**Many: And on earth, peace forever.**

**\*Gathering Hymn**

Chalice Hymnal #149

*"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"*

**\*Invocation/ Lord's Prayer**

Trudy Betts

**Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.*

**Children's Homily**

Trudy Betts

**Responsive Reading**

Chalice Hymnal #728

*Psalm 8*

## Morning Prayer

Trudy Betts

† Gail Bryant Clifford (Sandra Lynne)

†† The family & friends of David Borkey (Nephew of Elsie Jennings & Tillie Mignogna); The Family & friends of Don Moyer Sr. (Don & Marcie Moyer)

††† Paula Jones; Tillie Mignogna; Nancy Hauser (Virginia Nicholas) Walter Baughan; Pat Roberts (Sandra Smith); Amy Toombs (Angela Downer); Mary Mitchell (Donna Dennehy); Robert & Betty Ann Langford; Gladys Jones; Carol Mahoney (Susan Tucker); Murray Wilkins (Kathie Wilkins); Bob Maphis; Lindsey Pinkelman (Carroll LaHaye); Ken Dingman & the Dingman Family; Mary Jane Browell (Barbara Boor); Don Lawrence (Angela Downer); Joe Long; Christy Bacon (Kim Gryder); Phyllis Terrell; John Hunter Crowe (Sarah Byrne); Betty Ellis; Larry Gilman (Donna Dennehy); Sue Webster (CeCe Brooks); Herbert Henley (Gladys Jones); Brianna Garland (Gladys Jones).

*The names of those we pray for will be listed in the bulletin for three weeks.  
Prayer cards are located in the pews and can be placed in the offering plate.*

## Scripture Reading

Trudy Betts

*Matthew 2:1-12— Pew Bible - New Testament - p. 2*

*In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, Magi from the East came to Jerusalem, **2** asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."*

**3** When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; **4** and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. **5** They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:**6** 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

**7** Then Herod secretly called for the Magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. **8** Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

**9** When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. **10** When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. **11** On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**12** And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

One: The stories of God for the people of God.

**Many: Praise be to God.**

**Choir Anthem**

Chancel Choir

*"Amazing Grace Christmas Lyrics"***Meditation**

Trudy Betts

**Sharing of the 2019 Stars (Invite People Forward)**

*Please come forward, or raise your hand to have a mic brought to you, if you feel led, to briefly share what the word on your star from 2019 has meant to you.*

**Giving of the 2020 Stars**

*The deacons will pass the plates with the stars. The side with the word is face down so that you will not see the word you receive.*

**Blessing of the Stars:****Offering**

Trudy Betts

The Magi came bearing gifts to the newborn. These gifts were offered in gratitude. Whether we are able to give a little or give much does not matter as much as that we offer them with grateful hearts.

Please give as God leads your hearts.

**Offertory**

ACC Bell Ringers

*"We Three Kings"*

## **\*Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN.*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **Communion Hymn**

Chalice Hymnal #400

*"When You Do This, Remember Me"*

### **Celebration of the Lord's Table**

Trudy Betts

### **Communion Meditation:**

Prayer for the Bread      *(Please hold the Bread as we will partake together)*

**People: This is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.**

Prayer for the Cup      *(Please hold the Cup as we will partake together)*

**Many: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, even that which is poured out for you; this do in remembrance of me.**

### **Communion Prayer**

### **Invitation**

Trudy Betts

### **\*Hymn of Invitation & Recession**

Chalice Hymnal #105

*"O Morning Star"*

*If anyone desires to identify with Christ through confession of faith or transfer of membership to Ashland Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), or have dual membership, please come forward during the first verse of the final hymn.*

**Confession of Faith:**

*Do you believe Jesus is the Messiah, the Special child of God, and that through believing you may have life in Jesus' name.*

**\*Benediction**

Trudy Betts

One: The Light of God's love shines before you as you leave this place.

Many: We go in joy to greet God's people in the world with the Good News of Jesus the Christ.

**\*Postlude**

Harold Rohrs, Organist

*"New Dawn, New Day" -- L. Smith/arr R. C. Howard*