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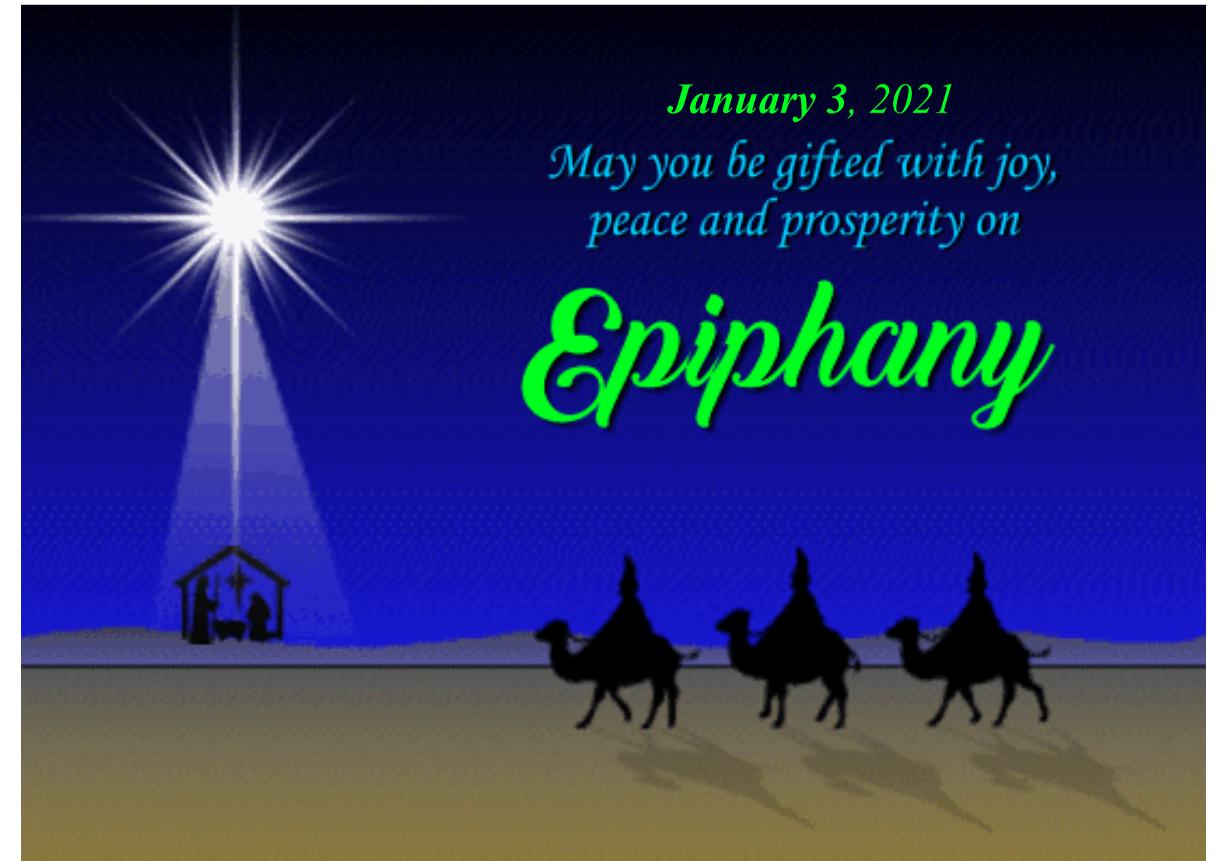
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Old North United Methodist Church

Our mission is
"To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World"



Visit our website to access our virtual worship service.
<http://www.oldnorthumc.com>

Lectionary Reading This Week

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Welcome to Worship

Welcome to Old North, home to the historic 1832 Chapel

SUNDAY, January 3, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Call to Worship

Welcome

Rev. Mike Monahan

Prelude

“Prelude from Cello Suite No. 1”

J. S. Bach

Invocation

Children’s Message

Cynthia Jones

Invitation To Prayer

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Giving to God

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Georg Friedrich Kaufman

Offertory Prayer

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

Cynthia Jones

Sermon

Solo

“We Three Kings”

Daniel Craig

Words and Music: John Hopkins, Jr., 1857
In the Public Domain

Postlude

“Fanfare”

Jacques Lemmens

Prayer Requests

Seth Adams
Joshua Althouse
Erik Arneson
Ashley Barrett
Bob Barron
Mary Bear
Sherrie Conner
Rocklynn Crawford
D. J. Edmonston
Carole Fox
Connie French
David French
Toni French
Stephanie Fuquay
Wayne Gideon
Pat Hearn

Lori Bell Knight
Mary Lamb
Richard Lamping
August Leslie
Pat Mandel
Bill McCune
Carol Morris
Sally & Joe Pack
Matthew Parker
Rick Pountain
Eric Seastrunk
Barb Loader Singhaus
Tom Schellessor
Tom Smock
Lee & Bill Thomas
Annette Williams
Beth Williams

If you have a need or prayer request,
you may call or text Dianne Hobbs at
(812) 746-3394 or send an email to
office@oldnorthumc.com.

Those in Uniform

Jacob Althouse Aaron Dunville
Malorie Hobbs Jason Lewis
Grant Nickens

Homebound Prayer Requests

Hamilton Pointe

Howard Norlin - Apt. 120

The Village at Holiday Health Care

Barb Schaefer - Apt. 101

River Bend Nursing

Dorris Lagow - Room 302

Signature Healthcare

Mary Pountain

FAIR TRADE CORNER



NEW IN THE SHOP from South Africa, the 'artisans at Growing Paper produce 100% handmade, recycled, PLANTABLE, and biodegradable paper products that grow into beautiful living herbs, vegetables, or flowers when planted. We carry their cards and ornaments but check out their website for more products, including wedding invitations! Now they're back, with a hand-beaded twist! New in the shop from Guatemala.

The Fair Trade Market is currently closed. Watch for our reopening date in 2021 in the Messenger. Happy New Year to all!!

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT NEW SERIES BEGINS SUNDAY!!

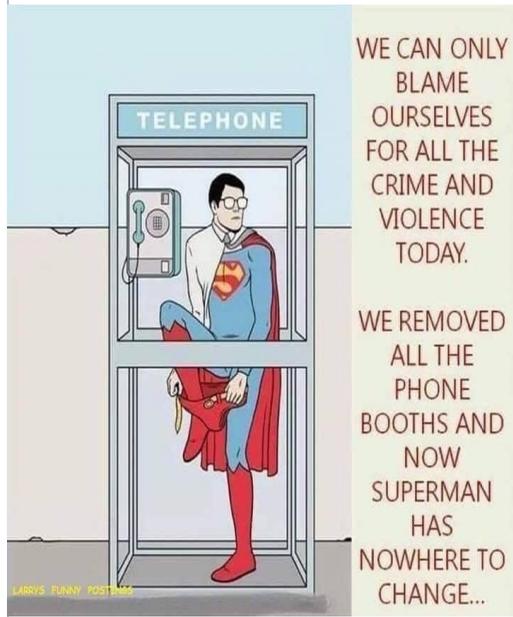
The January Sunday morning Intentional Faith Development study will be led by Joe Easley using the book, "Everybody, Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People". "In his entertaining and inspiring book, Bob Goff takes readers on a journey into the secret of living without fear, constraint, or worry. The path toward the liberated existence we all long for is found in a truth as simple to say as it is hard to do: love people, even the difficult ones, without distinction and without limits." The book is an enjoyable and easy read. Reading it to participate in the class is not required, but is sure to benefit you in discussions. Joe has copies of it for \$13.21. Call (812-431-3248) or email (easyjoe1947@gmail.com) him, and he will get a copy to you.

Because Joe is preaching at Aldersgate on January 3, that day's study will start at 11:30 a.m.; the rest will start at the normal 11:00 a.m. time. Joe will send an email each week with the Zoom link for the study; email him, if you want to be included in this.

If you would like to join this always-interesting class but do not receive the weekly Zoom invitation, please contact Raaf Stevens at rfsnas@yahoo.com or Jeannette Oakley at jloakley@gmail.com.

New perspectives are always welcome!

JUST FOR FUN



Birthdays this week

- 3 Rick Bonenberger
- Max Grasso
- 5 Barb Schellhase
- 7 Maryann DeHaan
- Josh Hammers
- 8 Daniel Buck
- 9 Laura Hand
- 11 Bruce Wright

Vital Statistics for December 27, 2020 and January 3, 2021 will be listed in the January 19, 2021 Messenger.

Thursday Night Bible Study Group Zoom meeting

Beginning at 5:45 p.m.
For information contact Kim Salmon at
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Reflections on 2020: The Path to Resilience

Reflect on the past year to prepare for the one that's coming.

Many of us feel hopeful at the start of a new year. On January 1st, I was excited about 2020. It was a new decade, and it seemed like it held a great deal of promise. I set goals, planned trips, and I looked forward to seeing family who lived far away. So the year started out like many others, until March arrived. Then, as you know, COVID-19 became an official threat to our health and safety. The quarantines began. Businesses closed, our economy suffered, and millions of people lost their jobs or were furloughed indefinitely. And I haven't even gotten to June yet.

So you may wonder what's the point of reflecting on this? After all, we already know what happened. Reliving it conjures up bad memories, grief, and perhaps even a sense of hopelessness. However, there are reasons to reflect, and things we can learn that will help us bounce back and move forward so that 2021 has the potential to start off well.

Reasons to Reflect

Looking back at the struggles we experienced individually and the suffering that we endured collectively does serve a purpose. It allows us to grieve, and doing so acknowledges the suffering and loss in a meaningful way. If you lost people that you love in 2020, grieving them means that they meant something to you and that their lives mattered. Remembering them and the time you had together may initially bring tears to your eyes, but some of the memories will make you smile eventually.

If you lost a job this year, struggled through hard times financially, or suffered through other challenges and setbacks, you are not alone. Reflecting on what has happened can remind us of our strength. We are survivors, and getting through this year merits a medal of honor. Be sure to give yourself credit for plodding through these dark times. Recognizing the depth of the pain caused by these struggles is important, as is understanding that a present state of suffering doesn't predict the future, nor does it prevent us from taking steps to improve our situation.

Reflecting can be difficult, so here are some suggestions for how to get started with the process. First, identify aspects of this year that were painful, ways that you suffered, or losses that you experienced. Then, compile the highlights of the year, the moments that you appreciated. It's likely that something good did happen this year among all of the bad things. Choose a format that feels comfortable for you to sit with and share those reflections. It's enough to meditate on your experiences, but you might write them in a journal if that's a good practice for you. The positive experiences can be posted to a bulletin board, so you remember them on tough days. Maybe you could share your reflection with someone you trust, or even commit to exchanging reflections.

Things We Can Learn

When we have no control over certain situations, it can be hard to imagine what we can learn. We didn't do anything that resulted in these circumstances. Suffering often happens without cause and it's incredibly unfair. We can still learn from it, however, which is helpful in our recovery and our work to become stronger and more resilient. First, I think we have all learned that there are some things outside of our control, but we can manage the way that we respond to the stress, and we can develop some coping strategies. There isn't one strategy that works for everyone, but finding ways to regain a calmer state of mind can help us think more clearly and engage in problem-solving. This increases our flexibility so that we can adjust to unexpected events. We can also learn to be grateful. I realize this can become cliché, and it may seem trite amidst hard times. Sometimes, though, we don't learn to appreciate things that we have until we are at risk of losing them. In addition, expressing gratitude helps our brain to remember that not everything is lost. We still have some of the freedoms and experiences that we value. We have friends, partners, and family members, even if we didn't get to see them this year or spend the holidays with them.

Bouncing Back

We can move forward, whether it's actually a bounce or a slow, cautious stroll. We must remember that there are no guarantees about the future, but we can make plans, spend time with those we care about and find hope by reflecting on what we have overcome.

Carla Shuman, Ph.D.
Psychology Today
Posted Dec 15, 2020

Prayer:

"Dear God,
Give me the courage to begin again - to overlook the difficulties, to overcome the obstacles and to stay open to the moment as best I can. Help me be patient enough to know it takes time to start over, and wise enough to ask for help from friends and family when I need it. As I look to the future, may I reflect on the past and remember the lessons it's taught me. And God, may I always look to you for strength and guidance." Amen

Abbey Caskets