



January 2026



THE MORAN MESSENGER

David Morris Memorial Service



We will be gathering at noon on Sunday January 11th to celebrate the life of David Morris. Worship will be at the regular time of 10:30 a.m. with a light lunch following the service. Then we will reconvene in the sanctuary to worship and remember. For many of us David was the first one we met every Sunday morning. A happy hello, helping folks with the door and a joke would greet us every Sunday. He has already been missed. Lois Moller will be organizing the light lunch - sandwiches, fruit, cheese and crackers plus other goodies.

Please let her know how you can help.

De Decorating Church Saturday January 10th

Please join us on Saturday, January 10th to De-Decorate the church. Starting at 10 a.m. til 2 p.m. Pizza and fellowship will follow! Bring yourself and young strong friends!!



January Birthdays

1/02 Todd Prizeman	1/12 Christopher Tweedy
1/03 Roitti Setu	1/15 Mark Kamitomo
1/05 Ardis Storms	1/16 Teagan Barnes
1/06 Judy Clarke	1/17 Jana Reilly
1/10 Bob Cook	1/19 Christy Tweedy
1/10 Darian Reilly	1/20 Trista Dammel
1/10 Sandra Westrand	1/22 Sonja Owen
1/11 Seth Setu	

Coffee and Fellowship

Sunday Mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Come early or stick around after worship on Sundays to spend time catching up with your church family and enjoying some light refreshments.



Worship With Us!

Sunday Mornings at 10:30 a.m.

We invite you to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Nursery Care is offered in the Noah's Ark room and Children's Sunday School (during the school year) is offered during the worship service in the Carpenters Room.

February newsletter articles are due by **January 22nd**.

Please email either morannnewsletter@gmail.com or sprizeman@comcast.net.

New Leaders Circle

Starting this month we will have a new organization for the leaders of our congregation. We are streamlining the leadership tasks of the church so we have less meetings during the year. This will include reports sent out ahead of the meetings so we can all read them before the meeting. Our hope is we can find a Sunday after church for a two hour or less meeting. Also we will try to be a hybrid meeting so if you are invited to be part of the circle we can zoom in from wherever we are. A report will be in the newsletter every other month. Alternate Sundays we will have a potluck - 6 meetings a year and 6 potlucks. Sounds like fun!!!



Epiphany - the Work of Christmas By Pastor Joyce

For some of us Christmas was over on the 26th of December. For those who follow the traditional story of the coming of Christ we are still in the middle of the 12 days. The Bible suggests the trip of the Magi could have taken as long as two years! Yet for me the Birth of Jesus lasts all year long. Now you know my collection of Nativities - especially those that come as Fisher Price Little People. Next year look for one more odd visitor! We still have Christmas presents on the dining room table as we look for homes for them. My gasp worthy gift from Tom this year was a set of Little People made up as the heavy metal band Kiss. When they first came out they were a reasonable price - today on secondary markets they top out at \$300 (Tom is a smart guy and found them a lot cheaper!) Guess who will have a little Gene Simmons in the crèche next year? He will witness to the fact all are welcome to know the joy of the birth of Jesus.

We know these men in Matthew were not Kings though they were most likely wise. They might have been astrologers - looking at the stars for guidance. The Wise Men were not Jews like the Shepherd but as Gentiles they represented the welcome for all nations. The invitation to come to embrace Jesus' birth was - is - for all people. May the whole world come to Jesus.

As the great Howard Thurman said - when the shepherds have returned to their flock and the wise men have gone home the work of Christmas has begun. The work of Christmas is feeding the hungry, rebuilding the nations, bringing peace - to the world and to our families. Every year I suggest that we leave out some Christmas item - to remind ourselves the Prince of Peace must be born in us every day of the year.





Empowered by the Holy Spirit to Embrace, Inspire, and
Serve, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the world!

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We as a church follow Paul's admonition to "rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep". If you have a prayer request, please text or call Rev. Betty Smith of the Congregational Care Team at 509-951-8347 or email Jeanie Cook at cooks_den@msn.com. Only with your permission will these requests be forwarded to the Prayer Chain and included in the Sunday bulletin.

