

**THE**

# **Hopper Street Herald**

*January / February 2020*

## **HANNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*A home of belonging, growing in outreach and diversity to build community in Christ*

Office Hours: 1-4 p.m., Wednesday & Thursday

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**Worship Service, Children's Church, Hospitality Time**  
Sundays, Beginning at 9 a.m.

**Adult Bible Classes**  
Sundays, 10:35 a.m.

**Discipleship Classes** (In Our Fellowship Hall)  
Tuesdays, 1 p.m.  
Wednesdays, 6 p.m.



**Sparks** (K-6th grade): 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Thursdays, resumes Jan. 16

**Fuze** (7th-12th grade): 4:30– 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays, resumes Jan. 21

# Holidays and Holy Days

The holidays are past us and the long, dark, winter looms ahead of us. Personally, I hate winter! The cold, the darkness, the snow, and worst of all – being cooped up inside so much of the time. Treacherous driving conditions are, challenging enough for me, but I worry especially about Sheri driving to and from Merrillville a couple of times a week.

Even though I hate winter, early spring is actually the worst. I begin to anticipate and expect the return of warmth. It is the constant disappointment of cool, gray, and rainy days refusing to give way to warm sunshine that wears me down. That is months away and yet, I am already feeling stuck in the rut between the joy of Christmas and the joy of sunny spring days.

Depressed now? Don't be! Even if you are like me and hate winter, there is a way to celebrate and enjoy every day no matter what the weather is like. Psalm 118:24 says, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." It doesn't say anything about the temperature, the skies, or the precipitation. It doesn't say that the Lord has given us a day that feels good, that satisfies our desires. It doesn't say that we won't be challenged, nor disappointed. It does not say that we won't make mistakes nor suffer from the mistakes of others.

It simply reminds us that God has given us this day, and all that it brings. In the bad weather, and especially in the bad times of life, God has given us this day. In this day, God has given us Himself, through the gifts of His Son and His abiding Holy Spirit. Christmas is a 12 day season, but it is also a 365 day way of living. Remembering that this day is a gift of the Lord and that in this day the Lord has given us His Presence through His Son and the Spirit.

There are no clouds that can block out the Sun shining in our lives. There is no cold that can rob us of the warmth of the fire of the Spirit. Not every day is a holiday, but every day is a Holy Day because in each and every day, God is with us. Each and every day we have something to rejoice in and to celebrate! Let us remind each other that this is the day the Lord has made, even as we shiver in the cold of winter. God is with us.

## New Members and Baptism

**God's Blessings and Congratulations to Bradley Early, Sherry Early, Judy Early, and Joy Thatcher.** They became new members of Hanna United Methodist Church on Dec. 22, 2019.

**God's Blessings and Congratulations to James Early, on his baptism on Dec. 22, 2019.**

As your new spiritual family, we will fulfill our vows to pray for you and to help you grow in your walk with Christ.



## Hanna Circle Soup Sale

The Hannah Circle will be selling quarts of soup on Jan. 19, February 16, and March 15. Cost is \$8.00 per quart.

January's soup is Chicken Noodle. February's soup is Vegetable Beef. March's soup is Beef & Noodles. Please fill out the insert in the bulletin or call the church office to order your soup. Deadlines are the week before the soup sale of each month.

\$100 will be given from each soup sale to support a mission. January's mission is the Hanna Food Pantry. February's mission is Stepping Stones. March's mission is Hope Rescue.

Thank you for your support.

## FYI from the Hannah Circle

Ever wonder what the Hannah Circle does with money raised through the projects we are always "bugging" you to support? We are proud to report that your purchases of everything from soup to nuts and your donations to our bake sale and lunch during Hanna Fest allowed the Circle to give to the following in 2019:

Center for Homeless in South Bend  
\$85 for Easter Meals

Women's Care Center in Laporte /Michigan City: \$100

Supplemental Food Pantry: \$100

Hope Rescue Mission in South Bend: \$100

Hanna United Methodist Church  
\$1,815 for new playground equipment  
\$1,815 for new projector

Stepping Stone Shelter for Women in Michigan City: \$100 for new furnace

Samaritan's Purse (Operation Christmas Child): \$783 for postage for shoeboxes

Hope Ministries in South Bend  
\$100 for Thanksgiving meals

Christmas Gifts for our Pastor, secretary, custodian, organist, and pianist  
\$250 total

Wow: What a difference you made.

THANK YOU for your past and continued support. As a side note, the 2020 soup prices will increase to \$8 per quart due only to the increased price of ingredients.

## BIG THANKS!

- to **everyone who donated bears and outerwear.** These items were given to the children at Stepping Stone.
- to **everyone that supported Operation Christmas Child.**
- to **everyone that donated to the Missions Gift Cards.** 30 children, who are currently living in both Stepping Stone's Shelters were given a gift card for Christmas.
- to **all who helped decorate the church** inside & out this Christmas.
- to **Guse Tree Farm** for donating the wreaths & garland.
- to **Bill Garner** for heading the luminary project, **and all who helped light the town** with the Christmas Eve Luminaries and gather them on Christmas morning.
- to **everyone that supported Hanna UMC this year, with your presence, talents, faithfulness, and tithes.**

## December 28 BLOOD DRIVE

14 units of blood were collected at our Dec. 28 Blood Drive.

Thanks for your continuing support for this extremely important cause.



*To the Family  
and Friends of:*

*Judy Peters*

She passed away  
November 8, 2019

*Sally Adler*

She passed away  
November 15, 2019.

*Dolores Roscka*

She passed away  
November 17, 2019

*Fred Ames*

He passed away  
November 19, 2019.

*Evelyn Carpenter*

She passed away  
November 25, 2019.

*Ellen Rose*

She passed away  
November 27, 2019.

May You Let  
God's Peace  
Comfort you  
in your  
Time of Sorrow.

## Church Council Minutes

**November 18, 2019**

### Trustees

Comparing prices of property insurance for the church to see if our yearly premium can be reduced.

### Pastor's Report

4 people attended the new Member class. 5 churches are taking part in our Clergy Association. Pastor Jim is attending a monthly meeting hosted by our Conference Superintendent.

### Hannah Circle

Nut sales are good. Ladies hosted the Lion's Christmas dinner on December 3.

### Missions

Mission team met on September 25 and voted that 75% of mission money will be used for community based missions, and 25% will be used for worldwide missions. Met again on November 20. Next meeting will be held on January 22 at 9:30 a.m.

### New Business

- Church's internet has been changed from Frontier to Comcast, to increase bandwidth for streaming.
- Lifetouch will be here on March 20 & 21 to take pictures for a new church directory.

## ***An Account of Your FAITHFULness***

*November 3 - December 29*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Missions</u>
11-03	79	\$2,160.00	\$110.00
11-10	79	2,135.00	24.00
11-17	77	2,076.00	42.00
11-24	68	1,832.00	20.00
12-01	78	1,999.00	24.00
12-08	74	1,823.00	70.00
12-15	85	4,303.00	93.00
12-22	98	2,357.00	167.99
12-29	56	1,233.00	65.00

Average offering needed weekly to meet budget: \$2,497.89

Donations to Memorial Fund: \$1,515.00

Donations for Playset: \$170.00

Donations to Children's Ministries: \$135.00

Donations to Hanna Food Pantry: \$100.00

Donations to Mission Gift Cards: \$75.00

Donations to Stepping Stone Shelter: \$20.00

Donations to South Central Weekend Food Program: \$75.00

Poinsettia Donations: \$205.00

Fellowship Hall Rental: \$50.00

Christmas Offering: \$1,650.00

# Worship

## Epiphany, Baptism of the Lord

### Season After Epiphany - We Belong to Christ

#### **January 5, 2020 - Epiphany Sunday**

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12 ; Sermon Title: Fit for a King

This stand-alone service is an opportunity for us to celebrate the Light that shines in the darkness. Following magi and the star that they followed we worship the one born as Savior of the world. The Messiah has come, and we now find ourselves in the season of illumination.

#### **January 12, 2020 – Baptism of the Lord**

Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17 ; Sermon Title: Well Pleased

Another stand-alone service, this one is designed to give us a sense of solidarity with Jesus by joining him in the experience and confession of baptism. Though John's baptism was one of repentance from sin, Jesus submitted to the ritual as a way of standing with us, claiming there was no limit to God's overwhelming love.

Baptism is not only a sign of profession and mark of difference whereby Christians are distinguished from others that are not baptized; but it is also a sign of regeneration or the new birth. (From the UMC Articles of Religion)

## **We Belong to Christ Worship Series**

#### **January 19, 2020 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 ; Sermon Title: You Are Not Lacking

The church in Corinth is a church divided. There is division, factionalism, and conflict. Paul assures the Corinthians that they are not lacking any spiritual gift. The "you" is plural, "y'all" are not lacking any spiritual gift. As individuals, we lack many spiritual gifts. As a congregation, we lack many spiritual gifts. But, the whole church, in all of its diversity and division does not lack any gift. We need each other, even those on the other side, to faithfully serve God. When we separate ourselves into like minded groups, we will lack much. Trust God to work through all of us.

#### **January 26, 2020 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 ; Sermon Title: Same Mind, Same Purpose

Paul discusses the division in the church and some of the sources of it. But, there is hope in our common baptism, in that "We Belong to Christ." To be clear, this unity does not do away with the diversity, even the diversity of opinions and positions on crucial issues. But Paul argues that our purposes in Christ, our mind that is in Christ – namely to love God and love neighbor – can bring us to unity in mission and action.

#### **February 2, 2020 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 ; Sermon Title: Consider Your Call

The fools that we are called to be does not diminish us as people, but rather reminds us of the source of our strength and our wisdom. If we are able to move our egos out of the way and truly focus on the unity of the body and the centrality of the call, it just might be possible to be in mission together as the church of Jesus Christ.

#### **February 9, 2020 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 ; Sermon Title: With a Demonstration

Paul says we proclaim Jesus by demonstration. He is teaching us that how we live has strength and power. We claim to want to love our enemies because Jesus told us to do so, but what evidence of that love have we shown? This world is sorely in need of a demonstration of the difference the Spirit makes in our lives each and every day.

#### **February 16, 2020 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 ; Sermon Title: God Gives the Growth

Paul argues that our attachments are often to the wrong things: to a human pastor, to a position, to a building. No pastor works in a vacuum, but builds on ministry and mission that others directed long before arriving on the scene. And, that will continue long after the pastor departs. Sometimes, the key to overcoming short-term conflict is taking a longer view. And God's viewpoint stretches into eternity. You don't get much longer than that.



## ***SUNDAY WORSHIP MINISTERS' SCHEDULE***

**NOTE: If you are unable to serve, please find a sub at least a week ahead.**

### ***JANUARY***

#### **Ushers:**

Ed Castle & Craig Creutzburg,  
Jon & Kathy Mack,  
Mike & Lorry Hagan,  
Carol Heckman & Ann Mullins

#### **Readers:**

Heather Styborski, Bonnie Guse,  
Denise Tabor, Elaine Shurte

#### **Fellowship Hosts:**

Needed all month

#### **Nursery Ministry:**

Lorry Hagan, Carrie Cusick,  
Becky Rodman, Brenda Bolakowski

#### **Children's Church:**

Denise Tabor (5),  
Paula Clindaniel (12),  
Tracy Becker (19),  
Heather Styborski (26)

#### **Communion Stewards**

Karin & Shelley Hunsley

### ***FEBRUARY***

#### **Ushers:**

Allen & Bill Garner,  
Monte & Paula Clindaniel,  
Sherm & Connie Lute,  
Glenn & Rita Wallace

#### **Readers:**

Bonnie Guse, Jodie Funkhouser,  
Mike Hagan, Paula Clindaniel,

#### **Fellowship Hosts:**

Guse Family (9)  
**(Hosts needed Feb. 2, 16, 23)**

#### **Nursery Ministry:**

Michelle Magley, Angie Swanson,  
Tammy Moser, Liz Serynek

#### **Children's Church:**

Kris Jones (2),  
Denise Tabor (9)  
**(Teachers needed Feb. 16 & 23)**

#### **Communion Stewards**

Needed

**Items are received every Sunday in the Fellowship Hall, on the table next to the walkway.**

Thank you for supporting the Hanna Food Pantry.

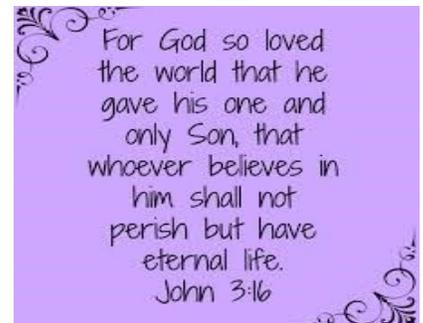
### **January**

- 5 Toilet Paper**
- 12 Dish Soap**
- 19 Spaghetti**
- 26 Spaghetti Sauce**

### **February**

- 2 Toilet Paper**
- 9 Saltine Crackers**
- 16 Paper Towels**
- 23 Kleenex**

**\*Items may be purchased in bulk; Pantry will separate.**



## ***It's a Wonderful Life***

*It's a Wonderful Life* is much more than a film. It's a motto that marks how I live. Because I am blessed even when things are hard. I have reason to give and forgive.

It's a wonderful life. Every day is a gift. There's wonder in all that I see. From a sunrise at dawn to a moonscape at dusk, I'm wealthy as wealthy can be.

It's a wonderful life be it sunshine or rain, for beauty is found everywhere. In a spouse's embrace or a grandchild's face, I treasure these treasures most rare.

It's a wonderful life knowing that I am loved by a God who sent Jesus to earth. There is joy in my world even on silent nights because of His Bethlehem birth.

Submitted by Allen Garner from Dec. Power for Living

### **PRAYER CHAIN**

**PHONE CONCERNS TO  
NANCY BURNS,  
219-767-3332.**

**If Nancy doesn't answer,  
leave a message,  
and contact Judy Carter,  
219-767-2625.**