

## DISMANTLING RACISM

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.“

Dr. Martin Luther King

Greetings Servants of our Lord...

On behalf of the North District Lay Servant Committee I greet you with information.

Now that Christmas festivities have subsided; I bring to your attention some opportunities approaching quickly.

These opportunities deal with Lay Servant classes.

First, there will be a one-hour informational meeting on Thursday, January 11 at Warsaw Trinity UMC. This meeting takes place at 7PM.

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This meeting is for both lay people and clergy.

There may be lay people in our churches who are not aware of Lay Servant Ministries. This is an opportunity for them to discover what is available and how it may enhance their personal ministry.

Also, The Conference is encouraging pastors to teach Lay Servant classes in their individual congregations. I will describe how it works so that the students get credit.

Second, I am teaching a class on Polity for the Northwest District. I call it “Fun with Polity” because I do enjoy teaching the class. This class is via Zoom and will take place on the four Saturdays in January.

Third, there will be an in-person, five consecutive Saturday Academy at South Bend First UMC . The dates are: February 3, 10, 17, 24 and March 2.

Conference-wide, there are many Lay Servant Ministry Academies. Some are in person, some via Zoom. Some take place over two days, others five Saturdays. Some people have limited time and thus instruction time is the priority. Others enjoy the personal interaction, connection, and fellowship of in person classes.

You can learn more and register at this link:

<https://www.inumc.org/ministries/resources-for-clergy/upcoming-lay-servant-academy-dates/>

Peace, Mike Settles

## Happy Birthday!



1/4 Don Steinhilber

1/5 Bradley Clear

1/6 Joshua Leckrone

1/7 Randy Griffith

1/9 Cheryl Bauer

1/10 Coleen Clear

## Serving Him!

### Prayers & Liturgy

01/07 Heather Hetler

01/14 Jenny Bellile

01/21 Rob Parker

### Greeters

01/07 Sande Staley

Donna Hill

01/14 Crystal Clear

Marilyn Moutray

01/21

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MON. - THURS. 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

### Attending Worship Service

	12/24 9:30 am	12/24 7:00 pm	12/31
In-Person	42	79	54
On-Line	25	44	49

# The Beacon

Evangel Heights United Methodist Church

January 7, 2024

Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord

Communion

9:30 am In-Person & Live Stream Worship

## Welcome Guests

All are welcome here!

**Thank you for worshipping with us today!**

For more information please see our website at:  
<https://ehights.org> or see our Facebook page at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/evangelheightsumc/>

## This Week at EHUMC

### Sunday, January 7, 2024

9:30 am | Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)

Sunday School following worship (*Various Rooms*)

Confirmation with Mentors

### Monday, January 8, 2024

PDO Returns

3:00 pm | Abigail Sisters

### Tuesday, January 9, 2024

11:00 am | Intercessory Prayer

### Wednesday, January 10, 2024

6:30 pm | SPRC

### Thursday, January 11, 2024

6:30 pm | Bells Rehearsal

7:30 pm | Choir Rehearsal

See our website for the complete calendar.

## Prayer List

- **The Thomas Family** - mourning the loss of Bill Thomas
- **Becky**- grieving the passing of her daughter, [Jeanette](#)
- **Ernest and Dawn K.**- Good health for brother-in-law, Rick, and 96 year old mother, Betty
- **Julie** – Jill's sister, who is struggling with her health
- **Anthony B.**- grieving the loss of his 54 year old nephew, Christopher, who recently passed away
- **Chris**- awaiting news on his disability income eligibility
- **The Fredenburg Family** - as they mourn the passing of Lorraine
- **Candice D.**- friend of Kathie's who is going through radiation for cancer
- **Danielle and family** (*a friend of Nan's*) - asking God for one more Christmas with their mom, Denise, who has brain cancer

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## Pastors Page

**The Mission of Evangel Heights United Methodist Church: To equip, nurture, and reach out in order to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

Evangel Heights Family and Friends, *"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you..."* (Philippians 1:6 NRSV)

**I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.** (Psalm 119:11, New International Version)

**Hope and Comfort.** Evangel Heights Community of Faith, As we begin a new year, may the following scriptures provide us with comfort and hope.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:28-29, New International Version)

"Don't you know? Haven't you heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. He doesn't grow tired or weary. His understanding is beyond human reach, giving power to the tired and reviving the exhausted; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength; they will fly up on wings like eagles; they will run and not be tired; they will walk and not be weary." (Isaiah 40:28, 29, 31 Common English Bible)

"Where could I go to get away from your spirit? Where could I go to escape your presence? If I went up to heaven, you would be there. If I went down to the grave,[a] you would be there too! If I could fly on the wings of dawn, stopping to rest only on the far side of the ocean—even there your hand would guide me; even there your strong hand would hold me tight! (Psalm 139:7-10, Common English Bible)

"The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." (Psalm 23:1-4, Common English Bible)

As we move forward, let us pray, "Lord, interrupt us to be fearlessly obedient to your plans; challenge us to act on those opportunities."

Let us continue to trust God for the impossible! *"Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'*" (Matthew 19:26)

**Remember.** *Our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*

(Ephesians 6:12, NRSV)

"It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept and celebrate those differences."

Audre Lorde

Joy in the Journey,

*Pastor Michelle*

## Get Involved

GRACE/ TRUTH by Dr. Preston Sprinkle – Right Now Media

NEW CLASS following Worship, starting JANUARY 7.

Location- space next to Pastor Michelle's office (at the top of the stairs to Sanctuary)

Facilitators- Deaconess Penny Krug and Elizabeth Bennion

Description-The Center for Faith, Sexuality & Gender presents "Grace/Truth" a learning experience that introduces

Christians to LGBT + people. Throughout the experience

viewers will learn the language to use and avoid and receive practical guidance on how to embody the love of Christ toward sexual and gender minorities.

**All are welcome** to our conversation about faith, sexuality and gender! Whether you're new to this topic or have read many books on it, I pray that the conversation and study will be fruitful and rewarding.



## January Coin Offering

Broadway Meals