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### SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

7:15 AM WORSHIP TEAM REHEARSAL - SANCTUARY  
8:45 AM NURSERY CARE - ROOM F115  
9:00 AM CONTACT CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - SANCTUARY  
9:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHURCH - MACDONALD ROOM  
10:00 AM REFRESHMENTS FELLOWSHIP HALL  
10:15 AM CORNERSTONE CLASS - CITY VIEW ROOM  
LAMPLIGHTERS CLASS - SHARING CENTER  
WELCOME CLASS - FELLOWSHIP HALL  
MOM2MOM WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP - ROOM 303  
WORKING TOWARD WISDOM WOMEN'S GROUP - PARLOR  
MEN'S SMALL GROUP - ROOM 203  
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL - THE WELL  
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL - VARIOUS ROOMS AS POSTED  
11:15 AM HERITAGE TRADITIONAL SERVICE - SANCTUARY  
11:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHURCH - MACDONALD ROOM  
1:00 PM WOMEN'S MINISTRY TEAM MEETING - OFF SITE  
7:00 PM SUNDAYS@SEVEN PRAYER GATHERING - ROOM 203

### MONDAY, JANUARY 8

1:30 PM OA MEETING - LIBRARY  
5:30 PM PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING - ROOM F101  
5:45 PM WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM MEETING - CHOIR ROOM  
7:00 PM AA BEGINNERS MEETING - MACDONALD ROOM 3  
7:15 PM ADULT MINISTRY TEAM MEETING - LIBRARY  
8:30 PM AA SPEAKERS MEETING - MACDONALD ROOM 1

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00 AM KINGDOM KIDS AND MOM'S MORNING OUT - VARIOUS ROOMS  
7:00 PM SESSION MEETING - SANCTUARY  
7:30 PM NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETING - MACDONALD ROOMS 1 & 2

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

9:00 AM COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY - VARIOUS ROOMS  
6:30 PM STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING - ROOM 203  
7:00 PM HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH STUDY - THE WELL

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

8:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND WORK GROUP - MACDONALD ROOM  
9:00 AM KINGDOM KIDS AND MOM'S MORNING OUT - VARIOUS ROOMS  
6:00 PM CHOR DINNER - CITY VIEW ROOM  
6:15 PM WORSHIP TEAM REHEARSAL - SANCTUARY  
7:00 PM CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL - CHOIR ROOM

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

9:00 AM KINGDOM KIDS AND MOM'S MORNING OUT - VARIOUS ROOMS  
1:00 PM AA MEETING - MACDONALD ROOM  
4:15 PM CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM MEETING - ROOM F101  
6:30 PM YOUTH GROUP NIGHT - FELLOWSHIP HALL  
7:00 PM SESSION RETREAT - OFF SITE

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

SESSION RETREAT CONTINUES - OFF SITE

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

7:15 AM WORSHIP TEAM REHEARSAL - SANCTUARY  
8:45 AM NURSERY CARE - ROOM F115  
9:00 AM CONTACT CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - SANCTUARY  
9:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHURCH - MACDONALD ROOM  
10:00 AM REFRESHMENTS FELLOWSHIP HALL  
10:15 AM TOWN HALL MEETING - FELLOWSHIP HALL  
LAMPLIGHTERS CLASS - SHARING CENTER  
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# Welcome and Announcements

Sunday, January 07, 2018

REACHING UPWARD ❖ REACHING OUTWARD ❖ REACHING INWARD ❖ TO THE GLORY OF GOD

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 42:5-7

p. 758

Matthew 2:1-12

p. 1008

### SERMON

"The Gifts of the Magi"

Rev. Carolyn Poteet

[To access sermons online, please visit [HisWordPreached.blogspot.com](http://HisWordPreached.blogspot.com).]

**WELCOME** ❖ A warm welcome is extended to our visitors. We hope you will find our service uplifting to the Lord, and our church a place of comfort and peace. Our pastors, ushers, greeters and members will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

**FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS** ❖ Please let us know of your attendance by signing the friendship register at the end of the pew. After signing, pass the book along the row and back so you might get to know those around you in worship this morning. If you are visiting, please provide the additional information that would help us get to know and serve you better.



**CELL PHONES** ❖ Please remember to silence your cell phone during the service.



**FOR CHILDREN** ❖ During the time of greeting, children age 4 through third grade will be invited forward to attend Children's Church in the MacDonald Room and Children's Library. Fourth and fifth graders are encouraged to take a children's bulletin at the front and back doors of the sanctuary.



**FOR MOTHERS** ❖ The Parlor is available during the services for mothers who want to continue to hear the service as they feed their little ones or otherwise attend to young children.



**LET US PRAY** ❖ If you desire prayer for yourself or for someone you love, elders will be available, at the front of the Sanctuary, after the service to pray for your concerns.



**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** ❖ The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Nancy Ettinger in memory of loved ones.





## PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- Please pray for those with new health concerns ...
- Please pray for those with ongoing health concerns ..

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ 10:15 a.m.



**Children** – MacDonald Room ... **Youth Classes** – The Well

**Cornerstone Class** – City View Room

January 7 and 14 - “The Promises of God” - taught by Bob Jamison

**Lamplighters Class** – Sharing Center

January 7 - Winter Brunch

January 14 - Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ) Mission - Amy Fahringer

**Welcome Class** – Fellowship Hall

“Prince Joseph, King David, and the Lord Jesus” taught by Bruce Tenenbaum

### SMALL STUDY GROUPS

**Men’s Small Group** - Room 203

**Women’s Mom2Mom Group** – Room 303

**Working Toward Wisdom Women’s Group** - Parlor

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## SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

9:00 AM ~ SINGLE UNIFIED SERVICE

10:15AM ~ ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION AND CONGREGATION

11:30 AM ~ SOUP AND SALAD FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Adult Sunday school classes are cancelled due to the meeting.

All Active members are encouraged to attend.

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## UPCOMING TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Got questions? Join us for a town hall discussion to talk about our transition and vision process, our revised bylaws, and any other questions you have leading up to our Congregational Meeting. We have scheduled two different town hall gatherings, so you are able to attend the one which works best for your schedule. Join us either Sunday, January 14 at 10:15 a.m. or Wednesday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. Both meetings will be in the Fellowship Hall.



## “BUILDING TOGETHER” - THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

At the end of this month we begin our new sermon series on Nehemiah, a fascinating book about the nearly impossible task of rebuilding Jerusalem's walls - and rebuilding hope for God's people. You are invited to join a small group to explore the subject further with the “Building Together” study guide we'll make available. There will be groups meeting on Wednesdays beginning January 24 (with Family Fusion), on Sunday mornings beginning January 28, and at other times during the week. Sign-ups to participate will begin next week.



## YOUTH GROUP NIGHT

Friday, January 12 ... 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The next Youth Group Night is Friday, January 12 in Fellowship Hall and The Well.

Come for a fun-filled night with games, snacks, worship, and fellowship.

We look forward to seeing you there ... and bring your friends!

## FAMILY FUSION

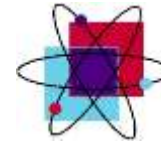
Wednesday Nights Beginning January 24

6:00 pm ~ Family Dinner

\$5 Adults and Teens ... \$3 Kids (ages 3-12)

7:00 pm ~ Spiritual Growth opportunities

For Adults, Youth, and Children



## DISCOVER / EXPLORE / GROW

Are you interested in the church family and want to become more involved? Please join the “Discovery” group Wednesday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. (after the Family Fusion Dinner) to begin our three step sequence to becoming integrated into the life of MLEPC. Details are available on the website: [www.mlepc.org](http://www.mlepc.org) under “Joining MLEPC”, or by contacting Pastor Steve Aguzzi at 412-531-3387 or [saguzzi@mlepc.org](mailto:saguzzi@mlepc.org).



## HALF-DAY WOMEN’S RETREAT



The Women’s Ministry Team invites the women of the church to join us on Saturday, January 27 for our annual Half-Day Retreat. This year our speaker is Sandra Joseph, Certified Biblical Life Coach, who will speak on: Questions God asks His People. She will help us discover what God asks of us and what God’s purpose is for us. Cost is \$15. Sign-ups will be in the lobby on January 14 and 21. Please invite a friend; this is open to any woman college age and up. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Charron: [jha2charron@gmail.com](mailto:jha2charron@gmail.com) or 412-445-6078.