

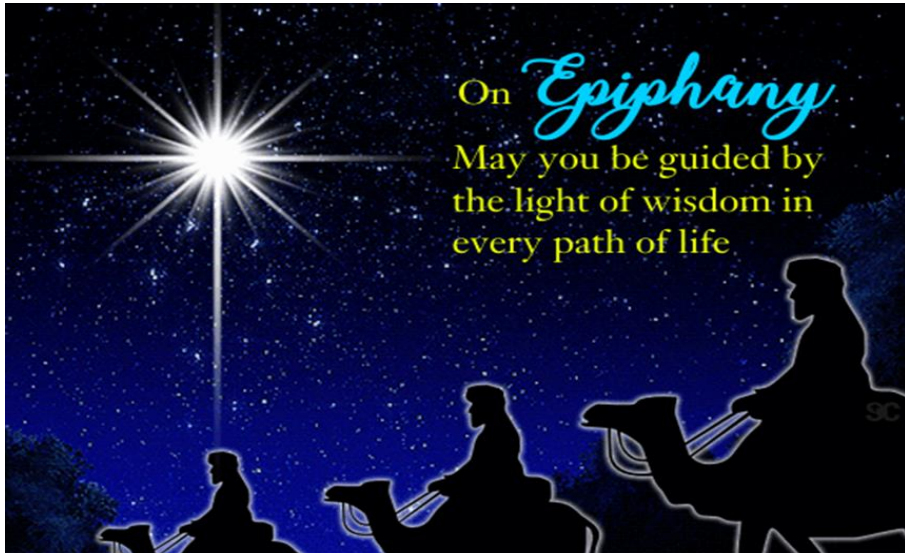
**We Welcome you to  
THE FEDERATED CHURCH OF WAUCONDA**

Wauconda, Illinois

A community church affiliated with the  
United Methodist Church and the American Baptist Churches.

**January 5, 2020  
Epiphany Sunday**

Our Mission Statement: **Sharing God's Love through Jesus Christ."**



**CHURCH STAFF**

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Soon Sun Lee

**Youth Pastor:** Rev. Crystal Calhoun-Johnson

**Secretary:** Peggy Martin

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, 8am-12pm

**Pastor Soon Sun's Office Hours:** Tuesday – Thursday, 10am-5pm

**Pastor Crystal's Office Hours:** Tuesday 9a-5p & Thursday 9a-3:30p

**Church Phone:** 847-526-8471

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***Gathering God's People***

***Words of Welcome***

***Announcements***

(Please sign the attendance sheets)

***Opening Prayer***

***Prelude and Lighting of Candles***

***\*Call to Worship***

L: The Magi waited and watched, knowing something wondrous would be happening.

**P: We waited for the birth of Jesus; now something wondrous is about to take root.**

L: The darkness that invaded all lives was banished by the light of that star.

**P: The darkness what surrounds us is gone!**

L: Let us celebrate the bright shining of God's love in our lives.

**P: Let us become those who will bring the light of God's love to others. Amen.**

***\*Opening Hymn***

***"The First Noel"***

No. 245 (vs. 2-4)

***\*A Covenant & New Year Prayer  
in the Wesleyan Tradition***

No. 607  
or See Media

***Children's Message***

Pastor Soon Sun

***\*The Lord's Prayer***

No. 895

***\*Passing of the Peace***

***Choir Anthem***

***"Come Share the Lord"***

Bryan J. Leech

***Joys and Concerns***

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession***

***Prayer Hymn***

***"Go, Tell it on the Mountain"***

No. 251 (vs. 1)

***Prayer of Preparation***

***\*Gospel Reading***

Matthew 2:1-12

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

*Sermon*

“Follow that Star

Rev. Soon Sun Lee

***Holy Communion***

Today’s communion will be received at the rail. Communion is open to all who confess or seek Jesus Christ as their Lord. Those desiring to partake are invited to come to the rail by the center aisle at the direction of the ushers. You may receive the bread and the grape juice either standing or kneeling – whichever is more comfortable. In the center of each communion tray is a bowl with gluten free bread for those who need it. After receiving the bread and the cup, please return to your seats via the side aisles. Tithes, offerings, pledges may be placed in the offering plates located at the front of the Sanctuary.

***The Great Thanksgiving***

Hymnal page 15-16

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

***Sharing of the Bread and Cup***

***Prayer After the Communion***

***\*Closing Hymn***

***“We Three Kings”***

No. 254 (1-4)

***\*Benediction***

***\*Postlude***

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*\* Please stand if you are able*

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**Today’s Worship Participants:**

Acolytes: Cody Lucius, Hero Lucius

Director of Music/Organist: Geri Meyer

Ushers: Dave Fehlman, Jutta Culbertson, Laurel DeBoer,  
Ted Tremont

Worship Assistant: Pastor Crystal

Thank you for worshipping with us. We invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship following this worship service in the refreshment area.

There will be a sermon manuscript (5 copies) available for those who wish to read before the sermon or give it to someone.

### **WORSHIP GUIDE FOR THE WEEK**

This guide is prepared for you with the scriptures used in today's service. We encourage you to read through them as the week progresses as part of your personal devotions.

#### **GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 2:1-12

<sup>2</sup> After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> They asked, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We've seen his star in the east, and we've come to honor him."

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. <sup>4</sup> He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They said, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote:

<sup>6</sup> *You, Bethlehem, land of Judah,*

*by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah,*

*because from you will come one who governs,*

*who will shepherd my people Israel."*<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you've found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him." <sup>9</sup> When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. <sup>11</sup> They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### UN-HANGING OF THE GREENS – TODAY!

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations and packing them away until next year. We need your help. Please stay after worship this morning to help. Many hands make light work!

### JANUARY CHOIR PARTY FOR GERI – JANUARY 11

Geri has always had a special relationship with the choir and has directed the choir for more than 20 years. We want to get together for an evening of celebration and remembering prior to Geri's retirement. So, if you are a member of the choir now or have been in the past, please join us at the home of Larry and Susie Kujovich, 976 Chancery Lane, Cary, IL on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30. Bring an appetizer or finger food to share as well as stories to entertain. Please pass along this invitation to former choir members if you know where they are and we hope to see them as well.

### CELEBRATE GERI MEYER'S RETIREMENT ON JANUARY 19

Come honor and celebrate Geri's retirement as our Music Director and organist. For more than six decades, Geri has been leading the choir, putting on programs and playing the music heard at Sunday service for our Church. January 19, Sunday will be the last time Geri leads the congregation in song. Let us honor and celebrate with her for her many years of service. There will be a lunch/reception following the worship service to continue the celebration.

### BIBLE STUDY RESUMES – JANUARY 14

Bible Study resumes on Tuesdays at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm. This session will be studying the book of **Revelation**. Please see Pastor Soon Sun for more information.

### SUPER SENIORS LUNCH – JANUARY 15

This month our lunch will be at Maggiano's in Vernon Hills at 11:30am. Please sign up in the Narthex.

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP – JANUARY 16

Our January gathering will be on Thursday, January 16. We will meet for lunch at J&D's at 12pm and at 1 pm we will go to Judy's house.

AFTER CHRISTMAS PARTY – JANUARY 18

Join us at 5pm for a potluck dinner and fun gift exchange. Sign up for a dish to share at the potluck. Bring a wrapped white elephant gift (\$10 max value) or regift something you'd like to share and join the fun

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE – Jan. 26

Our Annual Church Conference will be Sunday, January 26 right after the worship service. It is a time to reflect on our church ministries and missions of 2019 and to share our plans, visions, and dreams on our future ministries of 2020. All Board members and committee chairs should attend.

For the Annual Church Meeting **all the annual reports and forms** (written reports of accomplishments in 2019, financial reports, and plans and/or goals for 2020) are now due. **Thank you** to all who have sent them in. If you have not, please do so as soon as possible. Contact Peggy in the office if you have any questions. Your cooperation in submitting reports on time will greatly assist in printing and preparation for the Annual Meeting. Please remember to leave a 1" margin on each side of your typed reports.

CONTINUED PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Heidi Leo, Judy Wennerberg, Joe's grandson Teddy, Mike (friend of Louise), Don Meyer, Donald Wright, Laura P's friend Sandy, Colleen Dioso, Dave Hexby, Ron Zinkel, Linda Wicker, Jan Hironimus, Mary Steffen's sister Diane, Brian Zinkel, Melissa Pearson, Heidi's friend Deb, Cheryl F.'s mom, Aiden Lucius, Mitch & Joann Beinkowski, Teddy Sta.Rosa, Geri Meyer, Angie Humphrey, Bob Reardon, Lilah Mae Stangeland, Larry Bock, Leonor Braund, Florence Burton, Mickie Kisselburg, Scott Matthews, Billy Meyer, Laura Peroutka, Brian Swanson

*Note: Please contact the church office with any necessary updates.*

### MESSAGE TO PADS VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to all who helped with our December hosting of PADS at Messiah Lutheran on Dec. 14/15. We served 35 guests and all of you did a great job. Our second opportunity to serve as hosts is March 14/15. Please sign up on the clip board in the Narthex or let me know which shift you would like to support. We will develop our menu in Mid-Feb and request food donations at that time. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help. -Tom Martin

### BREAKFAST WITH FRIENDS

Start your week off right with a time of fellowship with friends from the church. We meet every week on Monday at 8:00am. Restaurants vary, so please check with Pastor Soon Sun. Join us for coffee, breakfast or just good conversation.

### PRAYER MEETINGS

We have two prayer meeting times – Thursday mornings at 10:30am and Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. Our meetings are a time to gather with other believers to lift our needs and our praises to God.

### PRAYER PARTNER EMAILS

If you would like to receive the Joys and Concerns Prayer Partner emails or if you have a concern please email Nancy Swanson at nraswanson@gmail.com or call her at 847-533-1766. Joys and Concerns from each Sunday's service are emailed each week.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to have flowers on the Altar in memory or honor of a loved one, a friend, or a special occasion, contact Ann Petersen at 847-526-9005 or the church office at 847-526-8471. The cost of an arrangement is \$12.50.

### PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Thank you to our congregation for your continuing support of the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. It is a precious gift to be able to offer help to those in need. Please help if you can.

CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR – Jan. 5-12		
TODAY: Jan. 5	11:00 am	Finance Meeting
	11:00 am	Un-Hanging of the Greens
MON: Jan. 6	8:00 am	Breakfast with Friends
	9:00 am	Senior Exercise
	7:00 pm	AA Meeting
TUE: Jan. 7		
WED: Jan. 8	6:00 pm	T.O.P.S.
	6:30 pm	Worship Commission
	7:00 pm	Trustees
THURS: Jan. 9	10:00 am	Prayer Meeting
	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon
FRI: Jan. 10		
SAT: Jan. 11	4:30 pm	Choir Party for Geri @ Kujovichs
SUN: Jan. 12	10:45 am	Education Committee Meeting

**LAY MINISTRIES:** Next Sunday – January 12, 2020

Worship Assistant.....Nancy Swanson

Ushers.....Jim & Joyce Hill, John Mate

Acolytes.....Hunter Lucius, Madison Lucius