

THE SUNDAY PAPER

Early February 2019

THE PARISH CALENDAR

TODAY, The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
8:00 a.m. Worship-Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:15 a.m. Worship-Holy Communion/ Sunday School
11:30 a.m. First Sunday BLAST Pot-Luck Breakfast
12 Noon Choir Rehearsal

IN MINISTRY TODAY

Asst. Ministers: 8-Farris Parker/10:15-Chris Hamden
Usher: Janice Hogan
Reader: Nicole Lewis
Acolyte: William Johnson
Counters: Lois Kummer/Peter Susling
Altar Guild: Chris Hamden

Toni's Kitchen: Carole Behnke/Rebecca Ford/Janice Hogan/Irene Smith/Tammy Zolnowsky

LAST WEEK

8:00 a.m. 16 10:15 a.m. 59 Pledge Income \$1,218

NEXT SUNDAY, The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 a.m. Worship-Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:15 a.m. Worship - Holy Communion/Sunday School
11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting

IN MINISTRY NEXT WEEK

Asst.Ministers: 8-Farris Parker/10:15-Megan Wills-Llewellyn
Usher: Wolfgang Benz
Reader: Tim Ford
Acolyte: Landon Ruggiero
Counters: Melanie and Joe Apicella
Altar Guild: Chris Hamden

First Sunday BLAST!
TODAY - February 3rd

A Pot-Luck Breakfast following the
10:15 a.m. Worship
for adults/children (members and
non-members)
Free will offering

On that day expect to see:

- Special music - We thank Stafford Horne, saxophone for sharing his talents with us this morning for our First Sunday BLAST worship service.
- A Special Stewardship project - Souper Bowl of Caring. All monies collected will go to the Human Needs Food Pantry, 9 Label Street, Montclair.
- Evangelism Emphasis: Fill the Church Sunday!



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FUND (Fellowship and Stewardship)

FOR YOUR CALENDARS! – The 124th Annual Meeting of the congregation is being held next Sunday, February 10th immediately following the 10:15 a.m. worship. Copies of the Annual Report are available on the table in the entrance way. Coffee/Goodies will be available.

Bright Mountain Lutheran Church, E.L.C.A.

As an item under old business, we will continue a discussion concerning the idea of choosing a new identity name for our church. This discussion began at last year's (2018) annual meeting. A copy of an information letter from last year is attached. Please be prepared to share your thoughts at the annual meeting next Sunday.

Are you interested in becoming a council member?

Council meets usually the 4th Sunday of the month immediately following the 10:15 worship service (11:30 AM) unless a holiday falls on that Sunday. No meetings during July and August. The list of meetings for the year are voted on at the February Council meeting. As there was no Nominating Committee elected at the last Annual Meeting, there are no candidates to be presented at the Annual Meeting next week. If you are interested or have any questions, please call the church office this week. Council members may be nominated from the floor at the meeting next Sunday, but be sure to check first with the person you are nominating.

We Are Proud Of... Beginning next Sunday we are inaugurating a new section of The Sunday Paper entitled, "We are proud of..." If you, or your spouse, or your children or grandchildren have an accomplishment that others would like to know about, please submit the information for consideration at the church office. Our first submission is the daughter of a member who has been selected to give TED talk. Guess who? Revealed next Sunday!

INVITE (Evangelism)

If you are visiting today, our family extends a heartfelt welcome and please join us again. Sign our "guest book."

REJOICE (Worship, Music and Arts)

The Icon for the Feast of the Epiphany is displayed during the Season. It is a gift in honor of all families by Richard and Barbara Murphy. It is displayed at the front of the Sanctuary.

A new flower chart for 2019 is posted on the bulletin board in the entrance way. This is how we have flowers by the baptismal font. Please choose a date and fill in your name. There is no limit to the number of people who can sign up for a Sunday. Cost of flowers is \$35; all money will be put into the flower fund. The flower fund also helps with the cost of special occasion flowers like Easter and Christmas. You will receive a call from the office the week you are signed up for to find out what you want said in the bulletin - in honor of/in memory of/on the occasion of - many options.

Epiphany - The Season of Light

"the light shining in the darkness" is the overarching theme of the Epiphany season. The church is decorated with wall sconces and green votive candles light the stained glass windows.

February is Black History Month. We will sing African American Spirituals each Sunday as we celebrate with our brothers and sisters of color.

SERVE (Social Ministry)

We collect for our friends at The Human Needs Food Pantry in Montclair which is located at 9 Label Street. Their diverse client base includes the elderly, the disabled, the unemployed and under employed, single parents, the homeless and homebound as well as others with food insecurities. Their clients are residents of Montclair and 11 surrounding communities in Essex County with no existing food pantry. Needed:

soup (canned or dried)
rice, noodles, macaroni, beans (canned/dried)

canned vegetables/canned fruit
spaghetti sauce
coffee (instant) and tea (regular/decaf)
peanut butter and jelly
powdered or evaporated milk
meat/fish (canned/requires no refrigeration)
jell-o/pudding mixes
handled paper grocery bags
paper products (towels/toilet paper/napkins)
baby items (baby food/diapers/pull-ups/wipes/
new bottles/pacifiers)
dog and cat food and treats
travel and full-size toiletries/soap/deodorant,
toothpaste/toothbrushes/feminine supplies
cooking oil
cleaning supplies
feminine hygiene products
batteries

We are adding some new items that are needed:

clean, like-new blankets/towels/sheets
ensure

new socks and underwear

(in unopened packaging and check expiration dates)
(Bring to the gathering area bench (by the elevator)

The Souper Bowl of Caring is the result of thousands of young people joining together to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. Today is the last day to bring your \$1.00 (or more) and a can of soup (or more). This is also our Special Stewardship Project at the First Sunday BLAST today. This is our record over the last 3 years:

2018 - \$56 + 68 cans of soup

2017 - \$80 + 70 cans of soup

2016 - \$130 + 72 cans of soup

TEACH (Education)

Our Sunday School continues today. Students first gather at the 10:15 a.m. service with their parents. Children are dismissed after the Children's Sermon and gather for Sunday School with their teacher, Melissa Foord. Sunday School is for youth ages 3 through 6th grade. Each session has a Bible story & craft. Join us!

Confirmation I meets at 4 PM on Sundays, upcoming dates are: February 10th and 24th with Youth Club on the 10th at 5 PM.