

The purely righteous do not complain of the dark, but increase the light; they do not complain of evil, but increase justice; they do not complain of heresy but increase faith; they do not complain of ignorance, but increase wisdom.

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Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Brightest and Best"

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: For people in darkness, Christ is the light.

**People: For people in despair, Christ is the hope.**

Leader: For people grieving, Christ is our comfort.

**People: For people burdened, Christ is a friend to share the load.**

Leader: For people anxious, Christ is calm assurance.

**People: For all people gathered here, Christ is for you.**

Leader: For everyone gathered here, hear the call to follow Christ and be Christ to others. **AMEN.**

**\*HYMN "The Light of the World is Jesus".....no. 636**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**+PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of hope, you place a light into every darkness and a star in every sky, and yet we tend to walk in the darkness of despair and worry. We cover over the light of possibility with a flurry of worry. We walk bent over with care and concern and miss the reach of the stars. We fear the worst and distrust the best. We forge ahead on our own, not noticing your outstretched hand. We forget that there is never a moment that you are not with us, that your Son is Immanuel, "God with us". Forgive us and continue to shine your light of love, hope, peace and joy upon the paths you have called us to walk. AMEN.**

**+SILENT PRAYER** (please use this time to confess your own personal sin)

**+KYRIE**

**+ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: God removes our sins, cleanses our hearts, restores our lives. In Christ we are forgiven.

**People: For God does not deal with us according to our sins, but by God's great redeeming love! AMEN!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142**

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 1:24-31 pg. 1

CHOIR ANTHEM "All is Well"

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:9-11 pg. 812

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

**\*THE CREED.....inside front cover of hymnal**

**\*HYMN "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" .....no. 560**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Star in the East"

\*OFFERING RESPONSE/THE DOXOLOGY.....no. 382

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**\*HYMN "Who Is on the Lord's Side" .....no. 409**

Let There Be Peace on Earth Gold Hymnal no. 681

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE "Hymn Recap"

(those who are able please \*- stand, +-kneel)

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Head Usher.....Jeff Moyer

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The Altar flowers are given in memory of loved ones by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graff.

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Let us also pray for those whose needs remain silent.*

Doris Fultz Robinette Palsgrove Mel Gerhart

Scott Leshar Deb Schleicher Sally Romich

Family of Kathy Schlegel Lori Hartranft

### COMING EVENTS

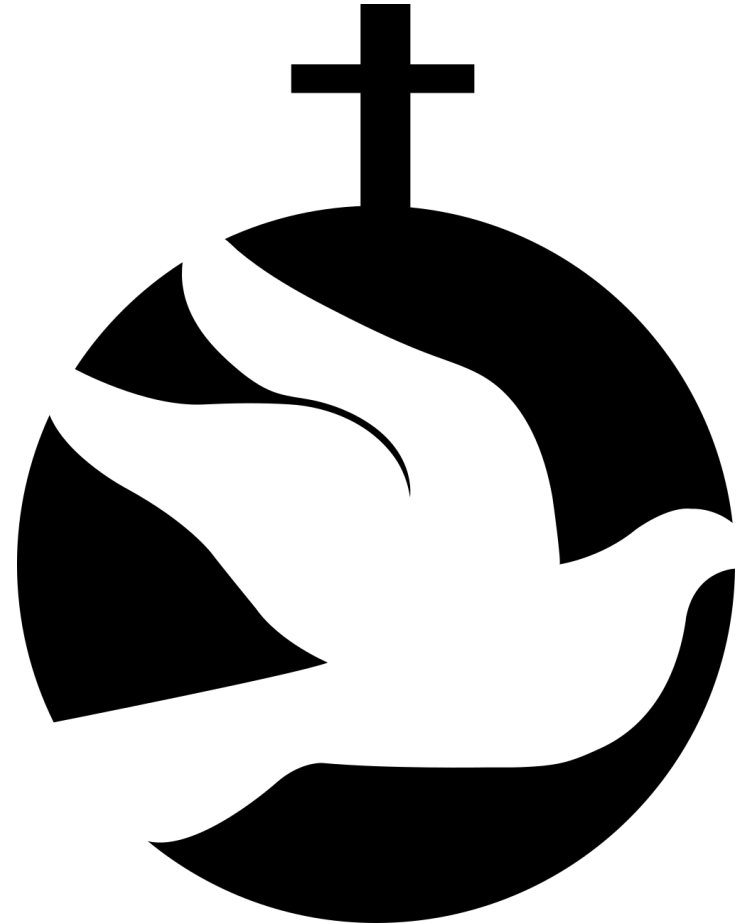
- Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> – Installation of New Council Members  
Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> – Council Meetings – 6:30 and 7:00 pm  
Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> - Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 pm  
Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> – Abigail Butz Memorial Spaghetti Dinner –  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> – Epiphany Communion  
**Unhanging of the Greens**  
Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – Youth Mystery Dinner – 5:00 pm

Sign-up sheets for the youth Soup and Sub sale are posted on the Secretary's window. Soup this year is Ham and Bean.

Youth will be hosting a Mystery Dinner on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up are on the Secretary's window.

Recently, our youth wrote letters to the youth of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bayamon, Puerto Rico. These cards were received with tears of joy and great appreciation. The youth of Zion decided to write back immediately. This simple act of kindness, reminds us that we are all connected and in solidarity with one another. We therefore invite you to follow the example of our youth and write a letter expressing your hopes and prayers for the people of Zion Church and Puerto Rico as they continue to rebuild in the coming New Year. Please drop your cards in the box that will be provided in the Narthex and we will send them all together.

# Peace United Church of Christ



January 7, 2018  
First Sunday of Epiphany