

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

—**Meet Your Governing Board Lunch and Discussion**—immediately after today’s service . Find out what the board does and what role you play.

—This evening you might enjoy a **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration** between 5-6 at New Hope Baptist Church, 1706 S. Hawkins, past the expressway. This is a joint program sponsored by Faith Lutheran church, St. Hilary’s, and Temple Israel along with New Hope Baptist Church. It’s a joyous evening filled with praise, music, creative expression, and fun. Dinner is available between 6-7; however, from past experience, by the time you receive this, dinner reservations will be sold out.

—**Coffee Hour Sign-up Sheet**— we need people to make coffee and bring goodies in February.. Instructions are posted on the wall in the hall above the coffee hour table.

—Jan. 20–10 am, Fellowship Hall-- **Member Care** and others are meeting to begin the process of updating the 2019 Church Directory. Any assistance is appreciated.

—**New Initiatives** Did you know you are a member of the New Initiatives “uncommittee”? Yes, everyone is a member because all of us have thoughts and ideas for projects or experiences that will help keep Christ alive among us. Whether your ideas are just blossoming or in full bloom, Nancy Clem, Cathy King, Hal Horton, Ken and Nancy Williams, and Reverend Tom Ulrich are people you can contact to help explore and facilitate your ideas. This is an opportunity for anyone to involved in something they care about, not a committee. So, let the brainstorming begin! (Notes from our most recent meeting are on the hall table. Pick up a copy and see what we’re about.)

—In 2015, **Eastminster Presbytery** established a partnership with the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon (NESSL). In building this partnership, Francie Fischer and other individuals have twice traveled to Lebanon and Syria, visiting churches and refugee schools in the region. In addition, churches are encouraged to support and pray weekly for the schools and churches in Syria and Lebanon, and for the next two weeks we are invited to pray for –

Jan 19 – The National Evangelical Church in Kab Elias, The National Evangelical Church in Mhardeh, Kab Elias refugee school

Jan 26 – The National Evangelical Church in Ain Zhalta, The National Evangelical Church in Homs and Asis Josef (pastor), Minyara refugee school

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# NEW COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Church Service 10:30 am

January 19, 2020

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tom Ulrich

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Norval

Leader: Let us gather in the presence of one Lord, strengthened by one faith, and nurtured by one baptism.

**People: Here we experience the community of love and hope that grows from the word of God**

Leader: Here we are invited to discover how God is working among us.

**People: Here we would open our minds that we might discern God’s vision for us.**

Leader: In this place let us celebrate God’s gift of life.

**People: Let us rejoice together, and let us worship God.**

### \*HYMN

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

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### PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Mary Norval

Leader: As we walk along God’s path, we often stumble as sin impedes our journey. We may have contributed to the pain of the world where there is already much hurt.

We may have fallen beneath the weight of our shame and guilt.

We may have remained silent amid the piercing voices that lacerate the fabric of community.

But on this day which the Lord has made,  
we realize that God loves us,

and through God’s mercy, grace awaits us.

Let us therefore confess our sins to God,

so that we may receive God’s forgiveness and begin anew. Let us pray:

**People: Faithful and forgiving God, although You summon us to follow You, we confess that we often refuse to participate in Your work. You have called us to be witnesses of Your activity in the world, but we have been unwilling to respond. You have blessed us with life-changing words, but we have failed to discern Your voice. You have charged us to announce the good news of the gospel, but we have been indifferent to Your mission. Forgive us, merciful God, and reshape us into Your image. Give us a vision of Your purpose so that we may share the love and hope that are offered by the One who takes away our sins, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray.** (Silent)

\* congregation standing (if able)

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (adapted from 1 Corinthians 1:8-9) Mary Norval

Leader: God will strengthen us to the end, so that we may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: God is faithful, and we have been called into the fellowship of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People: Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

*(See screens)*

Glory be to the Father, and the Son,  
and the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning,  
Is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning,  
Is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

Mary Norval

Leader: The psalmist tells us, "Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people" (Psalm 85:8). As God's people, let us now greet one another with the peace of Christ.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Tom Ulrich

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be**

**done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our**

**debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**READING FROM THE WORD**

Psalm 40:4-10

**\*HYMN**

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

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**READING FROM THE WORD**

John 1:29-42

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

"Come & See"

**REFLECTIONS ON THE WORD**

*(Congregants are invited to share any thoughts and questions concerning today's proclamation.)*

**\*HYMN**

*Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds*

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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from The United Church of Canada

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God, who has created and is creating,**

**who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church**

**to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation,**

**to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,**

**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, as our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

We give Thee but Thine own,

Whate'er the gift may be;

All that we have is Thine alone

A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

*(See Screens)*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Words of Institution and Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

*We have "open" communion, therefore all who desire a closer relationship with God and want to share in the love of Jesus Christ are invited to participate fully in the sacrament.*

**\*HYMN**

*Step by Step*

*(See screens)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE**

*Surely the Presence of the Lord*

*(See screens)*

Surely, the presence

Of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel His mighty power and His grace;

I can hear the brush of angel's wings;

I see glory on each face.

Surely the presence

Of the Lord is in this place.