

# First United Methodist Church

January 1, 2017

Epiphany Sunday

NEW 2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES are ready to be picked up in the Community Cafe. If you do not see your name, please call the church office at 335-1771 and leave a message on the answering machine so a packet may be made for you.

## ROOM IN THE INN

First United Methodist Church will partner with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to host the first week of Room in the Inn in 2017. This year we will be hosting individuals and families who need shelter. Although we didn't have guests last year, we want to continue our efforts to reach out to the people in our community who need our help. This year the guests will enjoy a hot meal at the SOULS feeding ministry before coming to the church. Our week begins Sunday, January 1st, so we need to have all volunteers in place before the Christmas holidays. Please sign up online by following the directions below, or you can sign up on the board at the entrance to the Fellowship Hall. We will have a volunteer orientation meeting Tuesday, December 20 at 6:00 pm on the third floor.

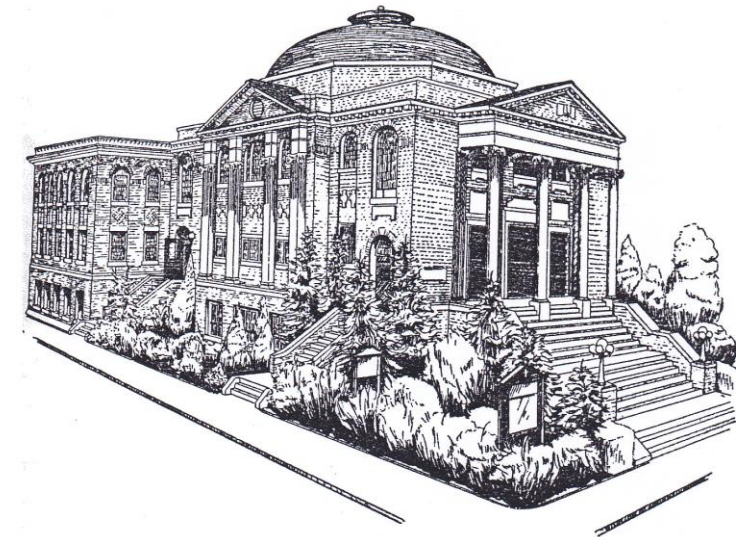
Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Visit our Signup.com page from [ecfumc.org/RITI](http://ecfumc.org/RITI)
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots and SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Julie Robinson (339-1437) and she can sign you up manually.

WE ARE PARTICULARLY IN NEED OF MEN to volunteer for Room in the Inn. Check the bulletin board on the first floor, the online sign-up, or ask Julie Robinson for all the remaining openings.

ARE YOU FOLLOWING US ON SOCIAL MEDIA? Find us on Facebook by searching ECFUMC or Twitter and Instagram @ecfumc to keep up with all we're doing online.



## Welcome

*It doesn't matter where you come from or what your past might be, this is a place for ALL people. We are a Christ-centered community where you will be loved, encouraged, and challenged to discover a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ and a sense of community with others*

*We invite you to fill out a **Connection Card** which is located on the pew in front of you (Sanctuary) or just outside (Asbury Room) and drop it in the offering plate. You are important to us and this is a first step in building a relationship with you.*

*While you are here we invite you to the **Community Café**, located on the first floor for coffee, juice and refreshments. A professional **Infant and Toddler Nursery** is available in our Preschool Wing on the first floor, too.*

*We also invite you to check us out online at [ecfumc.org](http://ecfumc.org) where you can listen to sermons at any time. All of our contact and ministry information is there.*

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# DIVINE WORSHIP

## Epiphany Sunday

(Weekly 11:00 service is broadcast over WGAI Radio Station, AM 560)

January 1, 2017

Ten O'clock in the Morning

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### Entrance

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Chiming of the Hour

\*The Light of Christ leads us into worship

\*Processional Hymn                      *We Three Kings*                      UMH 254

\*Opening Prayer                      The Covenant Prayer                      UMH 607

### Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination                      UMH 6

*Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.*

Old Testament Lesson                      Isaiah 60:1-6

Hymn                      *There's a Song in the Air*                      UMH 249

New Testament Lesson                      Ephesians 3:1-12

Hymn                      Covenant Prayer                      WS 3115

Psalter                      Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (Response 1)                      UMH 795

\*Gospel Lesson                      Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon                      *Growing in Worship*                      Danny Peck

### Response

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

\*Doxology                      Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow                      UMH 94

\*Closing Hymn                      *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*                      UMH 251

### Sending Forth

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction                      *Covenant Prayer (refrain)*

\*Postlude

(\* *Please stand, as you are able.*

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(\* **Congregation please stand as you are able**