



In him was *life*,
and the *life*,
was the light of
men.

John 1:4

January 5, 2020

The Congregational Church UCC

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Church Office Hours: M-F 10am-2pm

Pastor's Office hours: Tues & Wed 9am-12pm

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Preparation Music

Ringling of The Church Bell

Welcoming of Visitors and Friends

Worship Begins With Prayer

Call to Worship

Leader: If you wonder who God is, you are not the only one. If you try to define God but do not know anything for certain, you are not alone. If you wish that once and for all you could dispense with questioning and leap into faith, you join all in the moment before belief.

People: Jesus is the one who brings the mystery of God to us. Jesus is he who bridges the stretch between the unknown and the known. Jesus is God's way of bringing our creator near.

All: You brought us into being, Holy Creator. You have given those who believe the power to become your children.

You have enabled your word to come alive through the being of Jesus the Christ. We praise your name, O God. Amen.

All: O Come, let us worship God who is in our world.

**Opening Song #185 "We Three Kings Of Orient Are"
vs. 1, 2 & 5**

Scriptures Joh 1:1-18 NLT In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) He existed in the beginning with God. (3) God created everything through Him, and nothing was created except through Him. (4) The Word gave life to everything that was created, and His life brought light to everyone. (5) The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it. (6) God sent a man, John the Baptist, (7) to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. (8) John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. (9) The One who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. (10) He came into the very world He created, but the world didn't recognize Him. (11) He came to His own people, and even they rejected Him. (12) But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God. (13) They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God. (14) So the Word became human and made His home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen His glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. (15) John testified about Him when He shouted to the crowds, "This is the One I was talking about when I said, 'Someone is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for He existed long before me.'" (16) From His abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. (17) For the law was given through Moses, but God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. (18) No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is Himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us.

Collection of Tear Off Sheets

Children's Moment The WORD Became Us!"

Confession of Sin

All: We do not know you, gracious God, when our idea of you is too small. We do not recognize you when our concept of you puts you completely beyond our reach. Hear both our wanting to be yours and our reluctance to accept the responsibility of being yours. Amen.

Response # 106 "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Pastoral Prayers, Including the Lord's Prayer

Resurrection Candle Hailey Ann Russo

Offering

Sung Praises Praise God from whom all blessings flow...

Prayer of Dedication

Message "The Light Shines in the Darkness"

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
The Creator of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord:
Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. The third day
He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and
Sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
From whence He shall come to judge
The living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The one holy universal Christian church,
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion Statement

The Sacrament of Communion is open to all persons who believe that Jesus is Lord and Savior.

Today communion will be served in the pews.

As you receive the bread, partake of it as you are moved by the Spirit. (the communion bread is gluten free)

As you receive the cup, hold it so that we all may partake of it together, as one body of Christ.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

Closing Song #181 "As With Gladness Men Of Old"

Closing Blessing

Closing Response : (by Congregation)

Amen; Amen; Amen.

Music to Send Us Into The World

* Nursery available during Worship and Education Hour



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun.	Jan	05	9:30 am	Christian Education Meeting
			10:00 am	Worship/Communion/Installation of New Officers and Committee Members
			11:15 am	Diaconate Meeting
			11:15 am	Trustee Meeting
Mon.	Jan	06	9:30 am	Senior Dining Hall Open
			7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Tues.	Jan	07	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study
			9:30 am	Senior Dining Hall Open
			10:00 am	Bible Study
Wed.	Jan	08	3:30 pm	Homework & Hangout
			5:45 pm	Dinner
			6:30 pm	QPR Guest Speaker for Youth Group
Thu.	Jan	09	8:15 am	Ministerium
			9:30 am	Senior Dining Hall Open
			5:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
			7:00 pm	Money Management
Fri.	Jan	10	9:30 am	Senior Dining Hall Open
Sat.	Jan	11	6:00 am	Ruby's Pantry Food Set-Up
			7:30 am	Youth Ruby's Panty Service & Movie Day
			7:30 am	Ruby's Panty Registration Begins
			9:00 am	Registration Closes Food Distribution Begins
Sun.	Jan	12	8:30 am	MT20 Meeting
			10:00 am	Worship/Sunday School

**Welcome: To our members, friends, guests and visitors.
Our Congregation reaches out to you in faith and love.**

January Ushers and Coffee Host - Volunteers

Remember in your Prayers: Pray for our service personnel, for Fire, Police and EMS workers, for all who keep us safe and strong. Pray for those that are ill or hospitalized. Pray for those fighting addiction in all forms. Pray Carter; Penny S.; Sally B.; Juli's sister Betsy and friend Cheryl; for all who have cancer; healing for Kelsey's mom; family healing for those in turmoil; Pray for safe travels; for all those deployed; for the Leonards' mom who just had a pacemaker implanted; prayers for Laura.

Pastor's Office Hours: Pastor Schaefer's regular office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am to 12pm. To contact him, call his cell 715-222-2899.

News and Events:

Today: New officer and committee members installation will be held during the Sunday service. Please join us in showing appreciation for these dedicated people who willingly share their time and talents.

January 7th: The Tuesday 10am Bible Study - DVD series by Michael Card on the gospel of Mark. Please join us in the Congo Conference Room.

Written specifically for the Gentiles during a climate of persecution and suffering in Rome, the gospel of Mark reveals an intimate yet commanding side of Jesus. In this interactive, eight-lesson study, you'll travel on a virtual journey to Rome and Israel with host Michael Card for a closer look into the struggles, suffering, and pain endured by those who followed Jesus. Bringing clarity not only to the joy of following Christ, but also to the reality of fear, uncertainty, and danger, this engaging exploration of Mark's gospel shows how you can face trials in life with the confidence that you'll find hope, healing, and encouragement through Jesus Christ.

Youth News:

On **Wednesday January 8th** following Homework & Hangout and dinner, we will welcome Kim Henningsgard, a QPR Guest Speaker. QPR stands for Question, Persuade and Refer – the three simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. Parents are strongly encouraged to come at 6:30pm to take part in the QPR presentation with their youth. This event is open to all. Our evening will conclude at 8:15pm

Saturday January 11th - Ruby's Pantry Service & Movie day. All middle school and high school youth are encouraged to meet at Congo Church at 7:30am to help serve. Following clean-up and lunch we will watch the movie Overcomer. Parent pick-up time is 3pm.

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Grief is the last act of love we have to give to those we loved. Where there is deep grief, there was great love.

**Father God,
I pray for the families that are
grieving the loss of someone
they love. Lord heal the hurting,
Be with the one that is
alone after losing their loved one.
Give them the strength to go on.
Be with the children that lost
a parent, heal their broken little
lives and heart. Provide love and
nurture through others.
Be with the parent that has lost a child.
Heal the broken, heal the hurting.
Touch them with your healing hand today.
May the Holy Spirit speak peace to
their hearts.
In The Name Of Christ Jesus I Pray.**



Amery UCC Mission Statement:

“We are a family of faith, dedicated to the mission of making disciples, spreading the Good News and baptizing in the name of Jesus Christ”

Happy Birthday

Birthdays this Week

01/05 Kory Hill

01/05 Alek Betzold

01/07 Lindy Olson

01/07 Nyla Roettger

01/07 Jacob Anderson

01/08 Essie Whitehead

01/08 Darlene Sattler

01/09 Debra Strodthoff

01/10 Zeke Eugene Warner

January Born

01/03 Henry Bowen

01/05 Kory Hill

01/05 Alek Betzold

01/07 Lindy Olson

01/07 Nyla Roettger

01/07 Jacob Anderson

01/08 Essie Whitehead

01/08 Darlene Sattler

01/09 Debra Strodthoff

01/10 Zeke Eugene Warner

01/12 Kathy Picotte

01/14 Ozzie Warner

01/17 Rooney Adele Warner

01/21 Donovan Maukstad

01/23 Jayanna Mahler

01/24 Connor Satterlund

01/26 Mitchell Larson

01/26 Charlie Harris