

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 12

NO Adult Bible Study
10:30 am Worship- USD Chamber Singers
11:30 am Coffee HI
11:30 am Cabinet Meeting

Tuesday, January 14

NO Coffee with Pastor Katie at The Bean
6:30 pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, January 15

5:30 pm LAF, BC, and Confirmation I
7:00 pm Adult Choir

Sunday, January 19

9:00 am Adult Bible Study
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Coffee HI
11:30 am Confirmation II

Worship Leaders and Church Staff

Rev. Katie Miller - Sr. Minister Rev. Elaine Miller - Minister of Visitation
Michail Chalkiopolous - Organ Kari Jensen - Christian Ed Director
Anthony Burbach - Bell Director/Piano Taylor Ebsen - Church Administrator
Gretchen Burbach - Choral Director Sarah Gregg - Church Financial Officer
Paul Ebsen - Media Director Kathy Hasenbank, Linda Moe - Custodians

2024-2025 Interns

Shaelyn Laferty - Choir, Alto
Josh Styskal - Choir, Bass
Sam VanGerpen - Choir, Tenor
Elle Hoops - LAF/Preschool, Nursery
Max Huska - LAF/BC, Nursery
Jozie Kumm - Media Intern



January 12, 2025- Pastor Jean Morrow

PRELUDE USD Chamber Singers -Directed by Dr. David Holdhussen

WELCOME

Friendship Pads
Announcements
Joys and Concerns

Please also complete a "Prayer Card" and put it in the collection plate.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*INTROIT "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" 164
Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, beloved of God, to remember who you are and whose you are.

God in Christ, has named us all "Beloved."

Yes, here and now, God's heaven of love is being poured out anew.

May this motion of the Holy One, shape our hearts and minds.

May it brighten the Epiphany light in us and the whole creation.

And may it shape our words and work into good news for the world!

*HYMN “Crashing Waters at Creation” 326

*INVOCATION

Holy One, awaken us again to Your outpouring Spirit of Love. Through this generous gift, stretch our souls wide and form us into channels of your healing grace. Gift us with an ability to recognize You in each other, all imprinted with Your beloved blessing. Clarify our intentions, purify our actions, fill our words with grace and our hearts with hope. Yes, soak our thinking, our praying, our hoping, our everything in You. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

MEDITATION “Acknowledging Sacredness”

HYMN OF MEDITATION “What Ruler Wades through Murky Streams” 169

A TIME FOR PRAYER

- Silent Prayer
- Pastoral Prayer (adapted from *At the Baptism of Jesus* by Walter Brueggemann)
- Lord’s Prayer

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

The outpouring of God’s spirit described in the baptism of Jesus reminds us that God’s very nature is generous, self-giving love. It is the source of our deepest joy. When we open our hearts in generous giving, we give space for God’s love and joy to grow in us for the good of others. May our hearts be stretched wide by this motion of the Holy One, as we joyfully bring our gifts.

OFFERTORY “Lyrisch Stuck” G.V. Merkel

**Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O Gracious God, we thank you for the invitation to grow through giving, made possible by Your outpouring spirit. May these gifts we bring be used to form ever-new blessings in this congregation and around the world. And may our lives be the instruments of love and joy you desire. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore” 173

*BENEDICTION

Remember that your first name is Beloved, given to you by God before any other name. Remember also it is the name given to every human being. May this blessed gift and claim of God grow in your heart and mind. And may it flow through you as a blessing into the life of the world. Blessings on you, Beloved! Amen and Amen.

POSTLUDE USD Chamber Singers

A special thanks to:

Dr. David Holdhussen and the USD Chamber Singers
Pastor Jean Morrow and Kari Jensen for providing today’s worship

- USHERS: Rich Holland, Lois Nygaard, Cleo Anderson
- DEACON OF THE DAY: Becca Jordre
- ACOLYTE: Savanna Chandler
- NURSERY: Ebsen Family
- COFFEE HI: The Searcy and Hill Families

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CPR CLASS OPPORTUNITY-SIGN UP

The Vermillion Fire/EMS Safe program is offering a CPR class for the United Church of Christ congregation on **Saturday, January 25, at 1:00 PM**. The class will be held at the church, and the cost is \$35 per person. To register, email uccv@uccvermillion.org, call the church office at 605-624-3120, or sign up on the registration sheet located on Taylor's desk in the church office. This is a valuable opportunity to learn a life-saving skill—don't miss out! **Sign up deadline is January 16!**

ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL CHALLENGE

The LAF students and families are throwing down a challenge—who can collect the most soup (and monetary donations) for the Food Pantry? The competition wraps up on Sunday, February 9, so bring **your cans and cash** to help stock the shelves! This is one of the Food Pantry's most crucial drives of the winter, and every donation makes a big difference for our community. **Let's make it a soup-er success!**

ANNUAL MEETING

Our **Annual Meeting** will be held January 26, at 12 pm.

COFFEE HI SIGN UP

The 2025 **Coffee HI sign up** is posted on the bulletin board downstairs. Thanks to those who have already signed up! We hope you will find a date that works for you to host and share some treats. You can also call the church office (605-624-3120) or email us (uccv@uccvermillion.org) with a date that works for you. On days we don't have hosts, coffee will be available.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Pledge Income through November:
Actual \$222,868.35; Budget \$237,737.03
YTD Pledge Shortfall: \$14,868.73

If you would like to donate to the Vermillion United Church of Christ, Congregational using PayPal, please scan this QR code with your phone.

