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A Word from Don

Happy New Year! Well here we go, launching into a new experience of the unknown future. So many circumstances of life are beyond our control, and yet, the faith and promise of the Incarnate God celebrated in Christmas is not unknown to all who believe. As the season of Epiphany dawns we consider just how Jesus "manifests" himself in and through our lives and relationships.

When my children were quite young we, as a family, explored our new growth in faith by questioning what we were learning from the scriptures and our church experience in worship, Sunday School, and the small groups we were involved in. Discussions at the dinner table and bed time were common, illuminating, and gave opportunity not only to know Jesus better, but each other too. One evening, after a long, pressing day of work, I picked up the children from our baby-sitter (Diana and I worked alternating shifts to reduce day care time) and began to prepare dinner. I was rustling around the kitchen with pots and pans clanging and plates and silverware clunking when Kelly (then 6 years old), out of the blue, threw a question at me that stopped me in my tracks. "Daddy," she said, "when Jesus comes back, how will we recognize him?" As the water began to boil, I realized so were my thoughts. For a moment I could not answer, and an "I don't know" was not going to work. Thankfully, the Holy Spirit whispered in my ear and I responded; "Well Kelly, how did you recognize me when I came home from work today?" "Oh, daddy," she returned, "Of course I know you. I recognize your voice. I see you all the time. I know where to find you, and you're always there when I need you." I affirmed her answer, "it's just like that with Jesus and us. The more time we spend with him and learn how he works in our lives, the easier it will be to recognize his loving presence with us." Boy, did I learn something valuable from my little girl that day!

A few years ago a phrase came from a Christian rock band, "WWJD. It stands for "What Would Jesus Do." Catchy! It became a popular evangelistic tool with rubber wrist bands to remind the wearer to ask themselves, "What Would Jesus Do?" in the present situation they were involved in. I once heard Rev. Dr. Leonard Sweet, pastor, author, speaker, and teacher comment on the time he caught his teenage children wearing those wristbands. He confiscated them from the children. "What Would Jesus Do," he instructed, "is theologically wrong." "It's not about what Jesus might do. It's all about 'What Jesus IS Doing' that is important." Leonard Sweet insisted accurate knowledge and relationship with Jesus was the only standard for his children and himself.

If the Epiphany is truly to be the "manifestation" of Jesus, then how are we doing *recognizing* him in our midst? What can we do this year to make him more visible to our community? Let's explore this endeavor together through the Scriptures, our worship, our service, our giving, our discipling, and our serving.

Growing in Grace, Gifted for God's Glory,

Your pastor, *Don*

January Lectionary/Preaching Schedule

The Lord consistently "appears" in our ordinary, every-day life.
How can we better "recognize" God's work of grace for, in, and through us?
Where has Jesus appeared in your life today?

December 29-January 1: Epiphany of the Lord
Psalm 148
Isaiah 61:10- 62:3 *Reading the Hebrew Scriptures*
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40 "Recognizing Revelation!"

January 2-8: 1st Sunday after the Epiphany
Baptism of the Lord
Psalm 29
Genesis 1:1-5
Acts 19:1-7 "Recognizing the Holy Spirit!"
Mark 1:4-11 *Reading the Gospel*

January 9-15: 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 *Reading the Psalm*
1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20) "Recognizing God's Voice!"
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

January 16-22: 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Psalm 62:5-12
Jonah 3:1-5, 10 *Reading the Hebrew Scripture*
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20 "Recognizing Jesus'Call!"

January 23-29: 4th Sunday after Epiphany
Psalm 111
Deuteronomy 18:15-20 *Reading the Hebrew Scripture*
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28 "Recognizing Jesus' Authority!"

Pastor Don's weekly Bible Study class is on Wednesdays at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Currently we are studying the Book of Genesis. The classes last for one hour and everyone is invited to attend. After the Bible Study has finished, the Fellowship Hall will remain available for anyone who might wish to bring a packed lunch to enjoy in the company of friends, or perhaps it would be a good opportunity to go out for lunch with a friend.

The prayer list in Sunday's Bulletin begins anew each week. If you have a prayer request, please call Ann Morgan at 732-4614 or the church office at 732-3435. Please let us know if you or another member of our church family is going into the hospital, even if this is an outpatient procedure. Prayer request cards are also available in the pews.

Prayer Page

For those who have computers, there is a prayer page on our web site which is available for all to view. A list of those requesting prayer (first name only), and a general prayer are located on that page at www.fumcbb.com/prayercircle. Prayer is a form of worship. May this participation bless you as you continue to serve God.

Tape Ministry

If you know of anyone who cannot attend church and would like to receive a CD or a DVD of the Sunday service, please contact the church office at 732-3435.

Miriam Circle

The ladies of the Miriam Circle will meet on Monday, January 9, at 7:00 pm in the Parlor. Roberta Chenoweth will be our hostess. New members and visitors are always welcome in this friendly group.

Ruth Circle

The January meeting of the Ruth Circle will be on Tuesday, January 10 at 10:00 am. The meeting will be in the Agapé Room where, after the opening, the hygiene bags for the homeless will be completed. All women are welcome to our friendly group.

Join us for a delicious Breakfast Buffet on Saturday, January 14, 8:00 am – 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We'll have a wonderful array of food, much of it home-cooked, including fresh fruit, pancakes, bacon or sausages, coffee, fruit juice, and maybe a surprise or two. Invite a friend too. There is no set charge, but a freewill offering would be appreciated.

Family Night Fellowship Supper

Save the date of Thursday, January 12 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall and join us for a delicious home-cooked meal of roast pork with all the trimmings. Come along and enjoy a time of good food, friendship and fun. Bring a friend too. The cost is $7/adult, $4/child up to age 12 and $16 for a family. Sign up in the Narthex or call the church office at 732-3435 by noon on Tuesday, January 10.

Dutch Treat Lunch Bunch

Tired of eating Sunday lunch alone? Please join the others at the back of the sanctuary after the 11:00 am Worship Service for a time of food and fellowship. Everyone is welcome.

Church Publicity

Shirley Hall is the Publicity Chairperson for the church for newspaper articles and she would like to be notified 2-3 weeks prior to events being planned in the church. Her phone number is 732-2210 or you can email her at flogeo3028@bellsouth.net

Prayer Group

The Prayer Group meets at 1:30 pm on Wednesdays in the Historical Room under the direction of Ann Morgan. The group meets to join in prayer for people on the church list and for the needs of our church. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please phone Ann at 732-4614.

Church Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2012 are in the Narthex. Please pick up your box. If there is not a box with your name on it, please call the church office and speak with Evelyn or Grace and they will see that you get offering envelopes. Thank you for your continued support of our church.

Cookbooks

Cookbooks can be purchased in the church office every Tuesday from 9:00 am – noon. For more information, please contact Joan Bade at 292-1100.

Pairs and Spares

Pairs and Spares Sunday School class will host their Pot Luck Dinner on Saturday, January 14 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Meat is provided so just bring a dish to share and join them for an evening of fellowship.

Happy New Year!
Our Breakfast with Santa was AWESOME! We had a great turn out and everyone had a wonderful time. Santa did a wonderful job and charmed all the little ones. The food was delicious thanks to Chef Leo. This year Kevin and the Youth group helped me and my preschool staff with this breakfast. After expenses, all proceeds went to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. Everyone helped make this breakfast a success and a lot of fun. A big "Thank You" to Santa and to everyone that helped with this special breakfast.
I would also like to thank Debbie Weaver, Ann and John Hawken and Pastor Don for helping with the music program for the preschool. The children's performance in the church and the Christmas programs were so special.
As we start off the New Year, the 3's class will be learning about winter and the Circus. The 4's VPK class will be learning about winter and Reptiles/ Dinosaurs. We will have a Reptile Show at the end of the month.
Registration for the 3's class for fall 2012 will begin on January 17th.
Registration for the 4's VPK Class for fall 2012 will begin on February 1st.
Peggie Nasin

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION
FALL 2012 - 2013

3 year old class: This year we will offer a two day-a-week program or a three day-a-week program.
Tuesday/Thursday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Children must be 3 years old on or before 09/01/12.
Registration Fee - $75.00
Tuition - $115.00 per month
Class starts September 4, 2012

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
The Wednesday class will be held in the Preschool Library and will focus on early literacy skills.
Registration Fee - $75.00
Tuition - $175.00 per month
Class starts September 4, 2012

4 year old / VPK Class – registration to begin in February
Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm
Children must be 4 years old on or before 09/01/12 to be in this class. Class will begin in August. VPK students will need an enrollment form from Family Central in West Palm Beach.

Call Peggie Nasin for more information - 732-3435 or 329-5614 (cell).

Food Drive

January is our month to help feed our neighbors in need. If you would like to participate, please take a copy of the shopping list from the Narthex. Food may be returned to the Narthex on Sundays or church office during the week. If you would prefer to make a donation, please designate your check or envelope "Food Drive" and place it in the offering plate or turn it in to the Church Office.

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S GROUP dinner and meeting - Tuesday, January 17 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come along for an evening of food, fun and fellowship. Young, old, or in between, come and enjoy uniting with the men of the church.

The Men's Group would like to thank everyone for supporting the **Danny Hall Memorial Scholarship Fund** breakfast. We served 167 people and after expenses we were able to give the Church General Fund $74.46 for use of the facilities and add $670.11 to the Scholarship Fund. Thanks again to all.

The Flower Calendar is in the Narthex, ready for you to sign up. For those wishing to place flowers on the altar, the cost is $40 for both arrangements. If you would like to honor or remember a loved one in this way, please write your name by your chosen date on the calendar in the Narthex, complete a form and place it in the offering plate, or return it to the Church office, along with your check or envelope marked "Altar Flowers."

Missions Corner

Angels sing praises of gratitude to all who participated in blessing children with Christmas gifts from the **Angel Tree**. Graciously, FUMC helped to fulfill the wishes of 50 children who are less fortunate in our neighboring area. Thank you all who selflessly gave of their time and resources to bless these precious children.

A special thank you to Tropical Breeze Estates for their generous gifts once again. Each year they host a party and the guests bring wrapped gifts for children. This year they outdid themselves and delivered to us 114 beautifully wrapped gifts and several bags of food. These items as always are given to organizations which need additional gifts to help cover children who did not get selected or did not receive much. **Thank you all!**

Our FUMC Missionary Family

Chris, Noelle and Louis Jones

The Jones family missionary work for Christ Jesus is in the country Ghana, located in northwest Africa. **Gospel for Africa** started in Abidjan, a modern city in Cote d' Ivoire, but because the political climate became hostile last year, they made the decision to follow thousands and their church family, now displaced refugees, into the neighboring country of Ghana. Persevering with God's grace, Pastor Chris built a modest tent to begin a new church in the refugee camp. The numbers of church members continue to grow as more learn about God's love for them. The Jones family struggle financially, yet willingly give themselves to God's calling. Presently, Noelle travels back to Abidjan to teach Chemistry at the University and is separated from her family during the week. On the weekends she has started a women's ministry and activities for the children. They have had many obstacles for the past four years, one of which, Noelle and Louis contracting Malaria, but through it all they feel very blessed to be a part of God's plan. Please pray and lift up the Jones family. On the *Missions Bulletin Board* you can learn more about **Gospel for Africa,** their many needs and a Christmas card.

Worship Corner

A very hearty thank you to Sandy Hedges who spearheaded the decoration of the sanctuary. She also placed the beautiful new wreaths on the doors.

There was a great turnout for decorating the church which is known as the Hanging of the Greens on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. The Advent Candle wreath base as well as the cross and candles on the altar were decorated with new candle rings that have little musical scrolls, red ribbon, and pine branches.

Janie Alpert and her daughters, Geneva and Sienna as well as Megan and Allison Rogers joined in decorating the tree, and they did a beautiful job. The Christmonds are being handled very gingerly as they were made with loving hands over the years, but they are quite fragile.

David Blonda, Bob and Shirley Hall, Peggy Nasin, Lynette Powell and Gerry Pleasanton worked together to adorn the sanctuary for our especially festive Christmas season. We thank each one for taking the time to come out to church and work on that project.

Joanne A. Kean

In Loving Memory

We would like to extend our heartfelt prayers and deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Jade Guzzo, Carol Sinnott, and Dorothy Truitt.

Happy Birthday To:

2 Joan Matthews
3 Daniel Alvarez
Evelyn Edwards
4 Cayden Mosch
Shirley Templeton
5 Dennis Train
6 Jonathan Bergener
7 Laura Snow
9 Micah Dabuet
Rich Gallo
Wesley Wallace
10 Joyce Kitchens
Reese Whithey
11 Jacqueline Reitano
12 Charles Coppa
John Coppa
13 Shane Doherty
14 Evelyn Howell
Barbara Thompson
15 Mary Borsare
Vicki Gallo
Howard Shepherd
16 Al Schreiber
Betty Jo Thatcher
17 Blake McDonald
18 Polly Glenn
23 Ruth Heath
24 Sienna Alpert
Deloris Cross
Isabella Popps
26 Isabelle Feltt
27 Crystal Foreman
29 Stephanie Andringa
Marilyn Hawkins
Ashlyn Ritson
30 Josh Hall
Gloria Turner
31 Patti Bergener
Lorraine Gust

To be added to our "Happy Birthday" list, please call the office with the information (just the month and day).

Youth Activities

The Youth Group meets on Saturdays from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. For more information, please contact Kevin VanMeter at 853-5776.

Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Don Corbit
Music Director / Organist	David Block
Treasurer	Evelyn Lindstrom
Church Secretary	Trish Newlands
Minister of Visitation	Grace Bergener
Youth Ministry Director	Kevin VanMeter
Preschool Director	Peggie Nasin
Custodian	Rich Powers
Nursery Attendant	Jennifer Desjardins

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Please submit your articles to the Church office.

Atlantic Central District Leadership Training Event

Saturday, February 4, 2012
Trinity UMC of Palm Beach Gardens,
8:15 am- 3:00 pm

This FREE leadership training event will inspire and equip laity, lay staff and clergy. The day includes worship, child care, a wide variety of classes, a light breakfast, lunch and a wonderful time to grow and connect with other leaders in our district. More information is available in the narthex and online at www.acdistrictumc.org (click on "2012 Training Event") or call 1-772-595-5731.

Christmas Thanks from Grace

First I would like to thank all of those wonderful people who went caroling. I would like to name them all, but if by chance I would miss a name, I would feel very bad and sad! Each caroler contributed much to our caroling; the times we went caroling were:

Tuesday, December 13, at the Edward J. Healey Home. Thanks to Pastor Don for driving us in Diana's car. Being at the nursing home was a very blessed experience, so much so that we are thinking of getting a group together and having a "Christmas in July" event. (Or maybe a patriotic sing-along for the 4th).

Thursday, December 15 - at nursing homes and some private homes. We had 2 groups, one went north and the other went south. Thanks to Don and Ann Coker for driving north, and to Charlie and Joan Alt for driving South.

Friday, December 16 - Leaving about 6:00pm - we had 2 groups. Going to Leisureville and downtown Boynton area, we had an 11 passenger bus donated by Palm Beach Tours, owned by John Critchett (a former member), and driven by Rich Wendt (sometimes known as Bill!). Thanks to all our carolers - for some it was an effort getting out and back into the bus, but they sang ever so sweetly!

Thanks also to the Rogers, Schwinge, and Ibalarrosa families who traveled all over Boynton, caroling for many shut-ins. The shut-ins especially love to have the younger group caroling.

Let's do it again next year - O K?

Next I would like to thank all those who helped me deliver Poinsettias to many of our shut-ins; Maria Escamilla, Ann Morgan, Joan Moss and Carol McCord. You got to visit with many of our shut-ins, and also got a lot of exercise doing it!

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Dear Ones,
Thank you so much for the generous love offering that you gave to us at Christmas. Your gift was a real blessing and we are truly thankful to you.
We wish you and your loved ones a blessed New Year.
Love, Pastor Don and Diana

Dear Friends,
I want to thank you so very much for the Christmas Love Offering gift. In these times of rough finances for everyone, it was deeply appreciated. God bless each one of you with a great and blessed 2012, and may all your prayers be answered, soon!
Love, Grace B. (sometimes known as Mrs. Floppyhat)

Dear Friends,
I would like to thank you very much indeed for the most generous gift that you so kindly gave to me at Christmas-time. Although the words 'Thank You' seem very small and insignificant, they are meant most sincerely and come from the bottom of my heart. I truly appreciate each and every one of you and I simply love being a part of this wonderful church.
I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a Happy and Blessed New Year. I hope that it will bring you good health, peace, many blessings, and everything that you could possibly wish for.
With fondest love, Trish Newlands

Dear FUMC,
I am very touched about what you are doing to help us and help spread the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are an answer to our prayer. We rejoice in our Lord Jesus Christ, knowing that we are not alone. We are grateful to have a family in First United Methodist Church, who are praying and helping us. Thank you Pastor Don and FUMC for touching people's lives in Ghana and in the Ivory Coast, and also for helping us do the work of the Lord.
Love in Christ Jesus, God bless you,
Noelle Jones

January 2012 Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **New Year's Day** Worship 8:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Youth Sunday School 10:15 – 10:45 am Worship 11:00 am Lunch Bunch 12 noon	**2** **Church Office Closed**	**3** Bowling 6:30 pm	**4**	**5** Trustees 7:00 pm	**6**	**7** Youth Group 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
8 Worship 8:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Youth Sunday School 10:15 – 10:45 am Worship 11:00 am Lunch Bunch 12 noon	**9** Chimers Bell Choir 6:30 pm Miriam Circle 7:00 pm	**10** Ruth Circle 10:00 am Bowling 6:30 pm	**11** Pastor's Bible Study 11:00 am – 12 noon Prayer Group 1:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm	**12** Family Night Supper 7:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm	**13**	**14** Pancake Breakfast 8-10 am Youth Group 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Pairs and Spares 6:00 pm
15 Sunday School 9:45 am Youth Sunday School 10:15 – 10:45 am Lunch Bunch 12 noon	**16** **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** **Church Office Closed** Chimers Bell Choir 6:30 pm	**17** Men's Group Dinner and Meeting 6:00 pm Bowling 6:30 pm	**18** Pastor's Bible Study 11:00 am – 12 noon Prayer Group 1:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm	**19** **Beacon Deadline** Ad. Board 7:00 pm	**20**	**21** Youth Group 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
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