



## Second Sunday after Epiphany



**January 15, 2017**

*Welcome Pr. Sandy Stone  
We are so blessed to have  
you with us!*

**PLAN TO ATTEND!!**

**February 5, 2017**

**9:00 a.m.**

**ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING**

*We are Saved by God's Grace*

*and*

*Called to Share the Love of Jesus with ALL.*

***For Whom Shall We Pray***

***For those in need:***

Richard Saunders, Dion Parker,  
Karl Knapp (Floro), Natalie Anderson,  
Makenzie Webb, Walter & Patricia Finger  
(Brown),

Margaret and Michael DeCarlo (Campbell),  
Corrie Fosson (Whitehead), Carl Bowen (Black),  
Steve DeWitte, John Ege

***For those serving our country:***

Hunter Schultz, Matthew (Sorrell)

***In a special way:***

St. Martha's Episcopal Church, as we share our  
church home and look forward to sharing  
Pr. Sandy Stone.

***Do you have a need for Prayer?***

Let us know of your concern. Contact the Care  
Team by calling Colleen Black 859-223-3877

Or call the Word of Hope office

859-272-8515

Or email: [wordofhopeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:wordofhopeoffice@gmail.com)

**Holy Communion** is God's gift to us and we're  
happy to share it with you. There are gluten free  
wafers available. White grape juice is available in  
the inner ring of the tray of individual cups if you  
prefer. We invite all who trust in Jesus' presence in  
the bread and wine to participate in this holy meal.



**If you are a VISITOR, visit our Welcome Center and please sign our GUEST BOOK.**

We want to get to know you better and help you get to know us! We have a warm, family-like congregation and we love welcoming others to it. Please write down the best way to get in touch with you.

**THANKS AGAIN FOR JOINING US AND PLEASE COME AGAIN SOON!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TODAY

**WELCOME PR.SANDY!** Today is the first day our new pastor, Sandy Stone leads us in our worship here at Word of Hope. We welcome her with anticipation of much love, faith, and hope in our *Amazing Grace Place*.

## **FROM PR.SANDY**

Dear Congregation of Word of Hope,

I am extremely excited to let you know, that I learned from my bishop, that he feels like me serving as your pastor is a great idea. In other words, I have been given permission to serve as your pastor. I think you all are a very loving, gracious congregation, steeped in hospitality, and I feel blessed to be called to serve you. I am looking forward to getting to know each of you better, and I am looking forward to the joint ministry we will share. I cannot wait to see the fruits of God's work as God continue to guide us.

-Pastor Sandy

## **FROM PR. JIM**

"Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place" and the Spirit of God is in your hearts. I shared this with both congregations. I firmly believe that Pastor Sandy will keep that spirit and presence alive with you.

Thank you for another enriching chapter of my ministry experience. Thank you for the Christmas gift. Thank you for the treasured memories and new friendships. And most of all thank you for the prayers of support for our ministry together. Be assured; you and Pastor Sandy will be in my prayers as I look forward to the continuing growth of the seeds that have been planted in the last six months. God bless!

-Pastor Jim Merkel

## **ONGOING**

**CARE AND CONVERSATION** meets every Wednesday at 7:00 pm to share our thoughts and show concern for each other and the world around us. You are invited to join the group any Wednesday. All are welcome.

**PRAISE BAND** will meet for rehearsals on Wednesdays at Word of Hope at 7pm. All are welcome to join.

## **REMINDER**

**REPORTS FOR ANNUAL MEETING** are **DUE NOW** to Karen in the office.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN IN ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS BY TUESDAY AT NOON VIA EMAIL, WRITING, OR PHONE CALL.**

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**SUNDAY February 5, 2017**  
**At 9:00 am.**

**(NOTE: Earlier than usual service time)**

ALL are strongly encouraged to attend and participate in the planning of our church life at this exciting time!  
Info/questions contact: Julie McEwen 859-552-0062.

## **WEEK AT A GLANCE January 15-22**

### Sunday

9:30 am Worship Service  
10:30 am Coffee and Conversation  
11:00 am St. Martha's Worship Service  
6:00 pm Al Anon  
7:30 pm AA

### Monday

7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Tuesday

7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

### Wednesday

7:00 pm Praise Band Practice  
7:00 pm Care and Conversation

### Thursday

### Friday

### Saturday

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*Special thanks to Word of Hope family for the Christmas card and gift. Thank you for your kindness, prayers, humor and support in 2016. I look forward to many more steps with you on this journey!  
Peace, Karen Sorrell, Office Administrative Assistant.*

## **CONTACT US!**

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