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WHAT NOW?

An Epiphany Sermon Series

by Dr. Tim Bruster

January 6	Epiphany Sunday	What Now? "Seek" Matthew 7:7-8, 13:44-46
January 13	Baptism Sunday	What Now? "Grow" Matthew 13:1-9, 31-32
January 20	MLK Weekend	What Now? "Dream" Matthew 13:10-17
January 27	Stewardship Kick-off Sunday	What Now? "Share" Luke 10:25-37
February 3	4th Sunday after Epiphany	What Now? "Tell" Matthew 5:14-16
February 10	Transfiguration Sunday	What Now? "Follow" Luke 9:28-36

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Introducing

FUMC WEEKLY

As you can see, this is not your regular church paper. Allow us to introduce the first part of your new church-wide publications program.

FUMC Weekly will bring you each week, online or to your house, a quick rundown on the time-sensitive news you need regarding upcoming events, programs, along with study notes and reflections for Sunday's worship, plus news of our church family, including new members, births, weddings, baptisms and deaths.

Coming up in the next few weeks, look for ***FUMC Connects***, a more in-depth publication packed with stories about our church family, the impact of our many diverse ministries, and who we are as a faith community working together to Love God, Serve People, and Transform Lives.

We do appreciate your patience during this time of transition, and welcome your comments and suggestions, as well as your stories and story ideas. We're building a team of volunteer writers, photographers, proofreaders, and social media buffs, and will begin training later this spring.

For more information about how to get involved with our new communications program, please contact Melinda Smoot (msmoot@myfumc.org) 817/338-5087.

"Seek" I Matthew 7:7-8, 13:44-46

What is it that we typically seek during this "What Now?" period following the excitement of Christmas?

Although the answer to this annual question varies from person to person and year to year, I think what we most often seek during this time is change in our lives. So, of course, we make our resolutions for the coming New Year.

We resolve to do some things and to stop doing some others. We resolve to improve ourselves in some way or ways: spiritually, mentally and physically.

I think what we seek most of all is some "new normal" for our lives. We want things to get back to normal after the unusual activities and pace of the holidays; at the same time, we want our "normal" to be different—improved in some way.

What Jesus calls us to seek is the kingdom of God—or the kingdom of heaven, as Matthew's gospel prefers to call it. The kingdom of God, as most of Jesus' parables illustrate, is whenever and wherever God's will is done "on earth as it is in heaven."

So, in considering these two ideas side by side--what we naturally tend to seek and what are we called to seek--here are a couple of questions to take with us into this new year:

Am I seeking the best, the highest, the most valuable, the most pleasing to God?

As I resolve to create a "new normal" for my life, what does that look like in relation to God's call in my life?

In this week's sermon that launches our six-week "What now?" Epiphany sermon series, we'll explore the idea of seeking--and examine meaningful ways for making this the year in which you find a more satisfying "new normal."

Grace and peace,

WORSHIP | SUNDAY, JAN. 6

Disciple Church
Rev. Page Hines/Brooks Harrington
8:30 am | Leonard Memorial Chapel

Children First
Mr. Mark Borroughs
9:45 am | Sanctuary

Traditional Worship
Dr. Tim Bruster | "Seek"
9:40 am | Leonard Memorial Chapel
11:00 am | Sanctuary

eleven:eleven celebration
Charles Gaby, MA, LPC
11:11 am I Wesley Hall

◆ PROGRAMS AND EVENTS ◆

1.8.13 UMW WELCOMES DR. ERIC M. LEE

Join UMW to hear **Dr. Eric M. Lee**, Director of the Kimbell, share details of the exciting transformation of this iconic Fort Worth museum in his presentation of "The Kimbell: Building for the Future." A native of North Carolina, Dr. Lee received B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees, all in the history of art, from Yale University and has served as the fourth director of the Kimbell Art Museum since March 2009. Make reservations with your Circle leader or call Johnnye Benepe at 817/292-1362 by noon on Monday, January 7. Childcare is available with reservations by 2:00 pm on Friday, January 4 by contacting Paula Wagstaff (pwagstaff@myfumc.org) 817/546-4414.

1.13-2.3 UNITED METHODIST INFORMATION CLASS

Join us Sundays in room 310 for this free and informative series hosted by the Creative Couples Sunday School class to learn more about our denomination and our church. For more information, contact Rev. Chuck Graff (cgraff@myfumc.org) at 817/339-5065 or Dr. Lamar Smith (lsmith@myfumc.org) at 817/339-3886.

ADULT MINISTRIES
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1.13 – 2.3 LIVING THROUGH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:30 am in the Bill Thrash Library on the 2nd floor of the Foundation Building. This session will be led by Charme Robarts, First Street Methodist Mission Caseworker. This class is free, all are welcome, no registration required; purchase an optional guide book for $5.00 in the church office or at the workshop. For more information please contact Charme Robarts (crobarts@firststreetmission.org) at 817/335-6080, Ext. 103 or Rev. Phyllis McDougal (pmcdougal@myfumc.org) at 817/339-5082.

VOLUNTEER AS A FIRST FRIEND

A "First Friend" Volunteer Training Session will be held Sunday, January 27, 10:30-10:55 am, in room 154 (near the kitchen). "First Friends" are lay members willing to stand with our newest church members to offer a warm welcome when they come forward during worship services to join our congregation. Contact Reverend Chuck Graff (cgraff@myfumc.org) at 817-339-5065) for more information.

EPIPHANY STUDIES

Nancy Tully, Director of Outreach Ministries, will lead a 12-week study on Marcus Borg's book, *The Heart of Christianity,* this Sunday, January 6 through March 24 from 11:00 -12:15 pm in room 333 of the main building. Cost of the study is $12 to cover the cost of the book.

Rev. Phyllis McDougal will lead a study to explore Adam Hamilton's book, *Why: Making Sense of God's Will*, on Wednesdays January 9-30 from 9:30-11:00 am in room 231 of the main building. The class will Cost of the class is $12 to cover the cost of the book.

Rev. Phyllis McDougal will lead a study focused on The Gospel of John on Wednesdays February 6 - April 17, 9:30-11:00 am in room 231 of the main building. Cost of the study is $12 to cover the cost of materials.

Registration will be held January 6 in the Adult Education Office (located in the Main Office) 9:00 am - noon. Books can be picked up in the main office Monday through Friday from 9:00 - 5:00 pm and on Sundays from 9:00 - 12 pm. For childcare requests contact Paula Wagstaff (pwagstaff@myfumc.org) at 817/546-4414 two days prior to your study.

COFFEE POVERTY & Jesus
NOT NECESSARILY IN THAT ORDER

Looking for a book club that enjoys great, character-driven fiction, lively discussions and camaraderie — as well as relatable substance that helps shine a light on who we are called to be as Christians? The Coffee, Poverty and Jesus (not necessarily in that order) Book Club, hosted by our First Street Mission staff, is open to everyone and meets February 4, May 6, August 5, and November 4.

Join us February 4 at 6:00 pm in room 230 of the main building to discuss our first book, *Shine*, the riveting work by New York Bestselling author Lauren Myracle. *Shine* is available now in the Adult Education Office for $8. For more information, please contact Page Hines (phines@firststreetmission.org) 817/335-6080, ext. 101.

YOUTH MINISTRIES
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1.19 – 1.21.13 REVOLUTION WEEKEND

Mark your calendar now for Revolution Weekend, a retreat for all 7-12 grade FUMC Youth at Glen Lake Camp. Dallas-based band, Bus Seven and Nashville Youth Minister and Speaker Adam Jones will lead an inspiring worship weekend hinged on the theme of NO LIMITS: the uncontainable, incomparable, indescribable, and immeasurable God. This weekend will include worship, small groups, break-out sessions, personal devotion and prayer time, as well as plenty of free time to relax, enjoy old friends and make some new ones. For more information contact Casey Langley (clangley@myfumc.org) at 817/339-5070.

THE CHURCH FOR CHILDREN
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1.11.13 JANUARY PNO

Suffering from cabin fever? Bring your children to FUMC from 6:30 – 11:00 pm for a Cabin Fever Relief Party complete with indoor snowball fights, crafts, snacks and more while you and your better half enjoy a date night! Children 3 mo. to 12 yrs. are welcome with reservations by Wednesday, January 9. The cost is $30 for first child, $40 for two and $45 for three or more. Please note there is a $20 no show fee. Space is limited, so make your reservations early! For reservations or more information contact: Paula Wagstaff (pwagstaff@myfumc.org) at 817/546-4414. If you volunteer for the Children's Ministry or in the Nursery on Sunday morning you receive a Free Parent's Night Out.

1.13.13 CHILDREN'S ACADEMY CLASSES BEGIN

If you haven't already registered for classes, there are still openings available! The classes available for children entering Kindergarten through second grade are The Visual Arts and Mad Scientists. Children entering third through fifth Grade may choose Guitar, Threadbare Puppet Studio or The Good Newspaper. All ages may register for Stomp, Boom, Blast: Music Adventures from Bach to Rock. To register or for more information, contact Nikki McInnis (nmcinnis@myfumc.org) at 817/339-5086.

TEACHERS & TOPICS FOR JANUARY 2013

Aldersgate Couples I Room 333 at 9:30 a.m.
6. Attending Children First Service in the Sanctuary
13. Assembling Hygiene Kits at First Street Methodist Mission

Cana Disciples I Room 332 at 9:30 a.m.

Covenant I Room 331 at 9:30 a.m.
6. & 13. Dr. David Grant
20. Rev. Michael Pattison
27. "Justice for Our Neighbors", Dean Reed

Creative Couples I Room 310 at 9:45 a.m.
6. "FUMC Communications", Melinda Smoot
Methodist Information Class:
13. "John Wesley & Methodist Beginnings", Dr. Gil Ferrell
20. "What Do United Methodists Believe", Dr. Lamar Smith
27. "The Rich Heritage of FUMC Ft. Worth", Barry Hudson

Downtown Singles I Room 340-341 at 11:00 a.m.
6. "Studies from the Bible", Tracey Smith
13. TBA
20. 2012 Tax Law News, Jan Banks
27. The Bible, Dr. Luther Henry

Genesis Couples I Room 224 at 9:45 a.m.
6. Attending Children First Service in the Sanctuary

Good Neighbors I Room 334 at 11:00 a.m.
6. Bernini: Sculpting in Clay from the Kimball Art Museum, Kathy Spicer
13. The Gladney Center for Adoption, Sandy Owen
20. The Gospel of John (Part 1), Dr. Lamar Smith
27. The Gospel of John (Part 2), Dr. Lamar Smith

8:30 a.m. In-Depth Bible Study I Room 350 (Dr. Lamar Smith, Teacher)
Luke/Acts (January - February)

Inquirers I Room 352 at 9:30 a.m.
6. & 13. Dr. Gil Ferrell
20. & 27. Rev. Linda McDermott

Journey I Room 230 at 9:30a.m.

Koinonia I Room 351 at 9:30 a.m.

Loyalty I Room 334 at 9:30 a.m.
6. TBA
13. Modern Art Museum
20. Laura Hilgart, President and CEO of Women's Center
27. Robert Early, President and CEO of JPS Hospital

New Horizon Singles I Room 231 at 9:30 a.m.
6. "Inside the Locker Room with the Sports Princess, Kate Delaney"
13. "What Do You Expect from a Lawyer?", Jim Grau
20. "Life's Everyday Events/Problems, and How They are Dealt With", Leroy Groce
27. "Angels in My Life", Trish Hill

New Passages I Room 352 at 11:00 a.m.

Partners I Room 320 at 9:30 a.m.
6. Attending Children First Service in the Sanctuary

Sojourners I Room 335 at 9:30 a.m.
6. Jimmy Carter's "Faithfulness in Presidency", Roxanne Lindsay
13. "Opting Out", Marty Morrison
20. Rev. Phyllis McDougal
27. "God the Creator", Marvin Bahnman

Trinity Fellowship I Room 340-341 at 9:30 a.m.

Twosome I Room 154 at 9:30 a.m.

Veriditas I Room 272F (Foundation Building) 9:30 a.m.
"Wisdom of the Native Americans" by Kent Nerburn,
Beverly Fletcher and Ann Dunkin (All Sundays in January)

Wesley Bible I Room 350 at 9:30 a.m; Dr. Ron Ballard, Teacher

NOTE: If the class you are interested in does not list topics or teachers for this month, we did not receive the information prior to the paper deadline.

ADULT CLASSES: Please contact Gayle Ammerman with your February study topics by January 7.
Phone: 817/339-5091 or Gammerman@MyFUMC.org.

BAPTISMS

Holly & John Palmer
Daughter Ava Grace

Kysten Woods & son
Ayden Patrick West Russell

Tyler & Heather McGuire
Son Jackson Charles

Kaliegh & Cameron Kirkpatrick
& daughter Kennedy Sophia

NEW MEMBERS

David Marlowe

Brent Pitts

Nancy & Michael McIlheran

Annie Williams

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Bill Tucker, Bill Hollister, Jim Jones, Marcia Wren, Dorothy Brelsford, Peter MacQueen, Lelah Morbacher, John Boyer, Megan Barker, Chuck Mencke, Ed Petrushka, Carolyn Lombard, Gene Taylor, Oath Faye Taylor, Ben Karr

BIRTHS

Charlotte Powell - Born December 1, 2012
Daughter of Amanda and James Powell

Davis Kyle - Born on December 10, 2012
Daughter of Cye and Kyle Wagner

William Jay - Born December 13, 2012
Son of Lauren and Ryan Balta

Molly Katherine - Born December 23, 2012.
Daughter of Emily and Tim McDermott

Colin James - Born December 29, 2012
Son of Elise and Mike Masowich

DEATHS

Carol Kalpach, Cora Stevens, Stephen Turner, Laverna Chantry, Imogene Boyer