

**Anthion Community Methodist Church**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson**

**February 4, 2024 10:00 PM**

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

**We Gather in God's Presence**

Welcome and Announcements

**Opening Song "Come and Find a Quiet Center" TFWS #2128**

**Call to Worship** Liturgist: Autum Hansen

L: Welcome! Open your hearts to God's love this day!

**P: Praise be to God who has called us here!**

L: Let the words wash over you and offer you healing and hope.

**P: Praise be to God who continually blesses us!**

L: Place your hope and trust in God!

**P: With joyful hearts, we come to worship and praise God who continually blesses and provides for us. AMEN.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Powerful God, from the very beginning you blessed creation. You have loved and shielded your people through all joys and trials of life. We come to you this day, rejoicing in the many blessings you have given to us. We open our hearts again to hear your word for us and to gather strength and joy for service in your world. Be with us and bless us again, we pray. AMEN.**

**We Hear God's Word**

**First Reading** James 1: 2-7

**Litany** The Wonders of God's Creation

**Children's Story** Rhonda Beeson

**Hymn of Preparation "Spirit Song " UMH #347**

Second Reading

James 3: 2-12

Today's Message

"Controlling Your Tongue"

Shirley

**God Calls Us to Respond**

**PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)**

**Hymn of Communion "I Come With Joy"**

**UMH #617**

**The Great Thanksgiving Holy Communion**

**UMH #9**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Giving of our Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Doxology #95,**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**All: God, you have given each of us gifts to use as members of the body of Christ. Here are our gifts – the work of our hands, our hearts, and our lives. We pray that they may help to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our world, today and always, here and everywhere. AMEN.**

**Closing Hymn "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" UMH #569 (3 verses)**

Ministers.....EVERYONE!

Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson

Liturgist.....Autum Hansen

Organist/Pianist.....Eileen Van Meeteren

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**IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN:**

**OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Bobby Lewis, Nina Osborne, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Fran & Keith Determann, David Beach, Ed Davis, Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Ralph Diamond, Trisha Theisen, Keith Allman, Brady Gothier, Tylene Zevenbergen, Eleanore Lewis, Jean Petersen, Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Tracy Lewis, and Sympathy to the family of Michael Hunwardsen.**

**Remember our Nursing Home Residents!**

**Please let us know if anyone should be added or removed from this list.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**February 11:** Super Bowl Sunday is coming! We will have our annual Souper Bowl event. Plan now to bring a crockpot of soup and vote for your favorite.

**February 12:** Finance, Ad Board Meeting 7:00

**February 14:** Ash Wednesday service 7:00 pm

**Missions:** Our present mission will be gathering Blankets, food, paper products for the Warming Shelter, Gospel Mission and other programs in the area who needs help this winter. If you know of a needy program, please contact Shirley or Marilyn.

**Jan. Readers:** Feb. 11-Roger Hladik, Feb. 18-Trisha Theisen, Feb. 25- Tim Hoy, Mar. 3- Andrea Mitchell.

**Jan. Children's Story:** Feb. 11-JoLynne Reimert, Feb. 18-Shirley Nelson, Feb. 25-Kathy Hodgdon, Mar. 3-Jake Mitchell.

**Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries:** Bill Redenius (4), Jim Trimpe (8).

Jan/Feb. Upper Room Devotionals are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

**Anthon Military:** To our men and women in uniform.... past, present and future, God Bless You and Thank You!

**If you have a loved one connected to the service, please let us know.**

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