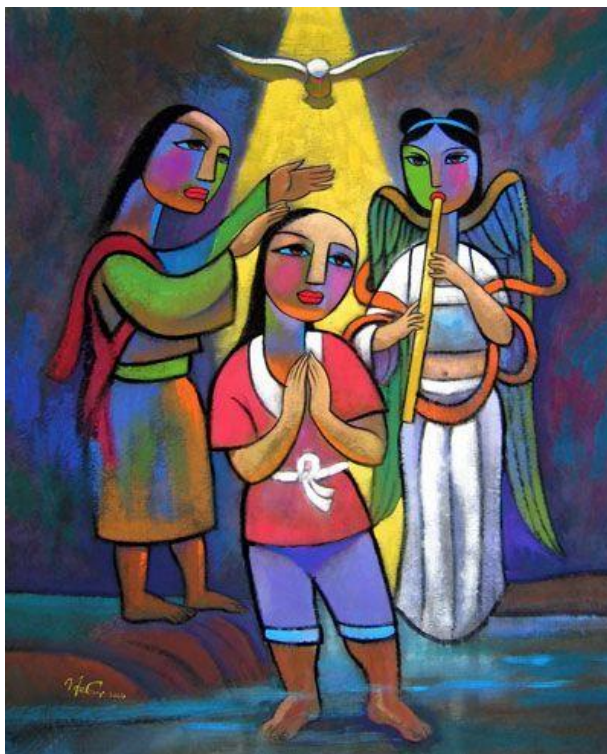


The United Methodist Church in
Wayne



The Baptism of Jesus
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PRELUDE

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is with us always and calls us each by name.

All: When we pass through difficulties and stress,

Leader: God is with us and calls us by name.

All: When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,

Leader: God is with us and calls us by name, and heals us.

All: Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name. AMEN.

HYMN

Baptized In Water

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OPENING PRAYER

Lord of Hope and Light, in the midst of Darkness you offered light to people who lived in fear. Today that light comes to us as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Open our hearts this day and remind us that you have marked us as people of hope and light. Prepare us to serve you by serving your world. AMEN.

THE BASKET

SCRIPTURE Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

MESSAGE

By Water and the Spirit

RENEWING OUR BAPTISMAL VOWS

Pastor: Beloved in Christ: through the sacrament of baptism God gives us new birth through water and the Spirit, includes us in Christ's holy church, and makes us part of the salvation of the world.

So, we come to the water— Yes, everyone who thirsts! Come to the waters: water of new birth, poured out and flowing freely for all who will receive it; water of justice rolling down, water of righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; a spring of water in us gushing up to eternal life; the river of God for the healing of the world. We come to this water because our soul thirsts for you, O God, as in a dry and weary land.

All: We come to this water to renew our love as siblings in Christ, and to renew our baptism in the death and resurrection of Christ.

THE BAPTISMAL VOWS

Pastor: As we behold the mystery of God's grace, I invite you to profess your faith, and to confirm the baptismal covenant made in your name:

Do you hunger and thirst for righteousness?

All: We confess our need for the saving, life-giving grace of God!

Pastor: Will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

All: We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!

Pastor: Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

All: We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!

Pastor: Will you receive God's grace, give yourselves wholly to God, and live as disciples of Jesus, Christ's body on earth?

All: We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in Christ's grace,

and promise to serve Christ as our Superior, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!

Pastor: Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

All: We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in living the faith through the church?

All: With God's help we will embody the gospel of Jesus Christ. We will surround each other with faith, hope and love that we all may grow in grace and faith and learn to trust God and live in loving service in the world. We

will pray for each other and walk with one another on our journey of discipleship together.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (THE APOSTLES' CREED)

Pastor: Let us join in professing our faith.

Do you trust in God the Father and Mother?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you follow Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Begotten, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you live by the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Pastor: The Spirit of God is among us.

All: The blessing of the Beloved is upon us!

Pastor: Let us pray. Loving, life-giving God, we give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit brooded over the waters and you brought forth Creation. You brought us to freedom through the waters of the Red Sea. You gave us new birth through baptism into Christ, and gave us life that cannot die.

All: The river of God is full of water, the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the heart of God.

Pastor: We who are baptized into Christ Jesus are baptized into his life, born in the water of a womb; we are baptized into his ministry, giving water to the thirsty, washing the feet and sharing the tears of all who suffer; and we are baptized into his death, so that just as Christ was raised by the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life.

All: Born of water and the Spirit, may we enter into the Realm of God as children of God, born not of human will, but of God.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit in this water and bless us as we remember it.

All: Claimed by your Word, nourished in your grace, washed from all sin and borne by your Spirit, may we live in freedom, trust and courage, sharing in the eternal life of Christ.

Pastor: Children of God, you are God's Beloved, in whom God is well pleased.

All: All praise to you, Eternal Father and Mother, Son and Holy Spirit, in the present moment and in eternity. Amen!

BLESSING:

Pastor: The God of all grace, who loves us, blesses us and calls us in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in love and grace and peace.

HYMN

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

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PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

OFFERTORY

Give Thanks

*Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. X2*

*And now let the weak say "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. X2*

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

O God, at his baptism, you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved son and through him you opened to us a way to become your children by grace. May these gifts we return to you be a sign of our dedication to live as your faithful

daughters and sons, born in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Thank you to all those who donated cookies, helped to wrap them up and bought cookies. We made \$836.00 and turned it into the church to help with expenses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS January 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS January 13th – 19th

Monday January 13th

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

Tuesday January 14th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Wednesday January 15th

Bible Study @ 12pm in the pastor's office BYO Lunch

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Thursday January 16th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Christian Meditation @ 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

Friday January 17th

Friday Morning Prayer @ 7pm on Facebook

Sunday January 19th

Worship @ 10am

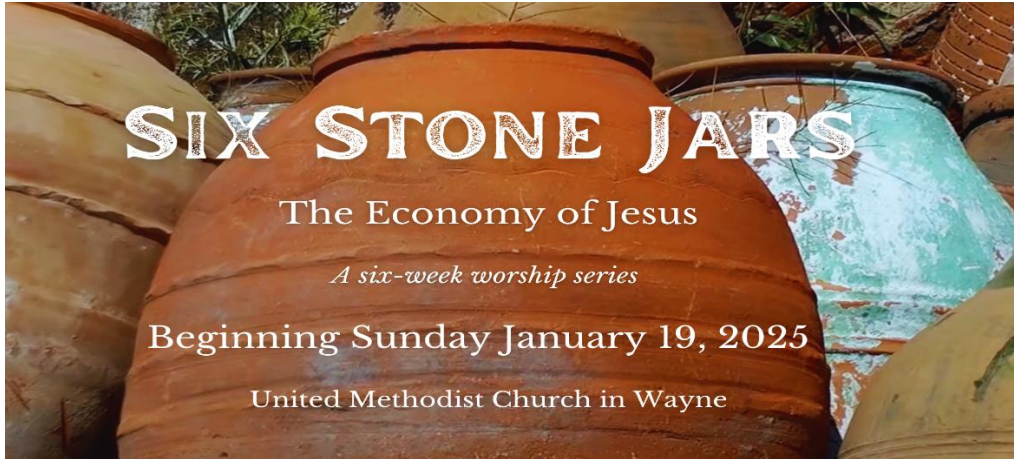
Book Club after worship

Come to Book Club!

Our January Book is **Tapestry** by **Beth Duke**.

It is a standalone novel that features a family of three generations of women as they go about their daily lives but also discover their roots. Sky Willis is the granddaughter of Verna Willis, who insists on people calling her Sparrow and that she is descended from Muscogee Creek Indians.





Sunday School

Exciting News for Sunday School! We will now have a program for infants and toddlers aged 3 months to 4 years old. This will be led by Miss Olivia, who is First Aid /CPR/AED Certified and a Lead Teacher at So Big Child Development Center.

Olivia will be in Rm 9 on Sunday mornings during service. Feel free to contact her: olivia747m@hotmail.com

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