

This Week at Epworth

Sunday, January 1, New Year's Day

- 9:00 a.m. No Sunday School
- 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, January 2

- Church Offices Closed
Church Offices Closed in observance of the New Year

Tuesday, January 3

- 1:30 p.m. Tuesday Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

Wednesday, January 4

- 9:00 a.m. Soul Fill-up
- 7:00 p.m. Youth
- 7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, January 5

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Sunday, January 8

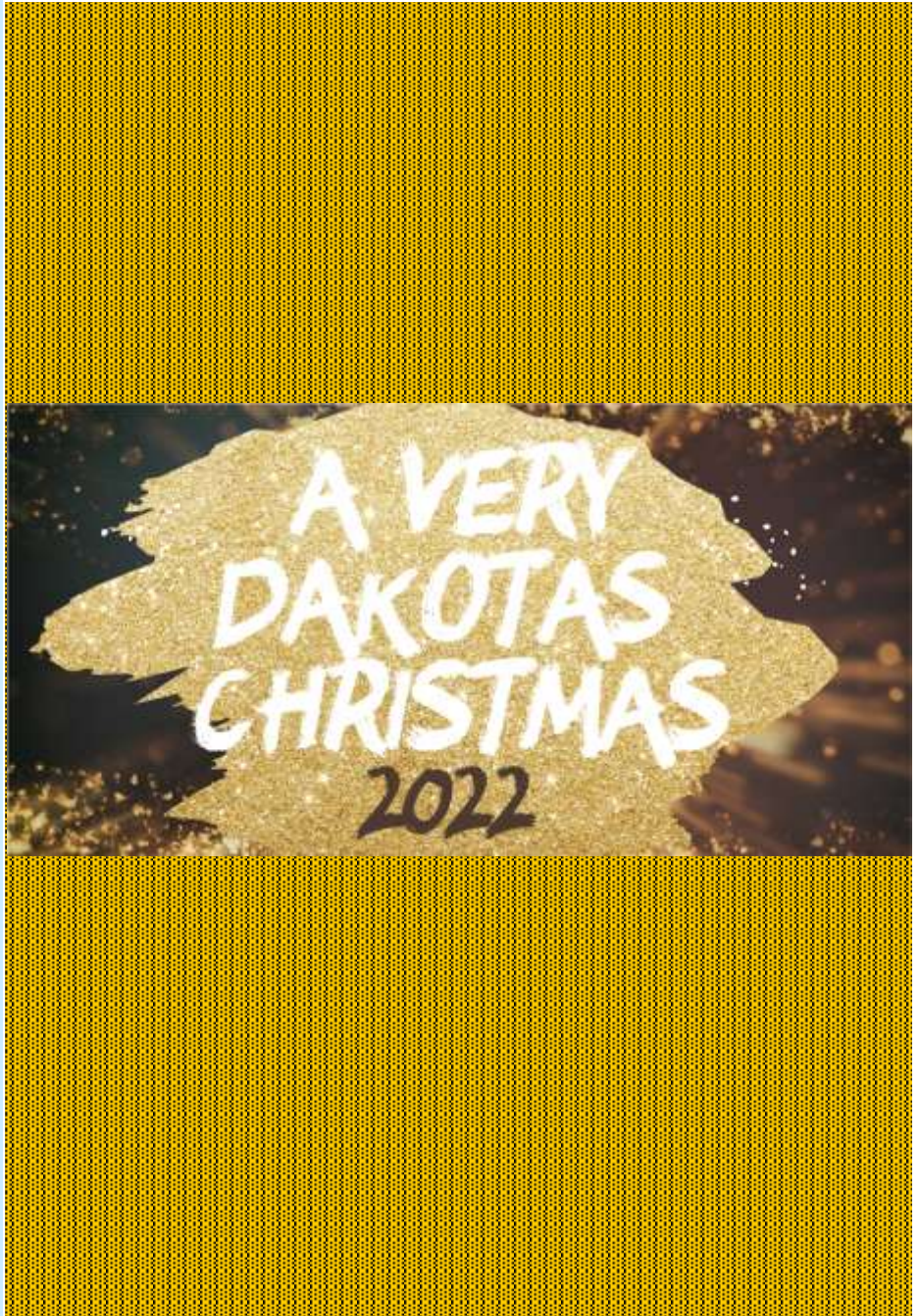
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship / in honor of Anita Tulp
- 10:30 a.m. Worship / Baptism of Hudson Wavra
- 11:30 a.m. Cummings family gathering



Epiphany of the Lord

January 1, 2023

10:30 am Worship



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Sermon Series

Incarnation

Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas

Previous Sundays—
Presidents and Kings

*The Savior and Our
Need for Saving*

*Children's Christmas
Program*

Emmanuel

Light of the World

Today—A Very Dakotas Christmas

Next Sunday—

by Rev. Duane Coates

Our Mission

To make disciples
of Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the
world.

Our Vision

Living, sharing and growing
in God's love by bringing
the world to Christ and
Christ to the world through
open hearts, open minds,
and open doors.

Our Strategy

Radical Hospitality
Spiritual Growth
Signature Ministries
Collaborative Leadership

Sunday Worship

10:30 a.m.

—Traditional/Praise Team

The Church Gathers to Worship

*+Greeting Our Neighbors—Welcome one another
with a handshake, a wave, or words of greeting.*



Prelude—Marcia Klimes, First UMC, Sioux Falls, SD

Welcome—Rev. Kris Mutzenberger, Northeast District Superintendent

Lighting of the Advent Candles—

Clergy families from throughout the Dakotas

Lighting of the Christ Candle—Bishop Lanette Plambeck,
Bishop Elect, Dakotas-Minnesota Area

Call to Worship—Rev. Kris Mutzenberger, Northeast District Superintendent and Rev. Joel Winckler, Northwest District Superintendent

Hymn—No. 230, O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs. 1, 3, 4)
Sing along with First UMC Celebration Choir, Watertown, SD

Prayer—Rev. Joel Winckler, Northwest District Superintendent

Scripture—Luke 2:1-20, Campus Ministries, DWU
Barak Minor, Andrea Hult, Anna Mutzenberger, Autumn Kurtz

Hymn—No. 228, *He is Born*, Praise Band, Grace UMC, Piedmont, SD

Children's Story—*All Is Bright: When God Came Down One Silent Night* by Clay Anderson, illustrated by Natalie Merheb
Narration by Rev. Dayne Zachrison, Dakotas Conference Elder, Fargo, ND

Hymn—No. 239, *Silent Night*,
Amy Morrison, soloist; Julie Ostroot, piano, Asbury UMC, Sioux Falls, SD

Scripture—John 1:1-14, Campus Ministries, DWU
Miranda Hanson, Amber Feigert, Anna Mutzenberger, Audrey Koesters

Sermon—*Jesus, Light of the World, Brings Hope*
Bishop Deborah Kiesey, Interim Bishop, Dakotas UMC

Prayers of Intercession—led by Rev. Dan Bader, Southwest District Superintendent, and Rev. Rebecca Trefz, Southeast District Superintendent and Executive Director of Ministries

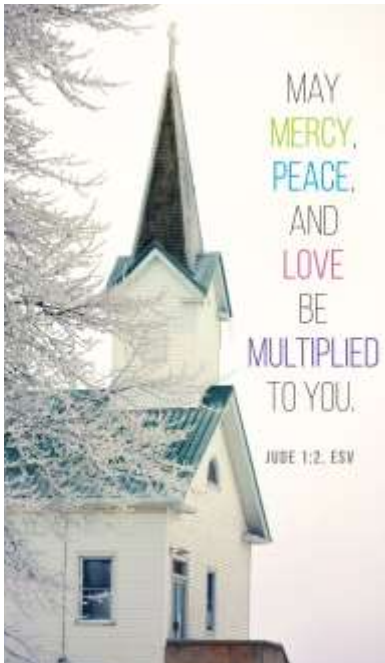
Music—*Even So Come* by Chris Tomlin | Jason Ingram | Jess Cates
Legacy UMC Worship Band led by Becca Hafner, Bismarck, ND

Blessing—Rev. Rebeca Trefz, Southeast DS and Exec. Dir. Of Ministries

Postlude—Marcia Klimes, First UMC, Sioux Falls, SD



- 2nd Koltyn Grebel
Noreen Smestad
- 3rd Camille Zachrisson
Henry Ranum
- 4th Avis Richter
Pastor Duane Coates
- 5th Dottie Werkhoven
Joseph DeMasi
Emma Cook
- 6th Kaylee Vareberg
Randie Markuson
Alison Ranum
- 8th Darlene Bloom
Heather Kvilvang
Rob Marshall
- 9th Gordon Hoff
- 10th VirLyn Hoff
Dennis Pederson



Epworth Ministry Review

Attendance: Dec. 24, Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. In-person—109, Online—15

7:00 p.m. In-person—34, Online—1

Attendance: Sun., Dec. 25, In-person —28
Online views—33

Sunday School—N/A

Christmas Eve Offering—Dec. 24, 2022

Daily Expenses—\$1,290.00, Glory of God's
House—\$100.00, Paul & Brenda Lint—
\$100.00, Rydel Samuelson Ministry—
\$1,433.00 (Christmas Eve designation)

Stewardship: Dec. 25-28, 2021

Daily Expenses—\$7,910.00

Building/ Trustees—\$1,165.00

Glory of God's House—\$3,325.00

Christmas giveaway—\$48.00, Open Table—
\$50.00, Staff appreciation gifts—\$150.00,
Rydel Samuelson Ministry Fund—\$100.00



In Ministry Today

Music Director—Lance Drevecky

Tech Team—Matt Nielson, Skye Niel-
son, Garrett Hoff, Colin Hoff, Emily Hoff

Greeters/Ushers—Avis & Duane Richter

Worship Leader—Michelle Grebel

We Care For Our Community

Please share with the church office if you, a family member, or
another in our church family are experiencing illness, hospitalization,
or need of pastoral care.

Pastor Duane Coates, Office: 845-0340 Cell: 605-695-5561

In Our Prayers This Week

In Hospital

Fighting Cancer

Sue Olson
Duane Triebold
Jan Barlow
Pat Malec
Herbert Triebold

In Hospice Care

Prayer Requests

Our 4GoG Ministries
mental health concerns

Pastor Dayne

Lori Glaser

World Leaders

Military

People of Ukraine

Pastor Duane

Jake Steen

Allen & Shirley Storkson

Henry Ranum

Phil Mueller

Ginny Coates

Sally Didier

Family of Larry Jacobson

Family of Rita Beaudry

Family of Marvin Richter

In Joy

Children's Christmas

Program last Sunday

Anticipation of Jesus' birth

Skilled medical

professionals

Time with family and

friends

If you or a member of your
family is going into the
hospital or moving from
one care center to another
and you would like the
church to know about this,
please call the church office
at 701-845-0340 or email
office@epworthvalleycity.
com. This helps our church
family care for one
another.

Ministers of the Gospel

All members of the congregation.

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Rev. Joel Winckler

Dakotas Interim Bishop

Bishop Deborah Kieseley

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Office Administrator Job Opening—

Epworth has an opening for an office administrator starting Jan. 3, 2023. Anita Tulp, the office administrator since 2013, has accepted a position as the Valley City/Barnes County Public Library Director.

The Servant Leadership Team (SLT), through the Staff-Parish Work Group and in consultation with Pastor Duane will be hiring for this 7/8-time salaried position soon. The benefits include paid vacation, sick leave, and nine annual paid holidays. If interested, please contact Pastor Duane, Bill Bertram, Dave Hanson, or Bonnie Ranum.

In addition to the duties of office administrator, this position also performs the functions of the financial secretary (with a seat on the SLT) and membership secretary. Preferably the successful candidate would also have skills as the newsletter editor.

For a full job description, see the church office or visit our website. The position reports to the pastor and is evaluated by the Staff-Parish Work Group in consultation with the pastor.

Qualifications and aptitudes include following the rules of The United Methodist Church, keeping confidences, excellent written and verbal communications skills, good technical/computer skills, cooperating with others, and contributing to a positive work environment. News/graphic design, and web editing skills are a plus.

Human Relations Offering to be Collected Jan. 15—We will take the 2023 Human Relations Sunday offering on Sunday, Jan. 15. This is one of the eight special offerings each year requested by our connectional structure.

Human Relations Day is observed each year on the Sunday before the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday. The observance of this special Sunday with offering calls United Methodists to recognize the right of all God's children to realize their full potential as human beings and in relationship with one another. This special offering benefits neighborhood ministries through community developers, community advocacy and ministry with at-risk teens.

So, the contributions specifically marked for Human Relations Day will fund several projects seeking to improve human relations.

Special Coffee Fellowship for Anita Tulp on Jan. 8—You are invited to a special coffee fellowship on Jan. 8, at 10 a.m., in honor of Anita Tulp. For nine years, Anita, a long-term professing member here, has been the voice of Epworth on the phone, the look of Epworth on Facebook, posters, bulletins, and newsletters, the cook for our community meals and the grease on our organizational engine's skids. She has performed her many duties well and now will be moving on to be the director of the Valley City-Barnes County Library. She leaves some big shoes to fill, and so Epworth wants to say thank you for her many years of exemplary service.

Anita remains a faithful member here and a member of the Servant Leadership Team as our official lay representative to the Annual Conference.

