



# The In Touch

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*Our Mission: To Seek, Know, Love and Serve Christ in all Persons and in all Creation*

## Ramblings from the Deacon. . . .

The peace I felt last night during Advent Voice has carried over into my day today. What a blessing it is.

Last January I wrote that I wouldn't put the wise men figurines away this year. Instead I would walk them through the house, a bit every day until Christmas came again. An exercise in mindfulness. I did very well - at first. A pattern emerged and as I moved the first one I would pray for people I knew, with the second I prayed for guidance and for travelers, and for people in need or in fear with the third. A few short moments later in the day, separate from my regular prayers, to reconnect and to feel the peace that connection brought. They moved slowly and sometimes a couple of days would go by before I remembered to move them and I wondered if they had paused for a day or two along the way.

Spring came and things got busier around here. Some days they moved and I felt that same connectedness. Some days I resented the tiny bit of time it took to move them, but did it anyway. Some days I remembered, but just didn't do it. Maybe their journey was much the same. Maybe some days they didn't feel like moving, but went on anyway. Maybe some days they didn't.

Sometime in the summer I realized my three friends had been watching me work from the same spot for well over a month. My exercise in mindfulness had given way to forgetfulness. Why, when life gets busy, are these little islands of peace the first we let go of? I'm fairly certain that I'm not the only one who does this. The price of inner calm those afternoons was just a few minutes of prayer. I didn't have time. Too busy trying to get things done so I would have time for those few minutes at some point in the future. Now it reminds me of trying to tune into a station on the radio by turning the dial faster and faster. How can I hear God through all that?

If that's something you do also, let's turn down the static and open ourselves to our own epiphanies. To hear what God would have us hear.

### ***Psalm 62:6***

*For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
truly, my hope is in him.*

Peace,  
*Melanie*

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“Somehow the world is hungry for goodness and recognizes it when it sees it. There’s something in all of us that hungers after the good and the true.”

(Archbishop Desmond Tutu)

The most reliable place to look for “the good and the true” is to the ethical teachings that are shared in common by the world’s great religions and by many good people who do not identify with any religion.

In our troubled world the shared truths can be a beacon of hope, the foundation of a critically-needed global morality of peace, the social glue that binds people of all nations together in a great global brotherhood/sisterhood of goodwill, and a Unifying Standard we can all rally around to build a better world.

In your own life, the shared truths can be a powerful affirmation of ethical truths from your own religion or beliefs, an anchor to your soul, and the most reliable springboard for your search for truth and meaning. They can increase appreciation for your own faith and the faith of others.

Living those truths more completely leads to finding more meaning, fulfillment, and personal peace and is The Path to world peace.

Slow down. Take a little time to ponder these things. Then join with us. We (including you) owe it to ourselves, to each other, and to the young and rising generations to rally around that unifying standard and make the world more like the world we want to see. Let’s do it!

You may not be responsible for world peace, but you are responsible for your piece.™

*Submitted by, Carol Grim*

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# Wanted:

Someone to take the administrative duties for our church. For a job description call Karen in the Office.  
Hurry! We need you!

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Vestry members for 2015!

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## Annual Meeting

Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 11:30 a.m.



- 1/6 ~ Jeanne Corrin
- 1/9 ~ Mike Noland
- 1/12 ~ George Schlieff
- 1/25 ~ Jan Menefee (daughter of Waiva)
- 1/31 ~ Matthew O'Kane (son in law of Andy & Georgeann Wright)



1/28 ~ Delbert & Bonnie Hickey



- 1/9 ~ John Briggs
- 1/24 ~ Taylor Wright
- 1/26 ~ Alan Wright



# January 2015 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

| Dates                                                                                        | Celebrants                                                                      | Acolytes               | Lectors & Lessons                         | Greeters                                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>4</b></p> <p>Holy Eucharist<br/>10:00 am<br/>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Christmas</p> | <p>Rev. Samantha Crossley<br/>Rev. Lynn Naeckel<br/>Deacon: Lee Grim</p>        | <p>Lee Grim</p>        | <p>Lee Grim<br/>Mavis Tanem</p>           | <p>Gary &amp; Carolyn<br/>Davison</p>    |
| <p><b>11</b></p> <p>Holy Eucharist<br/>10:00 am<br/>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Epiphany</p> | <p>Rev. Samantha Crossley<br/>Rev. Lynn Naeckel<br/>Deacon: Melanie Mattsen</p> | <p>Melanie Mattsen</p> | <p>Melanie Mattsen<br/>Ragna Godtland</p> | <p>Flossie Knutson<br/>Carol Johnson</p> |
| <p><b>18</b></p> <p>Holy Eucharist<br/>10:00 am<br/>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany</p> | <p>Rev. Samantha Crossley<br/>Rev. Lynn Naeckel<br/>Deacon: Lee Grim</p>        | <p>Tessa Walls</p>     | <p>Tessa Walls<br/>Kay Herman</p>         | <p>Donna Day<br/>Karen Walls</p>         |
| <p><b>25</b></p> <p>Holy Eucharist<br/>10:00 am<br/>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany</p> | <p>Rev. Samantha Crossley<br/>Rev. Lynn Naeckel<br/>Deacon: Melanie Mattsen</p> | <p>Melanie Mattsen</p> | <p>Georgeann &amp; Andy<br/>Wright</p>    | <p>Georgeann &amp; Andy<br/>Wright</p>   |



# January 2015



| SUNDAY                                         | MONDAY | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                     | WEDNESDAY              | THURSDAY                                                                            | FRIDAY | SATURDAY           |
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|                                                |        |                                                                                                                                             |                        |  |        | Georgeann<br>Donna |
| 4                                              | 5      | 6                                                                                                                                           | 7                      | 8                                                                                   | 9      | 10 Altar Guild     |
| Holy Eucharist<br>10:00 a.m.                   |        | <i>The Epiphany of our<br/>Lord Jesus Christ</i><br><br>Study group 7 pm                                                                    |                        |                                                                                     |        | Georgeann<br>Donna |
| 11                                             | 12     | 13                                                                                                                                          | 14                     | 15                                                                                  | 16     | 17 Altar Guild     |
| Holy Eucharist<br>10:00 a.m.                   |        |  <b>9:30 am<br/>Coffee<br/>Landing</b><br>Study group 7 pm |                        |                                                                                     |        | Flossie            |
| 18                                             | 19     | 20                                                                                                                                          | 21                     | 22                                                                                  | 23     | 24 Altar Guild     |
| Holy Eucharist<br>10:00 a.m.<br>Vestry 11:30   |        | <b>Newsletter<br/>Deadline</b><br><br>Study group 7 pm                                                                                      |                        |                                                                                     |        | Flossie            |
| 25                                             | 26     | 27                                                                                                                                          | 28                     | 29                                                                                  | 30     | 31 Altar Guild     |
| Holy Eucharist<br>10:00 a.m.<br>Annual meeting |        | Study group 7 pm                                                                                                                            | Messy Church<br>5-7 pm |                                                                                     |        | Carolyn<br>Helen   |

