

De Soto United Methodist Church

E-Weekly Newsletter

January 4, 2018

This Week in Worship

Isaiah 60:1-6

Happy New Year, friends! It's great to be back in the office after a month and I'm ready for a wonderful 2018! And what better way start the year off than talk about God's light in the world. The prophet Isaiah was one of the more optimistic of the prophets, and the writing he inspired, even one's written while the people of Israel were experiencing exile, continually point to the promise of God's love and redemption in the world for all people. This week, as we celebrate Epiphany Sunday, we celebrate the promise of light to those who live in darkness, a promise of righteousness to those who suffer at the hands of others, a promise of grace to those who are lost, and the promise of salvation for everyone. Epiphany is a day to celebrate God's love for all—especially those who are most in need of God's light and love. I look forward to celebrating in worship with all of you.

Blessings,

Pastor Jeff

A Note from Sabrina:

Youth Group NEWS: Youth attending The ONE Event, Jan. 6-7—we load Jan. 6 @ 8:50 am; depart 9:00 am. Regular Sunday meetings resume Jan. 14, 5:30-7:00 pm.

GROUPS NEWS: Sunday morning (9:00 am) GROUPS for children, youth, & adults will resume January 7, except for the Youth who will resume January 14.

Bible Explorers: Jan. 7, 5:30-7:00 pm. For 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders.

Children, Youth, & Family Ministry Team Meeting, Jan. 9, 6:30 pm. This team always welcomes new team members. To learn more, attend the meeting or contact Sabrina: youthfamily@desotoumc.org.

SAVE THE DATE: February 10 at 3:00 pm we welcome StoneLion Puppet Theatre for a FREE puppet show for all ages and stages. Invite your friends & neighbors to join you.

Looking Ahead: Fat Tuesday Dinner & White Elephant Auction, February 13, 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

This Week at De Soto UMC

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Friday	Jan 5	7:00am	Rotary
Saturday	Jan 6-7		Youth One Event
Sunday	Jan 7	9:00am	Groups for All Ages
		10:00am	Worship
		5:30pm	Bible Explorers
Tuesday	Jan 9	6:30pm	Children, Youth & Family Ministry Team
Wednesday	Jan 10	1:30pm	Hillside Village service
		6:00pm	Choir practice

Service Workers, Sunday, January 7, 2018

Liturgist: Jim Walker

Greeters: Bowlin Family

Snacks: Betty Cannon