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### Worship Times

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p Sunday Mass 11:15a; En español, 1:00p Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult bulletin Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass 9:00a Communion Service Tuesdays, 12:15p Holy Days 7:00p Sacrament of Reconciliation By appointment

### Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15, 2022

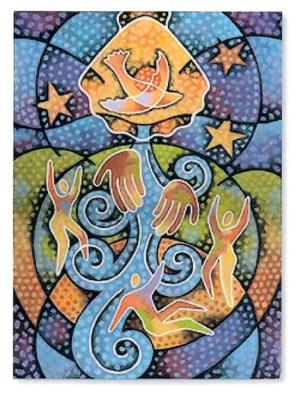
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Theresa Martin Music Ministry Natalie Lopez Youth Faith Formation Peggy Reikowsky Youth Faith Formation **Phillip Parriah** RCIA

## Everyone is invited and welcome!

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Community Worship Service Sunday, January 15, 2023 – 3:00 PM New Beginnings United Methodist Church Jonesville, North Carolina





### "Let justice roll down like waters, And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." Amos 5:24

This worship service is sponsored and lead by *Connections*, a group of Elkin and Jonesville clergy who are seeking to dismantle racism one relationship at a time.

> Preaching Pastor Wallice Hairston Sister Janis McQuade SSJ





St. Stephen là gia đình của bạn! Chúng tôi rất may mắn bạn đang ở đây! Cha Long sẽ ở St. Stephen Chủ nhật, ngày 5 tháng 2 lúc, 2:00 để cử hành thánh lễ với bạn bằng tiếng Việt. Lên kế hoạch tham dự và mời gia đình gia đình và bạn bè của bạn đến tham dự! Nếu bạn có câu hỏi nào, nói chuyện với Hạnh.

### 2023 Year of Grace

### Morning Church!

The MLK memorial in DC is a 30 foot high 'stone of hope' sculpted by Lei Yixin. As you walk towards it, you walk past huge sandstone blocks the artist titled the 'mountain of despair.' The impressive MLK depicts his eyes looking out to the horizon. He is a prophet of a future he will never see. He's emerging out of the stone of hope looking calm, tenacious, and firm in conviction.

At 18, King gave his first sermon iEbenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. He couldn't know at that moment, that the Lamb of God would call him to be the preacher and prophet for justice, to become the voice of integration, equal rights and voter's rights. He'd march into Selma a "Bloody Sunday", and organize boycotts in Birmingham, the most segregated city in the U.S. MLK's prophetic preaching promoted non-violence and human dignity. He courageously spoke truth to power, named injustice wherever he saw it, and called for the radical change of hearts so the dignity of every person would be honored.

His deep faith, determination, and actions put him in the cross hairs of racists and biased bigots. The haters, with hearts filled with malignant racism, were determine to get rid of King. They wanted him gone. He would be sacrificed, in the hope of halting his efforts to bring us together as God's family. King, who fearlessly gave a faith-filled witness, died after being shot by James Earl Ray on April 4, 1969. His dream of "one nation under God" lives on in all who follow Christ the King.

Jesus, the Lamb of God, willingly laid down his life for the life of the world. Like MLK, he preached against injustice, division, racism and classism. His teachings were meant to unite peoples while promoting unity without uniformity, and diversity without division. The Lamb of God would suffer for this because his Way confronted the hardness of the human heart and staunch resistance to honor and accept everyone as a Child of God.

The call  $\sim$  no, the dare of today's gospel and the witness of Martin Luther King, Jr's. life, is to be fearless in the face of suffering and death, to be generous when making the inconvenient, and sometimes painful sacrifices necessary to foster oneness, and compassionate justice, and reconciliation.

God-with-us blessings,

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**W** Reflecting and Acting on The Word

Reflect:

- ~ Am I willing to be a Lamb of God? A prophet of the gospel?
- $\sim$  Am I a Servant-leader who works for unity and not uniformity, Diversity and not division?
- $\sim$  Am I willing to support those who hunger and thirst for justice?
- ~ Am I willing to testify to the Truth, God's Truth, that <u>all of us</u> are Children of God?

Readings https://bible.usccb.org/

J A N U A R Y		
15 NO FFF	2nd Sun OT Martin Luther King, Jr. <b>Community Prayer Service, 3p</b> New Beginnings United Methodist Ch, Jonesville	
16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	
17	Communion Service, 12:15p	
18	RCIA, 6:45p	
19	Wise Ones, Dodge City, 1p Host: Lou Stackhouse	
21	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a 🏻 🗳	
22	3rd Sun OT FFF 10:30-11:45a	
23	RCIA, 4:00-5:30p	
24	Communion Service, 12:15p	
25	RCIA, 6:45p	
29	4th Sun OT FFF 10:30-11:45a	
30	St. Stephen Church Dedication Jan. 30, 1956	
31	Communion Service, 12:15p	



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Community Worship Service TODAY, January 15 3:00p NEW BEGINNINGS

United Methodist Church, Jonesville

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📽 Mass Intentions		
15	Heidi L Marca r/b Dianne Crawford +Hydee Go, mother of Liza Go-Harris	
22	Mary Askew (Birthday) Ellen Sally (Special Intention)	
20	+John Cahill, +Denis Cahill, Wm. & +Margaret Hannan, +John & Elizabeth Cahill, +Pauline Hannan, +Kathleen Elbi, +Jane Hardiman, +Mark Palus	

### Parish Celebrations

16 Barry Blackburn
Epi Cortez
20 Isabella Estrada
Cecilia Jones
21 Ines Trejo

22 Sonia Rodriguez
23 Lou Stackhouse
25 Braulio Mata
30 Marta Lopez

31 Dolores Spicer

Almsgiving/Service Opportunities Feed the Elderly (every 6 wks) Contact Gail (336) 835-2633

Tri-County Christian Ministries Call Tri-C (336) 526-1089

To honor **Tom & Adrienne**, and give some hours at FTE or Tri-C to honor their legacy of generous service.



### St. Stephen Inclement Weather Policy

Sunday Mass & Family Faith Formation WATCH WXII TV or FOX TV for the scroll of closing or delays.

> Hydee Go Mother of parishioner, Liza-Go Harris

Born to Eternal Life: January 14, 2023

After a long-term battle with Alzheimer disease life.

# New Day's Lyric A New Year's Poem

There are days we think only so much is given a glint, a gleam, a light so small we could carry it in the palm of our hand, just enough to let us see the next step. perhaps, into the mystery.

There are days grace comes but in shadow, davs it gathers itself into the corners, davs it seems to turn its gaze sidelong as if distracted, or pondering. or paused.

Let it be said this is not that day. This is the day when grace gives out its radiance. declaring itself to everything in sight.

This is the day when every given light bears forth like a star, turning its face toward us with the brilliance that was there all along, that it had saved just for us, just for the joy of seeing us shine.

~ Amanda Gordon

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**Doors open at 6:15** 6:45 dinner and dancing **Coley Hall at the Liberty** 222 E. Main Street, Elkin

**Featuring the Elkin Big Band** Ticket are \$50 per person Purchase your tickets or become a sponsor by Calling (336) 835-1467 All proceeds benefit Grace Clinic.



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### St. Stephen Monthly Donation

### **JANUARY**

Any non-perishable **Toiletries Dish or laundry soaps** until we get our list



Our Lady,

Queen of Peace,

pray for us!



Six year old shoots his teacher in Newport News, VA, on January 6. So, so many questions....

# John the Baptist ~ is he the Messiah?



Everyone thought John the Baptist to be a great preacher and prophet. Some thought he might even be the Messiah, the one who would save the people. John knew what God wanted him to do. When Jesus came to him at the Jordan River to be baptized, John pointed to Jesus and told the people, "Behold, the Lamb of God!

He pointed to Jesus to let them know Jesus is the Messiah.

John the Baptist is an example for all of us. If we are loving, kind, forgiving, and helpful, then we, like John, will show others Jesus and the way Jesus wants us to share our faith.





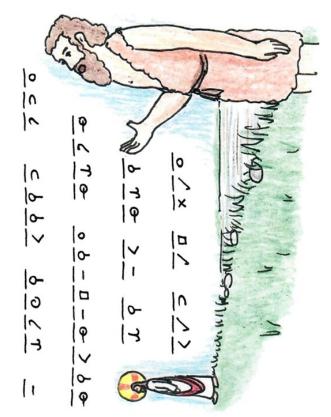
John the Baptist taught the people what God wanted. He told them to repent, to stop being selfish and unloving. He told them to be baptized as a sign they wanted to change their hearts. John knew the best way to teach others what you believe is to show them through your good example. Show others how you

love God by the way you love others. If you do this, you will point others to Jesus, the Lamb of God, the Messiah. You will be just like John the Baptist.

Puzzle answers: I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God Psalm 40 answers: O Lord I come to do your will.

# The Kids' Bulletin

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What did Saint John the Baptist say about Jesus? Use the code to figure it out! 2090×1-> /<00 ADEFGHINOSTV

