



MOLT CHURCH NEWS

Molt Congregational Church

3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 2023
(Redo January 15, 2023)

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Jim and Val

IT'S A NEW CHURCH YEAR!

January Schedule:

This is the schedule through January for our Molt Church Worship services:

- Jan 8 Faith Formation 10:00; Coffee Social 10:30; Church Service 11:00
Communion: Jan McFarland
- Jan 15 Faith Formation 10:00; Coffee Social 10:30; Church Service 11:00
Potluck, Agenda enclosed
- Jan 22 Faith Formation 10:00; Coffee Social 10:30; Church Service 11:00
Pizza Lunch
Annual Meeting and Planning Meeting, Annual Dues Appeal
- Jan 29 Faith Formation 10:00; Coffee Social 10:30; Church Service 11:00

Trudi will bring Naan bread for individual crusts, pizza sauce, and mozzarella cheese. Everyone else bring a favorite pizza topping to share. We will enjoy a pizza lunch following Church before the annual meeting.

For those unable to attend services in person, the service is available by Zoom. Trudi can be reached on her cell (406) 647-2924 if you encounter difficulty.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88136703413?pwd=aHRQYklvMDkzSE1ZQ3VDcGlyd0tkZz09>
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Church Year (2023-23) in Brief (1st Half)

- Advent (November 27– December 24)
- Christmas (December 25-January 5)
- Epiphany (January 6-January 29)
- Pre-Lent (3 Sundays before Ash Wednesday)



Lent (Ash Wed., February 22 through April 7)

Easter (April 9 and the next 6 Sundays)
(2nd half of Church year)

Pentecost (May 28 (7th Sun after Easter) to Nov. 26)
(Banners in Church reflect the Church year)

Prayers:

- For Mary Jane as she continues gaining her strength at home.
- For Kevin Schneidt as he continues to recover from by-pass surgery.
- For Jesse as she continues to recover from a liver transplant.
- For new babies in our extended community.
- For Derek and Brooke Marsh as they face difficulties with their pregnancy.
- For all those who are experiencing the seasonal flu and cold illnesses.
- For Pastor Jim as his foot heals from surgery.
- For our student athletes as they go through the basketball season. May they have fun and success.
- Healing prayers for all our friends and neighbors as they face surgery, medical treatment, and recovery time.
- For Deb Flynn and family as they seek the best care for Deb's mom Ruth work to get their shed built.
- For Jim's and Val's family and friends whom we are still holding in prayer and for the strength of our uniting prayers with Rapelje and Broadview to keep our greater community safe and strong.
- For Sharon Allisson as she fights cancer and an Alzheimer's diagnosis
- Michelle and Michaela and their family as they work to manage all the weights of daily life..
- Prayers for Marc Stewart and the Conference as Marc ends his ministry and retires and as the Conference goes forward under new leadership.
- For our country as we go away from the election and seek ways to bring our divided nation together to work for the good of all and to find healing for the pains that divide us.



Continued Prayers:

- Prayers of reconciliation and healing of strained family relationships.
- Derry Eastlick, Jan McFarland, Jean McFarland and Agnes Nordahl .
- Molt Church as we try to meet challenges and do mission of faith.
- MNWCUCC as we work with a Transitional Conference Minister and enter a time of discernment and visioning



Congregational Church of Molt

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 2023



Prelude

Mary Jane Schneidt

Announcements

Pastor Jim

Greeting

Pastor Jim

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace,
the life and light of humanity.

Great is God's love for us. Alleluia!

Passing the Peace

HYMN

We Worship You, God

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Call To Worship:

I waited patiently for GOD; who turned to me and heard my cry, who lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; and set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

We sing a new song! Our mouths are full of the praise of God.

Blessed are we when we make the Lord our trust; when we do not turn aside to false gods.

We sing of all your many wonders, O God, too many to declare them all.

Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but our ears you have pierced and a body you have prepared for us.

We sing, "Here I am, I have come— I desire to do your will, O my

Gathering Prayer

O God, you have singled us out. Our ears have been pierced by your call, Our bodies are made like polished arrows to serve you, Our voices to sing your praises. We acknowledge that you have chosen us. Meeting you here on this day in this time, We will listen and walk with you, As we worship together in the beauty of holiness. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 40

¹ I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.² He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

³ **He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him. ⁴ Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods**

⁵ Many, LORD my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

⁶ **Sacrifice and offering you did not desire— but my ears you have opened, burnt offerings and sin you did not require.⁷ Then I said, "Here I am, I have come— it is written about me in the scroll ⁸ I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart."**

⁹ I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, LORD, as you know. ¹⁰ I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help. I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly.

¹¹ **Do not withhold your mercy from me, LORD; may your love and faithfulness always protect me.**

The Apostles' Creed :

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. 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.

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

Prayers of the People

Share praises and concerns

Time of Prayer

Lord's Prayer, Prayer for Saints Departed

Words of Assurance

Thrill and rejoice, people of God: God's grace and love meet us at every turn, no matter where our journeys lead.

Praise God who gives us each the chance to be epiphanies of redeeming love and liberating justice. Amen.

Scripture

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 (p. 848)

Deb Flynn

Gospel

John 1: 29-42 (p.789)

Pastor Jim

HYMN

Just As I Am

p. 207 (Black)

Ministry of the Word

Pastor Jim

Invitation to Generosity

There can be no flourishing for some of us without liberation for all of us. Our offering gives us the opportunity to invest in our collective liberation. May our giving be a revelation of God's love, made known and being made known in our midst.

Offering

Offering **Jesus, Savior (insert in Pew Hymnals)** Mary Jane Schneidt

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication: (with quotes from *Remaining Awake through a Great Revolution* by Martin Luther King, Jr.)

"All life is interrelated" – Praise!

"We are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality" – Praise!

"We are tied in a single garment of destiny" – Praise!

Use our gifts to empower us to lean into this reality and this calling, more and more fully, until we become the salvation we are dreaming of. May it be so. Amen.

HYMN

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

p. 42 (Black)

Benediction

Pastor Jim

What are we seeking?

What are we looking for?

Deep down, what do we need?

Deep down, what do we need?

Go in Peace—**Serve the Lord!**

POSTLUDE

(words on back of bulletin)

Mary Jane Schneidt

(Join us for fellowship in the basement following the service.)

READY, SET—RERUN!

Thank you to everyone for your patience! Last week, upon arrival at the Church for fellowship and the worship service, potluck, and annual meeting, we were met with colder temperatures in the building than outside. The thermostat had erred out and the heat had not come on; nor could we get the heat to come on. After exhausting our expertise in trouble shooting the system, we decided to eat the delicious food we brought for potluck with our coats on and then go home to warm up!

A big thank you to Bill Witt of Witt Heating & Air Conditioning for coming out to Molt this week to check out our heating system. He was able to get everything running and adjusted. His warning is that the furnace was installed in 1983 and is not as dependable as it should be. He made some recommendations to get us by, but recommends that we start plans to upgrade the heating and thermostat. This will be part of the business for our annual meeting.

Sunday, January 22, 2023, will be a rerun of what was supposed to happen on January 15. We will use the same bulletin. Trudi has included a new Zoom link on this newsletter for those unable to join us. We will do our regular schedule:

Faith Formation—10:00 am

Fellowship—10:30 am

Worship Service—11:00 am

Following the Worship Service, We will enjoy a pizza lunch following Church before the annual meeting. Trudi will bring Naan bread for individual crusts, pizza sauce, and mozzarella cheese. Everyone else bring a favorite pizza topping to share. Trudi will have a dessert. We will do our Church business and as much planning as possible on the calendar. We have some decisions to make and will have election of officers. Please join in the worship, pizza lunch, and meeting.

The bulletin, meeting agenda, and information on a national rural church event were sent with last week's newsletter. Please look them over again for this week.

See you on Sunday!