

# The Cito Fellowship News

A Newsletter of the Cito United Methodist Church

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## “His Identity Shapes Ours”

Wednesday Evening Worship Services with other brothers and sisters in Christ  
in the Fulton County Cluster of the United Methodist Church

**Please come and join us for a Lenten Journey as we worship God and explore  
various elements of the Gospel of John.**

All Worship Gatherings begin at **7PM**.

### Based on the “I Am” Statements in the Gospel of John

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Preacher</u>                          | <u>Text</u>  |
|-------------|-----------------|--|--------------|
| 3/4         | Ebenezer UMC    | Mike Baumgardner<br>(Bread of Life)      | Jn. 6:25-59  |
| 3/11        | Charlestown UMC | John Godissart<br>(Light of the World)   | Jn. 9:1-34   |
| 3/18        | Knobsville UMC  | Bill Bair<br>(Gate/Good Shepherd)        | Jn. 10:1-21  |
| 3/25        | Cito UMC        | Bill Kuhn<br>(Resurrection and Life)     | Jn. 11:17-44 |
| 4/1         | Center UMC      | Terry Brosious<br>(Way, Truth, and Life) | Jn. 14:1-14  |

**Ebenezer UMC:** Located 6 miles South of Harrisonville on Rt. 655. For more detailed directions, call 485-9416.

**Charlestown UMC:** Located along Route 16—3 miles west of Mercersburg. For more detailed directions, call 328-9151.

**Knobsville UMC:** Located on Route 475—1/8 mile west of Route 522. For more detailed directions, call 987-3215.

**Cito UMC:** Located along Cito Road—4.5 miles south of McConnellsburg. For more detailed directions call 485-4318.

**Center UMC:** From Harrisonville, head north on Little Egypt Rd. The church will be on your right. From McC, travel to Hustontown. Proceed approximately 8 miles beyond Forbes Road School. Go down the hill and take a right on Frick Road. Continue winding down the road until you reach the church. For more detailed directions, call 816-6649.

### Greeters for January & February

#### Greeters

January 11—  
January 18—  
January 25—  
February 1—  
February 8—  
February 15—



### Attendance for December

Dec. 7    Dec. 14    Dec. 21    Dec. 28

Worship

Offering

Sunday School

## BACK TO NORMAL?

There is so much anticipation leading up to Christmas. Schedules are booked to capacity and activities on the church calendar are abundant. Once Christmas is over, folks look forward to the celebration of New Year's Day and Penn State Rose Bowl activity, but beyond that schedules thin out quite a bit as life gets 'back to normal.' Part of that has to do with the unpredictability of the weather this time of year. Part of that has to do with people needing a break after so much busyness.

For the Christian Church, this season of the year is far beyond normal. Following the twelve days of Christmas, the Church begins the season of Epiphany. The word itself means "shining forth" or manifestation. Epiphany is January 6. It commemorates the arrival of the wise men and their following a star that pointed their way to the real star who was shining --- Christ the king. His salvation extends beyond the Jewish nation to the entire world.

Epiphany includes more than just one day. In addition to the visit from the Magi, the season typically includes Jesus' Baptism, the Miracle at Cana (turning water into wine), and the Transfiguration. All of these events in the life of Christ vary

considerably, but their common thread is that Jesus was shining forth. His divinity and humanity manifest themselves in all of the events.

It is important for each of us to invite Jesus to "shine forth in us." We are called to be the light of the world. We are to manifest his Spirit and shine for all the world to see. It is during this time of year that days continue to get longer and longer. The shortest days are past. There is more and more light available. This season is a time for us to shine brighter for Christ. Most folks consider this time to be the 'dead of winter' that is somewhat bland, boring, and well...normal. But life is never normal for those of us who have Christ our redeemer shining in us. These days are incredible opportunities for us to let our lives shine for Christ. Why not seize the opportunity to invite an un-churched family member or friend to join you for worship this Sunday --- or how about inviting new people for the new year. Allow perpetual invitations to be your new normal.

KEEP SHINING!

*Pastor John*

Information for the February newsletter must be submitted to Kate Carbaugh by Wed, Jan. 28, through news@citoumc.org or 485-3077.

# January 2009

| Sun  | Mon                            | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat                          |
|--|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| December 28<br>Jim Seville, Koby Cutchall & Joel Godissart's Birthdays | 29<br>Joanne Souders' Birthday | 30<br>Bronson Earley's Birthday<br>Jim & Alice McKeever's Anniv. | 31<br>Christy Morton's Birthday                        | January 1<br>New Year's Day<br>Janet Souders & Pat Everts' B-days          | 2  | 3                            |
| 4<br>Youth Group @ Moore Farm—2PM<br>Brandi Mellott's Birthday         | 5                              | 6<br><b>Epiphany</b>   | 7<br>Choir Practice—7PM<br>Adam Hollinshead's Birthday | 8<br>Women's Bible Study—1PM<br>Julie Shearer's Birthday                   | 9  | 10<br>Alisa Truax's Birthday |
| 11<br>Linda Clippinger's Birthday                                      | 12                             | 13<br>Church Council—7PM   | 14<br>Choir Practice—7PM<br>Linda DeShong's Birthday   | 15<br>Women's Bible Study—1PM<br>Jennifer Sheeder & Josiah Ritchey's B-day | 16   | 17                           |
| 18<br>Joy Ritchey's Birthday   | 19                             | 20<br>Karen Peters' Birthday                                     | 21<br>Choir Practice—7PM                               | 22<br>Women's Bible Study—1PM  | 23   | 24                           |
| 25<br>Janey Snyders' Birthday  | 26<br>Terri Booth's Birthday   | 27<br>Trustee Meeting—7PM<br>Kayla Mumma's Birthday              | 28<br>Choir Practice—7PM<br>Newsletter Info Due        | 29<br>Women's Bible Study—1PM  | 30<br>Betty Buterbaugh & Seth Smith's B-days | 31                           |