



# WEEKLY MESSENGER

JANUARY 8, 2017

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Following the benediction**, you are invited to the Harris Room at the rear of the Sanctuary for coffee, tea, and fellowship.

**Deacon of the Week, Karen Babin** is available for spiritual care needs during the week. You may contact her at 504.875.4342.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

**Mid-Week Community Meals:** Join us for our weekly meals each Wednesday. Dinner begins at 5:30 (\$8/adult, \$4/child, \$20 family max). On Wednesday January 11, Eve Abrams will share about her WWNO series *Unprisoned: Stories From the System*. “Unprisoned shares stories to incite conversation about the ways mass incarceration affects families, communities and notions of justice.” This will be a great way to start 2017 as we begin our focus on Matthew 25:36 “I was in prison and you visited me.” To ensure a plate, reservations must be made through the church office by 3pm on Mondays.

**Called Business Meeting:** On Sunday January 8, we will have a called business meeting in the sanctuary following worship. The only agenda item will be voting on 2017 committee nominations.

**Committees 2017:** We encourage our 2017 committees to schedule their first meeting of 2017 during the month of January!

**Book study opportunities:** In the coming months, we have 2 book study opportunities. Please contact the church office if you are interested in either/both.

**Late January:** We will begin an evening study of Michelle Alexander’s *The New Jim Crow* to learn more about racial injustice and think critically about how we as individuals and communities of faith can speak and act against these injustices.

**February:** We will begin a morning study called *Sessions With Philippians: Finding Joy in Community* each Tuesday at 10am in the church parlor. This will be an in depth Bible study of Paul’s letter to the Philippians.

**Birthdays:** 1/1: Carolyn Wright, 1/2: Betty Davis, 1/3: Anne Dlugos, 1/9: Jo Devlin, 1/10: Ashley Sanders, 1/11: Sam Readman & Terry Shaw, 1/13: Catie Santos

## WINTER CALENDAR

<b>Jan. 8:</b>	Called Business Meeting
<b>Jan. 11:</b>	Mid-week Community Meal: Eve Abrams shares about <i>Unprisoned: Stories from the System</i>
<b>Jan. 16:</b>	Office Closed in observance of MLK Day
<b>Jan. 18:</b>	Mid-week Community Meal: Committee/Team Meetings
<b>Jan. 25:</b>	Mid-week Community Meal: ArtSpot Performance
<b>Jan.</b>	Evening book studies on Michelle Alexander’s <i>The New Jim Crow</i>
<b>Feb.</b>	Morning Bible study on <i>Sessions With Philippians</i> Tuesdays at 10am in the church parlor
<b>Feb. 1:</b>	Peace Dinner: Carol Spencer Community Organizer with Together Louisiana and Together New Orleans
<b>Feb. 8:</b>	Mid-week Community Meal: Mission Action focus
<b>Feb. 12:</b>	4th Quarter 2016 Business Meeting
<b>Feb. 15:</b>	Mid-week Community Meal
<b>Feb. 22:</b>	No Mid-week Community Meal (Mardi Gras)
<b>Feb. 26:</b>	23rd Annual Jazz Worship with Dr. Michael White and the Original Liberty Jazz Band
<b>Feb. 27-28:</b>	Office Closed for Mardi Gras
<b>Mar. 1:</b>	Mid-week Community Meal: Ash Wednesday
<b>Mar. 8:</b>	Peace Dinner: LeDayne Polaski, Executive Director of Baptist Peace Fellowship
<b>Mar. 11:</b>	Saturday workshop with LeDanyne Polaski
<b>Mar. 12:</b>	Sunday worship with LeDayne Polaski
<b>Mar. 15:</b>	Mid-week Community Meal
<b>Mar. 22:</b>	Mid-week Community Meal
<b>Mar. 29:</b>	Mid-week Community Meal
<b>Mar. 31- Apr. 2:</b>	Women’s Retreat