

## **Welcome to Polo First United Methodist Church**

God welcomes and accepts all people. So do we.

We seek to support and nurture all God's people in all of life's situations through our mission and ministries.

This is a special invitation for you to make this congregation your church home and family.

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# ***Polo First United Methodist Church***

*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

*January 15, 2012*

*We welcome you to worship this morning!*

## **The Gathering of the Community**

**Sacred Singing** “Two Fisherman” #2101 (black)

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude** “Epiphany Carol” Bell Choir  
arr. Linda Lamb

**† Call to Worship <sup>1</sup>**

**L:** God searches to find you and calls you by name.

**P:** **Speak, O God for I am listening.**

**L:** Christ calls to you now: “Follow me”

**P:** **Here I am, Lord. Lead on!**

**† Opening Hymn** “Jesus Calls Us” #398 (red)

**Prayers & Testimonies of the Community**

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

**Anthem** “A Fisher of Men” arr. Bergen White

**Children’s Time** - We always welcome the presence of children during the service. Should you prefer the option of Child Care, your children may leave with the Kiddee Keeper after the Children’s Time.

**Hymn** “Lord You Have Come to the Lakeshore” #344 (red)

**Scripture**

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Old Testament Pg. 241

†Mark 1:14-20

New Testament Pg. 33

**Sermon**

“I Choose You”

Pastor Derek Rogers

**The Response of the Community****Hymn of Response** “Would I Have Answered When You Called” #2137 (black)**Offertory Invitation<sup>2</sup>**

Christ calls, “Follow Me”. We, who are fearfully and wonderfully made, are entrusted to listen and respond with generosity and love.

**Offertory**

“Meditation in F”

Bell Choir  
arr. Michael Helm**†Congregational Response**

“Step by Step”

#3004 (green)

**†Prayer of Dedication<sup>3</sup>**

**O God who sees and knows, thank you for seeing so many possibilities within us. Use our gifts and offerings to transform possibilities into realities, that others may come and see your grace. Speak through us and through these gifts, that others may hear and respond as you call them by name. Amen**

**The Sending Forth into the World****†Closing Hymn**

“The Summons”

#2130 (black)

**Blessing**

†Those who are able please stand

**Polo First United Methodist Church  
Weekly Calendar**

Office hours:

*Monday - Thursday 9am to 2:30pm*

*Friday from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm*

*The church office phone is 946-2411. If no one is available, please leave a message, and we will return your call. You may also e-mail the church at [pum@frontiernet.net](mailto:pum@frontiernet.net) or Pastor Derek at [pastorderekrogers@gmail.com](mailto:pastorderekrogers@gmail.com)*

**Sunday, January 15**

9:00 am	Sunday School
10:10 am	Worship
11:15 am	Fellowship
11:15 am	Table of 10 Meeting (Kreider Hall)
4pm to 9pm	YF Progressive Supper

**Monday, January 16**

4:00 pm	Prayer Shawl
6:30 pm	Trustees Meeting (L)
7:30 pm	Staff Parish Meeting (L)

**Wednesday, January 18**

6:00 pm	Pastor Derek at ICD
7:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	Sr. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, January 19**

9:30 am	Pastor Derek at ICD
	UMW Meeting (K)

**Sunday, January 22**

9:00 am	Sunday School
10:10 am	Worship
11:15 am	Fellowship

***Pastor Fritz Bartels  
will cover when Pastor  
Derek is at ICD. If you  
have any pastoral  
needs you may reach  
him at :  
815-946-3212 or 2526***

**Offering  
Envelopes**



Regularly planned giving is a way we show our devotion to God. To help you in this practice, please pick up your new offering envelopes. They are available in back of the sanctuary.

Over the coming weeks we are asking that you be in continued prayer regarding the possibility of merging with Emmanuel UMC. It has been a long year of exploration and visioning, debate and discussion. All the discernment and wrestling by our two congregations, as well as all the hard work by the Task Force committee, have been leading up to these two months.

**Available today** on the fellowship table after worship are the **Preliminary Documents** outlining the details of our proposed merger. We are asking that you take one home with you to read over and be in prayer about it. On **January 29th**, in conjunction with our combined worship service here at PUM, we will be having a joint discussion about this document for final revisions.

In addition, on January 29th, we will be **voting on the name of the church** that will be adopted if the merger passes. The Task Force committee narrowed the many submitted suggestions down to these four for your vote: Faith United Methodist Church, Hope United Methodist Church, Redeemer's United Methodist Church, and Community United Methodist Church.

Finally, we are set to have our **final vote** regarding the merger on **Sunday, February 26th**, in a special charge conference with our District Superintendent Dick Wisdom (details about place and time are still to be determined). Place this date on your calendar so that you can be sure to be in attendance. And please, be in fervent prayer about this vote. Think about how best we can be the Body of Christ in Polo, and continue to be in mission and ministry for years and years to come.

If you have any questions or concerns, please see Pastor Derek.



## 2012 New Directory!!!

Please look at the copy of the Directory on the table in the Red Carpet Room.

- Highlight your information if all is correct.
- Make any changes and additions in red.
- Include e-mails for meeting reminders.
- See if someone is missing or should be removed.

*I will have to call **all** persons which are not highlighted or marked in some way.*

*Thank you,  
Donna Jungnickel*

## Sermon Series

The first followers of Jesus didn't have it all together. They weren't anything special. They were simply run-of-the-mill, ordinary people, who lived their lives the best that they could. (Actually, come to think of it, they kind of sound like some other people we know.

In this sermon series, we'll take a closer look at the first followers of Jesus. Who were they? What did they see in this guy named Jesus? Why in the world did they follow him? Maybe in the process of uncovering Jesus' first followers we'll come to see ourselves more clearly. Learn more about the One they were following, and hear the call to follow Him today.

1-15-12

"I Choose You"

Mark 1: 16-20

1-22-12

"Come And See"

John 1: 43-51

1-29-12

"Unlikely Guests"

Mark 2: 13-17

2-05-11

"Changed"

Mark 1: 4-11

## YEP! Sub Sales

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_



Bread	Meat (choose 1)	Cheese (choose 1)	Extras	
White _____	Ham _____	American _____	Lettuce _____	Blk Olives _____
Wheat _____	Turkey _____	Swiss _____	Onion _____	Mustard _____
	Roast Beef _____	Colby-Jack _____	Tomato _____	Mayo _____
			Grn Pepper _____	Pickles _____
				Butter _____

Sandwiches are \$6.00 each, this includes sandwich, chips and the dessert .

*Please fill out one order form per person.*

Order forms need to be turned in by **NOON on Wednesday, February 1st.**

There will be a basket for the forms on the counter in the Welcome Center.

Subs may be **picked up** after church on **February 5th, 11:10 am**, Super Bowl Sunday.

If you have any questions feel free to call: Ginger Morhardt @ 946-3173.

## Joys for January 8

- Faith Glaman is adjusting to life at Parkway Center in Sterling and is doing well.
- Tessa Morhardt is celebrating her 12th birthday today!! Happy Birthday Tessa!!

### *Weekly Prayer List*

Date	Person/Persons	Situation	Requestor	Relationship
1-8-12	The Ray Family	Dorothy Ray's Death.	Pastor Derek	Friend
1-8-12	Amanda Rackley	Dr. appointments and tests for Amanda and support for her husband Bobby.	Pastor Derek	Friend
1-8-12	Eldon Travis Family	Prayers for the family with Judy's Death. Alice Rebeck and Larry Travis are also relatives.	Donna Gillingham	Friend
1-1-12	Dave Sherrick & Family	Dave's health concerns.	Jean Deuth	Friend
1-1-12	Nancy Schmidt	She is at Pine Crest Manor for a time.	Mary Landis	Friend
1-1-12	Mildred Brown	She has a broken arm.	Pastor Derek	Pastor
12-25-11	Judy Travis	She had a heart attack and is currently in St. Anthony's Hospital in Rockford. She is very sick.	Matt & Margie Shore	Friends
12-25-11	Jason Melton	He is home and back to work but is still having seizures.	Margie & Nancy	Aunts

### **Ongoing Prayer List**

Safety for all our Troops, Elma Harris, Marge Bomberger, Win Hurdle, Mark and Rebecca Smallwood.



**Prayer chain requests** may be taken by calling **Betty Jo Cross at 946-3100**.

**Prayer request cards** are available in each pew. Please place the cards in the offering plate or hand to Pastor Derek.

**Please contact Pastor Derek at (815) 955-2129** if you need Pastoral care or visitation in the hospital or home.



Thank you to all those who could attend my 90th Birthday party and for all the beautiful cards. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Lenora Bakener

# Sunday Morning Lineup

9:00 am—10:00 am

Pre-school—Kindergarten	John Deuth	Pre-school area	
Grades 1-5	Donna Deets	West end of Middle Room upper level	
Grades 6-8	Ginger Morhardt & Melissa Frey	Room at top of stairs	
High School	Karla Merdian	Last Room - left-upper level	
Adult	“Let There Be Light” “Gospel Explorers”	Julia Hammer Phil Frey & Margie Shore	End Room-upper level Guyer Room
Multi Generational	“Adult Bible Studies” “Wired Word”	Barb Sims Randy Ocken	Library E. end of Middle Room-Upper Level

**Ministers:** All members

**Acolyte:** Morgan Lawler

**Liturgist:** Matthew Handel

**Bell Choir Director:** Carol Brown

**Greeters:** Seth Bothe, Jenna Handel, Justine Gorzny, Tessa Morhardt

**Ushers:** Mackenzie Grenoble, Laura Ford, Emily Ditzler, Baylen Hammond

**Fellowship:** Phil & Jean Frey

**Pastor:** Rev. Derek Rogers

**Musicians:** Jean Frey & Carol Brown

**Choir Director:** Jean Frey

**The Reverse Offering** for January is cans of fruit.

**Rainbow Covenant for** January is the Blue Band -Our mission selection is C.R.I.K.E.T. (Camp Reynoldswood Is Kool Every Time) This after school program is a Harvest 2020 ministry outreach to the Dixon Community in cooperation with Dixon Schools and the Lee County Juvenile Justice program. The program offers homework assistance, recreation and fellowship for 5th, 6th and 7th grades throughout the school year. Gifts to this program help to sponsor those families that cannot afford the daily fee or need transportation home at the end of the day.

*Missions Robin Jefford*

## Lectionary Scriptures: Worship Resources:

1. Adapted from Abingdon Worship Annual 2012, Pg. 17.
2. Ibid. Pg. 18
3. Ibid. Pg. 19



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