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.

Polo First United Methodist Church

First Sunday after Epiphany
January 8, 2012
We welcome you to worship this morning!

The Gathering of the Community

Sacred Singing "Gather Us In" # 2236 (black)

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" arr. Don Wyrtzen

† Call to Worship [1]

L: The magi of long ago were overjoyed upon seeing the star.
P: May we be overjoyed in the light of the Christ.
L: Like the magi set out in search of the newborn Savior.
P: May we begin a journey ourselves to find the Christ.
L: The magi bowed down and worshiped the Christ.
P: May we also praise and worship in reverence and love this day.

† Opening Hymn "We Three Kings" #254 (red)

Prayers & Testimonies of the Community

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

The Proclamation of the Word

Anthem "Rejoice With Exceeding Great Joy" arr. Don Marsh

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	"Guide My Feet" (v. 1-3)	#2208 (black)
Scripture	Isaiah 60: 1-6	New Testament Pg. 654
	†Matthew 2: 1-12	New Testament Pg. 1
Sermon	"They Set Out"	Pastor Derek Rogers

The Response of the Community

Hymn of Response	"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"	# 474 (red)

Offertory Invitation[2]

Like the Wise Ones long ago, we bring gifts from the heart to honor the newborn Christ Child. Like the Wise Ones long ago, may we be overwhelmed with joy at the marvelous things God is doing in this world.

Offertory	"O Jesus, I Have Promised"	arr. Lani Smith
†Congregational Response	"Step by Step"	#3004 (green)

†Prayer of Dedication[3]

We offer these gifts in response to the gifts of great value you give to us. We bow before the child Jesus as we give not only our resources, but also as we give ourselves to the Light of the World. Through these gifts, through our lives, may your light shine! Amen.

The Sending Forth into the World

†Closing Hymn	"Trust and Obey"	#467 (red)

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 or Pastor Derek at pastorderekrogers@gmail.com

Sunday, January 8

8:30 am	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am	Sunday School
10:10 am	Worship
11:15 am	Fellowship in Red Carpet Room

Monday, January 9

4:00 pm	Prayer Shawl
6:30 pm	Pre-school Board Meeting (Kreider Hall)

Wednesday, January 11

6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm	Sr. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 12

7:00 pm	EUM/PUM Task Force Meeting @ PUM (Kreider Hall)

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)
	YF Progressive Supper

Please look for the 2012 sign up sheets:

- Altar Flowers (Located in the back of the Sanctuary)
- Fellowship (Located in the Red Carpet Room)
- Communion (Located on the bulletin board outside Secretary's office)

Brunch in the Woods 11 am to 2 pm

Reynoldswood Christian Camp and Retreat Center, 621 Reynoldswood Rd, Dixon, IL

January 8, 2012
February 12, 2012
March 11, 1012
April 8, 2012
May 13, 2012 Last day before summer camp.

For groups of 8 or more, please call 815-284-6979 to reserve a table.

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

All Things Made New

UMW Winter School of Christian Mission

This opportunity for all adults is presented by the NIC UMW. Registration begins Friday, the 20th, at 4 PM. The weekend concludes on Sunday, the 22nd, following lunch together. Mission Studies:

The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice and Reconciliation - Diana Facemyer
Haiti: Challenges and Hope - Steve Good
Joy to the World!: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity - Fernando Siaba

Cost: $115 for weekend students (linens are $7 additional, or bring your own) $80 for day students (includes all meals) Mission Project: Bring scissors and plastic bags to help make portable beds for homeless veterans.

Registration due by Jan 6th. If you have any questions, please call Margie Shore @ 631-9154.

See bulletin board in the welcome area for the registration form.

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.

1-08-12	"They Set Out	Matthew 2: 1-12
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

Joys for January 1

- Barbara Sims' granddaughter graduated from college with honors and is headed to Washington D.C. for her new job.

Weekly Prayer List				
Date	**Person/Persons**	**Situation**	**Requestor**	**Relationship**
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.

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"	Julia Hammer	End Room-upper level
	"Gospel Explorers"	Phil Frey & Margie Shore	Guyer Room
	"Adult Bible Studies"	Barb Sims	Library
Multi Generational	"Wired Word"	Randy Ocken	E. end of Middle Room-Upper Level

Ministers: All members
Acolyte: Justine Gorzny
Liturgist: Aaron Miller
Bell Choir Director: Carol Brown
Ushers/Greeters: Phil Frey, Gladys Typer, Shawn & Tiffany Willis
Fellowship: Jean Deuth and Tena Terry

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 Minister's Annual Manual '11-'12 p. 206.
2. Offering Invitations by the UCC.
3. Ibid. p. 207.

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