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Growing in Faith - Making a Difference - Open to All

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You are a child of God and you are welcome here: whatever your faith commitment, experience, or level of doubt, mental or emotional health, physical abilities, financial or employment status, race, ethnicity, or primary language; whatever your gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation. We welcome you whether you are a parent or caregiver; whether you are a fussy baby, an energetic toddler, a 'tween, or a teen; whether you are an inquisitive young adult, exhausted adult, or wise senior citizen; whether you are single, in a relationship, married, divorced, or widowed; whether you struggle with an addiction to drugs, alcohol, or anything else. We welcome you however you found us: on the internet, from your neighbor or friend, or passing by our Giving Garden. We welcome those who hurt and those who celebrate, those who worship every week or just this once, and in whatever you choose to wear. We extend a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now. We welcome you to join us as we grow in faith through worship, study, and friendship. We welcome you as we seek to make a difference through combating food insecurity, ministering with those in need, and committing to racial equity. And we welcome you to help us be fully open to all. Whoever you are and wherever you are from, you are a child of God and you are welcome here.

+ GATHERING +

Prelude

Prelude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie

Maurice Duruflé

Welcome

Opening Litany:

- L: In the name of the Father, and ✠ of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**
L: Three wonders mark this holy day, as the Church is joined to her heavenly Bridegroom. This day a star leads the wise men to the manger.
C: **Alleluia!**
L: This day Jesus is revealed as the Christ in the waters of Baptism.
C: **Alleluia!**
L: This day the Christ is shared through Bread and Wine.
C: **Alleluia! Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gathering Hymn: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (ELW 310)



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph - et, priest, and king su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Greeting:

- L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day:

L: Let us pray together..

C: **Grant us, Lord, who behold your glory, to drink from the waters of the new creation flowing from the river of life at your baptism. Give us the wings of the Spirit that we may hasten to meet you at your coming, and praise you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

+ WORD +

The King of All the World is Revealed to the Magi

L: This day a star leads the wise men to the manger.
Arise, shine; for your light has come

C: **And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

L: Nations shall come to your light

C: **And kings to the brightness of your rising.**

L: They shall bring gold and frankincense

C: **And proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

L: Your gates will lie open continually

C: **Shut neither by day nor by night.**

L: No more will the sun give you daylight

C: **Nor the moonlight shine upon you.**

L: But the Lord will be your everlasting light

C: **Your God will be your splendor.**

(from Isaiah 60)

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe: you receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. May our prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, and the lifting up of our hands be an evening sacrifice.

C: **Blessed be God forever.**

The Gifts are presented at the Manger.

Hymn: We Three Kings of Orient Are



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
 2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,
 owns a de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 God and Sac - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

First Reading: Matthew 2:1-11

L: The first reading is from the Gospel of Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: Let us pray. Eternal God, who by the shining of a star led the wise men to the worship of your Son: guide by his light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may behold your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Christ is Revealed in the Waters of Baptism

L: This day Jesus is revealed as the Christ in the waters of Baptism.
I will take you from the nations:

C: and gather you from all countries.

L: I will sprinkle clean water upon you:

C: and purify you from all defilement.

L: A new heart I will give you:

C: and put a new spirit within you.

L: You shall be my people:
C: **and I shall be your God.** (from Ezekiel 36)

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe: you bring waters out of the stony rock. For with you is the well of life, and in your light shall we see light.
C: **Blessed be God forever.**

Hymn: When Jesus Came to Jordan (ELW 305)



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap-tized by John,
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond-age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

Second Reading: Mark 1:1-11

L: The second reading is from the Gospel of Mark, the 1st chapter.

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, ²"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" ⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: Let us pray. Almighty God, who anointed Jesus at his Baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son: give to us who are born of water and the Spirit, the will to surrender ourselves to your service, that we may rejoice to be called your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The water is poured into the font.

L: God in Christ gives us the water welling up for eternal life. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

C: Lord, give us this water, and we shall thirst no more.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy at all times to give you thanks and praise, for today the grace of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove descended upon the waters. Today the sun that never sets has risen and the world is filled with splendor by the light of the Lord. Today the clouds drop down upon humankind the dew of righteousness from on high. Today the Uncreated of his own will accepts the laying on of hands from his own creature. Today the waters of the Jordan are transformed for healing by the coming of the Lord. Today our transgressions are washed away by the waters of the river. Today the blinding mist of the world is dispersed by the Epiphany of our God.

C: **Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation, now and forever. Amen.**

The Renewal of the Covenant

L: At your baptism you turned to Christ, repented of your sins, and renounced evil. Do you now renew your allegiance to Christ?

C: **I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

L: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **I believe 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.**

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

L: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

C: **With the help of God, I will.**

L: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

C: **With the help of God, I will.**

L: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

C: **With the help of God, I will.**

- L: Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbor as yourself?
C: **With the help of God, I will.**
- L: Will you recognize Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?
C: **With the help of God, I will.**
- L: May God the Creator, the rock of our salvation, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgiven all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, keep us faithful to our calling, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

The Asperges:

- L: Remember your baptism into Christ Jesus.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Afterwards...

The Peace of Christ:

- L: The Peace of Christ be with you always.
C: **And also with you.**
- L: Let us share a sign of peace with one another, as you are comfortable.

Offertory Anthem

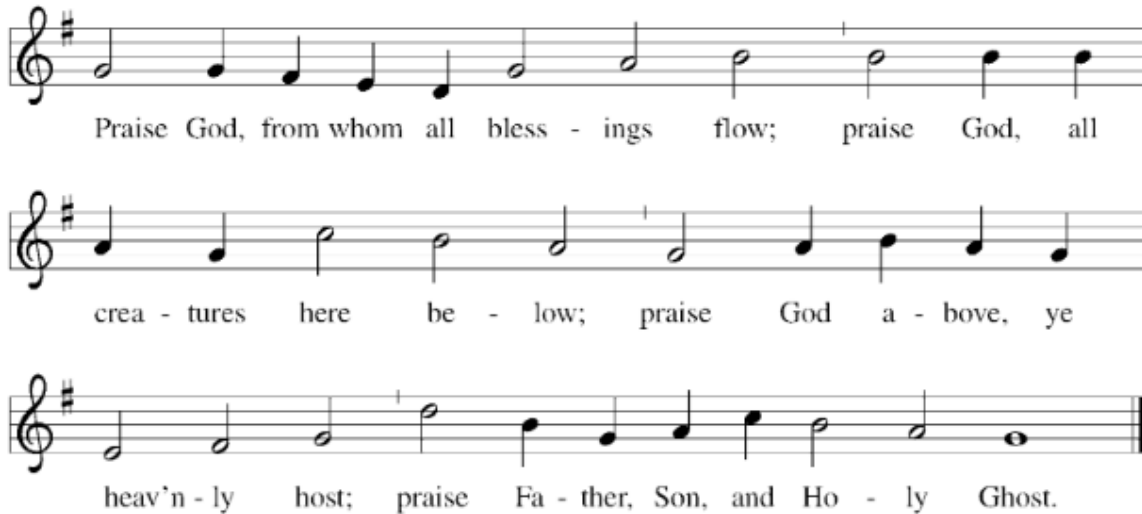
As With Gladness

Raymond K. Johnson

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Doxology & Offertory Prayer:



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

- L: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.
- C: **Amen.**

The New Creation is Revealed in the Water Made Wine

- L: This day water is made wine at the wedding feast. I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.
- C: **Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**
- L: And I heard a great voice from the Throne, saying:
- C: **Behold, the dwelling of God is with his people.**
- L: He will dwell with them and they shall be his own:
- C: **And God himself shall be with them.**
- L: Behold, I make all things new:
- C: **I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.**
- L: To the thirsty I will give water without price:
- C: **From the fountain of the water of life.** (from Revelation 21)
- L: Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe: for the marriage of the Lamb has come. Make your Church ready, and clothe her with the righteous deeds of the saints, to join the praises of your new creation.
- C: **Blessed be God forever.**

The wine is poured into the chalice.

Hymn: Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! (ELW 377)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Third Reading: John 2:1-11

L: The first reading is from the Gospel of John, the 2nd chapter.

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: Let us pray. Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

+ MEAL +

The Great Thanksgiving:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

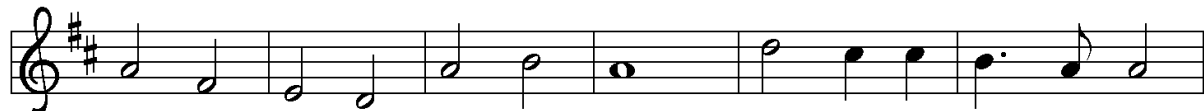
L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

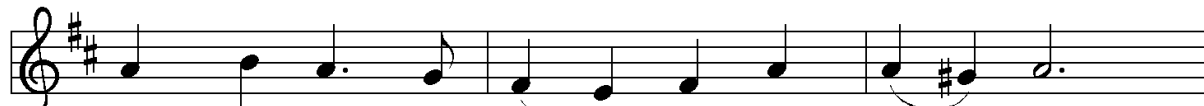
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



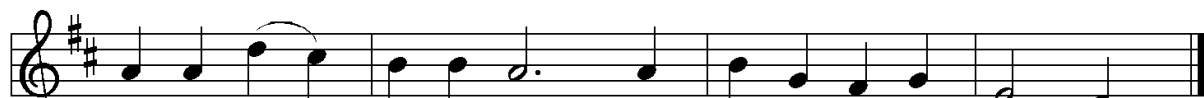
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer:

L: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion:

L: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

C: **Amen.**

Communion Song:

The Wedding at Cana

Joseph W. A. Myers

Prayer after Communion:

L: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray.

C: **Amen.**

Announcements

+ SENDING +

Benediction:

L: The God of love, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit,
grant you grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: Go, My Children, With My Blessing (ELW 543)



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Dismissal:

L: Go in peace. Grow in faith, make a difference, be open to all!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Little” Prelude and Fugue in G

J. S. Bach

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Happy Birthday to: Carl Ackerman (1/15)

Announcements:

Bible 101 on the 16th at Noon

After a hiatus for Advent and Christmas, we'll be resuming our "How to Read the Bible" class on Thursday the 16th at noon. Join us for an hour of food, fellowship, and discussion!

Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26th

On the 26th after worship, we will be gathering as a congregation to discuss the year 2024 and look forward to how we can grow in faith, make a difference, and be open to all in 2025. Join us in-person if you can, but as usual those on Zoom will have voice and vote as well.

Holy Trinity's Prayer List

Sue Steiger

Dee Jaye Frye

Joe Sargent

Friends and Relatives

Bettina Chavanne (friend of the McCluskeys)

Vincent Sangmeister (Mary Williamson's brother)

Fran Gebhart

Sharon Neall (Hall family member)

Beth Brady (Kristine DelMonte's co-worker)

Norma DelMonte (Tom's mother)

The Houghs (friends of Pat Brubaker)

Linda Baldi-Boyd

Georgette, her daughter Kara, and Chuck

Marbury Hooey

John & Rosemary (friends of Pat Brubaker)

Annette Steiger (Dave Steiger's sister)

Margie (Jan Doan's friend)

Joseph Davis

Danelle VanInstendal (friend of the Steigers)

Heinrich Mengel (cousin of the Hoffmann Family)

Louise Jackson (cousin of Julie Ackerman)

Mary Fran (friend of Dorothy McCluskey)

Tara Echelmeier Dolan (friend of Julie Ackerman)

Mary Ann & Deed Dixon (friends of the Hoffmans)

Darby Rinkel (great-niece of the Steigers)

David Segermark (Kristine DelMonte's father)

Erin Borden (friend of Anne Hoffman)

Jane S. (friend of Pat Brubaker)

Ken Ackerman (Carl Ackerman's father)

Barb McCluskey (sister in law of Bruce &
DorothyMcCluskey)

Heather DePauli (cousin of the Hoffmans)

Sandy (friend of Pat Brubaker)

Katy (niece of Pat Brubaker)

Grace Vanartsdalen (friend of Bruce and Dorothy
McCluskey)

Ken Molchanow (brother of Stan Molchanow)

Ed Neely (neighbor of the McCluskeys)