

they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

*HYMN TFWS #2167

More Like you

MESSAGE Rev. Shon

A TIME TO GROW SPIRITUALLY

THANKSGIVING & SENDING FORTH

COVENANT PRAYER by John Wesley (*see insert*)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (*Isaiah 42*)

Isaiah calls those who partner with God a light to the nations. We are to establish justice in the earth and bring those who sit in darkness into the light. What important world-shaping work! May we give of our lives and gifts for this work!

*DOXOLOGY UMH #94
Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Shon

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #462
'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus


*BENEDICTION Rev. Shon

POSTLUDE Carol Prindle



Sermon Series:
5 things Every Christian Needs to Grow
Jan. 18 - Feb. 15,
Bible Study, Prayer, Worship, Service,
Stewardship
Bible Study on Sunday, 10:15 am @ library

Mission Outreach Sewing Day
Thursday January 15th
10am-3pm
Everyone Welcome!

Dinner Church
Dinner Church
Wednesday's—5:30-6:30 PM
EVERYONE is welcome!
REQUEST: Dessert Items
(Homemade or storebought cookies, cakes, bars, etc.)
Volunteers Sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FAAAC2AAAFBC16-47489118-dinner> or scan the QR above. User Name//Password not required.
Contact Marcia Hagen or Charlene Galston for questions.
Menu this week: Scalloped Potatoes with Ham, Green Beans, Fruit & Dessert





Fresh Expressions United Methodists National Gathering
February 26-28, 2026
First UMC Ocala, Florida
See firsthand how ordinary people are cultivating communities of grace in extraordinary ways!

Upcoming Meetings

Sun	Jan 11	Men's Group	10:15 am
Mon	Jan 12	Board of Trustees	5:30 pm
Thu	Jan 15	Administrative Council	5:30 pm
Thu	Jan 15	Mission Outreach Sewing	10am-3pm

Ushers: Don & Charlene Galston
Fellowship: Imelda Kelley

Black River Falls United Methodist Church



UMC Mission Statement:
"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

Pastor: Rev. Inwha Shon
Pianist: Carol Prindle

100 North Fourth Street
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Phone: 715-284-4114

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 8am-1pm
Website: brfumc.org YouTube: [brfumc](https://www.youtube.com/brfumc)
Facebook: Black River Falls United Methodist Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

** Indicates, please stand if able.*

Baptism of the Lord January 11, 2026 9 AM

Liturgist: Roxie Hostrawser

PRELUDE

Carol Prindle

INVITATION AND GATHERING

*CALL to WORSHIP

L: Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan River to be baptized.

P: We come to be cleansed and made whole.

L: Come! Let us witness John's confusion and Jesus' insistence that John baptize God Incarnate.

P: We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the kingdom of God.

L: Come! Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus' identity and the truth of our identity as baptized people.

P: We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.

L: Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and salvation life.

P: We come to worship God who empowers us through divine presence to live together as the family of God.

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, You search our hearts and you see every part of us. All our desires are known to You, and from you no secrets are hidden. By the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, cleanse our hearts so we may perfectly love you and glorify Your holy name. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

UMH #451

Be Thou My Vision

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Leader: We are those who seek to live as true disciples of Jesus Christ, but sometimes we fall short. Let us now examine ourselves before God, humbly confessing our sins and submitting our hearts so that we do not deceive ourselves and cut ourselves away from God. Let us pray:

People: Father God, You have set forth the way of life through Your Son Jesus Christ, whom You love dearly. We shamefully confess that we have been slow to learn of Him and have been reluctant to follow Him. You have spoken and called to us but we have not listened. You have revealed Your beauty to us, but we have been blind. You have stretched out Your hands to us through our friends, but we have passed by them. We have accepted Your gifts and offered little thanks. We are unworthy of Your unchanging love.

Leader: We now confess to you our sins. Please forgive us for the poverty of our worship... for the selfishness of our prayers... for our inconsistency and unbelief... for the ways we neglect fellowship and Your grace... for our hesitation to tell others about Christ... for the ways we deceive others...

People: Forgive us for when we waste time and when we misuse the gifts you have given us. Forgive us for when we have made excuses for the wrong things we have done and when we have purposefully avoided responsibility.

Leader: Forgive us that we have been unwilling to overcome evil with good and that we have not been ready to carry our cross. Forgive us that we have not allowed Your love to work through us to help others and that we have not made their suffering our own. Forgive us for those times when instead of working for unity we made it hard for others to live with us because of our lack of forgiveness, inconsiderate judgment, and quick criticism.

People: Forgive us for when we have not tried to reconcile with others and when we have been slow to seek redemption.

Leader: Forgive us also for these sins that we silently confess to you now.

WORDS of ASSURANCE

God, the Father of all mercies, is faithful to cleanse us from our sins and restore us to Christ's image. Praise and glory be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*In Unison*)

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. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 2:1-12

Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, ² as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

⁴ Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture,

“Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.”

⁷ Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient,

“The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,” ⁸ and

“A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense.”

They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. ⁹ But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

¹¹ Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, ¹² having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when