

JANUARY 2025

PRIME CALENDAR

SEASONS AND COLORS OF THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

- 25—Jan. 5 CHRISTMASTIDE** (white)
6 EPIPHANY/DÍA DE REYES (white)
12—March 4 ORDINARY TIME (green)

1 NEW YEAR'S DAY

Dec. 26—Jan. 1 KWANZAA

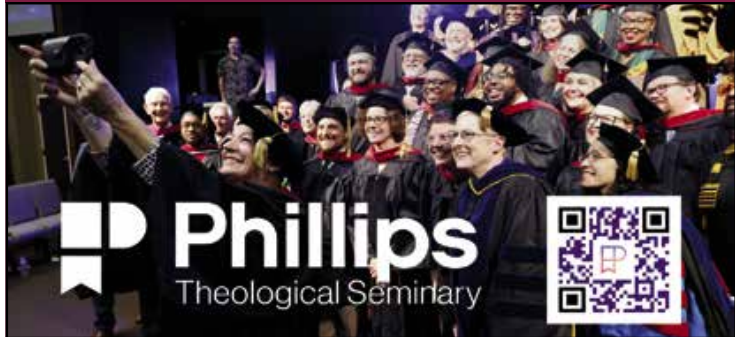
11 NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY
 (USA)

20 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY. (Observed)

REMINDERS

- For more than 20 years Higher Education & Leadership Ministries (HELM) has offered the Leadership Fellows Program for undergraduate college students. This four-year program seeks to cultivate and strengthen participants' potential for leadership through intentional focus on Christian community, societal transformation, global awareness, and leadership engagement. LFP includes a scholarship, annual retreat, and an international cross-cultural experience. It is a comprehensive leadership development program where cohorts of students connect, learn, grow, and explore together. Those preparing to enter college can submit their application online at: helmdisciples.org/leadership-fellows-program. Applications must be submitted along with all documents, by March 31st.
- Planning your congregation's milestone anniversary and don't know where to start? Explore the recommendations and resources at discipleshistory.org.
- Finally taking the big step into seminary? Thinking about going back to school for a D.Min or completing a PhD? HELM can support your journey with a variety of scholarships. Visit our website at www.helmdisciples.org/scholarships for more information and be sure not to miss the March 31st deadline.
- Lent begins March 5. Have you ordered Facing Jerusalem, the Lenten devotional by Rev. Teresa Hord Owens? Visit ChalicePress.com to order now.
- Get ready to meet in Memphis! Visit ga.disciples.org for more information about the 2025 General Assembly.
- The Week of Compassion Special Offering is next month. Mid-January is your deadline for ordering additional print materials!
- It's yearbook reporting time again! Yearbook reports are due by March 15th. Find out more at disciples.org/alex.
- Black Ministers Retreat 2025 Charleston, SC, March 11-13, 2025
- Use worship resources from Christian Church Foundation to celebrate the gifts in your congregation this Epiphany!
- When a crisis comes to your congregation or ministry, it's important to know how to respond within the first hour. How you communicate in that initial 60 minutes can make things better or worse and have lasting effects. The Center for Ministry and Lay Training at Phillips Theological Seminary is offering an introductory course for crisis communication with Kurt Gwartney, instructor in the CMLT program and senior director of communications at Phillips. Kurt has presented communication workshops for the United Church of Christ, the Religion Communicators Council and the Association of Theological Schools. The online course is Feb. 17 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Central). The course includes time for participants to practice what they've learned. Register online: <https://bit.ly/463Gppj>

SUNDAY



5

Second Sunday after
 Christmas Day
 White
 Jeremiah 31:7-14
 Psalm 147:12-20
 Ephesians 1:3-14
 John 1:(1-9), 10-18
 El segundo domingo después
 de la Navidad
 Blanco
 Jeremías 31:7-14
 Salmo 147:12-20
 Efesios 1:3-14
 San Juan 1:(1-9), 10-18

12

Baptism of the Lord
 Green
 Isaiah 43:1-7
 Psalm 29
 Acts 8:14-17
 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
 El bautismo del Señor
 Verde
 Isaías 43:1-7
 Salmo 29
 Hechos 8:14-17
 San Lucas 3:15-17, 21-22

19

Second Sunday after the
 Epiphany
 Green
 Isaiah 62:1-5
 Psalm 36:5-10
 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
 John 2:1-11
 El segundo domingo después
 de la Epifanía
 Verde
 Isaías 62:1-5
 Salmo 36:5-10
 1 Corintios 12:1-11
 San Juan 2:1-11

26

Third Sunday after the
 Epiphany
 Green
 Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
 Psalm 19
 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
 Luke 4:14-21
 El tercer domingo después
 de la Epifanía
 Verde
 Nehemías 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
 Salmo 19
 1 Corintios 12:12-31a
 San Lucas 4:14-21

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Master of Theological Studies Earn your MTS degree in: • African American Ministry • Bilingual/Latinx Studies 40 credit hours • 100% online Ongoing enrollment  		1 New Year's Day Kwanzaa ends	2	3	4
6 Epiphany/Dia de Reyes	7	8	9	10	11 National Human Trafficking Awareness Day
13	14 Disciples Development Conference begins	15 Disciples Development Conference	16 Disciples Development Conference ends	17	18
20 Inauguration Day Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21	22	23	24	25
27	28	29	30	31	

FEBRUARY 2025

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January 12—March 4 **ORDINARY TIME** (green)

1–28 AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

2 WORLD WETLANDS DAY

2 BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

10–17 YOUNG ADULT WEEK

16 & 23 WEEK OF COMPASSION SPECIAL OFFERING

17 PRESIDENTS' DAY

REMINDERS

- Are you ready to complete your yearbook report? It's due by March 15th. Find out more at disciples.org/alex.
- Green Chalice and Disciples Home Missions are offering grants of \$3,000 to DOC churches, regions, and camps (with preference given to churches). These grants aim to support the development of youth and young adult leaders (ages 16-26) engaged in the spiritual movement for creation care, climate justice, and/or social justice.
- Planning your congregation's milestone anniversary and don't know where to start? Explore the recommendations and resources at discipleshistory.org
- Lent begins in just a few weeks. Be sure you've ordered enough Facing Jerusalem by Rev. Teresa Hord Owens for your congregation or small group. Visit ChalicePress.com to order now.
- The 2025 General Assembly is July 12th to July 15th in Memphis, TN. Come go BEYOND with us. Learn more at ga.disciples.org.
- Pastors and Churches - need help with filing your taxes? Pension Fund has the Ministers Tax & Financial Guide for pastors and the Church Nonprofit Tax Financial Guide for churches. Download these free resources at: www.pensionfund.org under the Learn section.
- Explore DCHS resources—from the Journal of Disciplina, to Disciples Wiki, to a monthly newsletter at discipleshistory.org
- Black Ministers Retreat 2025 Charleston, SC, March 11-13, 2025

SUNDAY



Special Offering 2025

Heard and Seen

Philippians 4:8-9

weekofcompassion.org/2025

suggested offering dates:
February 16 & 23

2

**World Wetlands Day
Boy Scout Sunday**

**Fourth Sunday after the
Epiphany**

Green

Jeremiah 1:4–10

Psalms 71:1–6

1 Corinthians 13:1–13

Luke 4:21–30

**El cuarto domingo después de
la Epifanía**

Verde

Jeremías 1:4–10

Salmo 71:1–6

1 Corintios 13:1–13

San Lucas 4:21–30

9

**Fifth Sunday after the
Epiphany**

Green

Isaiah 6:1–8, (9–13)

Psalms 138

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

Luke 5:1–11

**El quinto domingo después de
la Epifanía**

Verde

Isaías 6:1–8, (9–13)

Salmo 138

1 Corintios 15:1–11

San Lucas 5:1–11

16

Week of Compassion Special Offering 2025

**Sixth Sunday after the
Epiphany**

Green

Jeremiah 17:5–10

Psalms 1

1 Corinthians 15:12–20

Luke 6:17–26

**El sexto domingo después de
la Epifanía**

Verde

Jeremías 17:5–10

Salmo 1

1 Corintios 15:12–20

San Lucas 6:17–26

23

Week of Compassion Special Offering 2025

**Seventh Sunday after the
Epiphany**

Green

Genesis 45:3–11, 15

Psalms 37:1–11, 39–40

1 Corinthians 15:35–38, 42–50

Luke 6:27–38

**El séptimo domingo después
de la Epifanía**

Verde

Génesis 45:3–11, 15

Salmo 37:1–11, 39–40

1 Corintios 15:35–38, 42–50

San Lucas 6:27–38

FEBRUARY 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Need to raise capital? We can help. DCEF – Your source for Capital Campaigns.</p>  <p>Disciples Church Extension Fund disciplescef.org</p>		 <p>LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANTS FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICE EXECUTIVES AND LEADERS</p> <p>Apply Online at NBACares.org/HSS-Grants</p>  <p>National Benevolent Association <small>of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)</small></p>			<p>1</p> <p>African American History Month begins</p>
3	4	5	6	<p>7</p> <p>National Black HIV/ AIDS Awareness Day</p>	8
10	11	12	13	<p>14</p> <p>Valentine's Day</p>	15
<p>17</p> <p>Presidents' Day</p>	18	19	<p>20</p> <p>World Day of Social Justice</p>	21	22
24	25	26	27	<p>28</p> <p>African American History Month ends</p>	