

## *Important Pledge Update*

Many thanks to all of you who have handed in your pledge cards for 2025. At this point, several members who pledged last year still have not done so this year. Their pledges from last year amounted to \$67,860, which is a substantial amount to be missing this year. If you have not yet pledged, please do so as soon as possible. We depend on your faithful giving to carry out the ministry that God has called us to do. Pledge cards are available in the narthex and may be turned in at the church office.

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A white line-art illustration on a blue background depicting the Epiphany. Three figures, likely the Magi, are shown in profile, wearing long, patterned robes and crowns. One figure on the right is holding a gift box. Above them is a starburst symbol representing the Star of Bethlehem. The word "Epiphany" is written in a large, white, outlined font in the upper right corner.

# Epiphany

The Epiphany is one of the Principal Feasts of our Christian Year when we remember the Magi's visit to the baby Jesus. It is always celebrated on January 6th, which will fall on a Monday this year.

We will celebrate with three special events:

- Holy Eucharist at 5:30 PM in the Sanctuary
- Epiphany Youth Party at 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall
- Epiphany-themed desserts in the narthex following the service

Sunday, January 5th

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Monday, January 6th

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Jan 6  
5:30 pm Epiphany

Jan 7  
9:00 am Morning Prayer - Virtual  
4:30 pm Daisy Troop Mtg

Jan 8  
9:00 am Morning Prayer  
3:00 pm Service @ Westminster  
5:30 pm Service @ HCEC  
6:45 pm Choir Practice

Jan 9  
9:00 am Morning Prayer - Virtual  
12:30 pm Clericus  
5:00 pm DOK  
6:00 pm Boy Scout Mtg

Jan 11  
12:00 pm Wedding of  
B. Greer & C. Moon

## Message from The Vestry

I want to say that even though Advent starts the liturgical new year I felt that participating in the Advent Season then followed by Christmas tide and going into Epiphany, has been an Epiphany! What a neat way to start a new calendar year! I have discovered that even in the 7th decade of my life Epiphany can still happen! That's good news!



This year, I think it happened because I made a conscious decision to participate in as many of the events as possible, but not doing so much I would become fatigued. Part of me said that I needed to do this. I just wanted to be available and enjoy the worship and fellowship. So being available was one of the keys for me!

Some insights came from Advent activities and a book read with a few other parishioners with Fr. Allen. One of the main themes running throughout the small book was waiting.

Then during Christmas tide, I learned that the Angels first came to the Shepherds who were out in the field tending their sheep. That got me thinking how there is a lot of waiting going on for Shepherds. So did their waiting prepared their hearts to receive the Heavenly Host? They proceeded straight away to find Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. They shared what happened to them, and it said, (Luke 2:19) "Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart".

Then I began to see it was necessary for me to wait. Wait and simply be available for how God chooses to use me. It can be somethings simple like the Shepherds who only came to see and share what they had seen and heard. Pretty simple. We don't need to complicate our faith and life, but keep it simple.

Now, we start Epiphany and the verse in the reading of the old Testament is Isaiah 60:1 "Arise and shine for your light has come..." It is a challenge for me to get involved! What about you? We all can play a role in the growth and spread of the Kingdom. Emanuel!

Bill Reineking ☐

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## *Children's Ministry*

On January 6th, we will have a special children's service at 5:30 PM, running simultaneously with the main church service. Children (ages 4-6th grade) are invited to the Parish Hall for their own service celebrating the Three Kings! There will be crafts and snacks. After the service, join us in the Nave for King Cakes and other desserts!

Looking ahead:

MLK Parade gathering on January 20<sup>th</sup>

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# Shepherd Groups AT HOLY COMFORTER

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Sign-up Cards are  
available in the  
Narthex



Joke: Why can't Monday lift Saturday?

Riddle: What kind of running means walking?

Scroll to the bottom for answers



## Worship Opportunities

### Sunday Services

8 am, Rite I, Traditional

10:30 am, Rite II, Contemporary,  
(Service live-streamed on YouTube)

### Wednesday Service

3:00 pm @ Westminster Oaks  
5:30 pm, Rite II, Contemporary

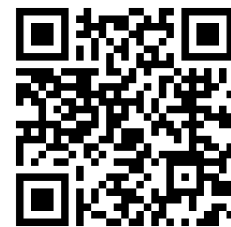
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