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Message from our Pastor

Epiphany, January 6, is really an entire season of the Church calendar which extends until Lent begins. On Epiphany we recall the arrival of the magi—those astrologers who followed the star and, after laying their gifts before the Christ child, traveled back home another way so as to evade King Herod.

Epiphany is a season for us to integrate the message of Christmas into our lives. Like the magi, we seek God's light in our lives, follow where it leads, offer our gifts, and strive to journey new pathways of right living.

As we enter this season, I share with you this Epiphany blessing.

May the path  
that Christ walks  
to bring justice  
upon the earth,  
to bring light  
to those who sit  
in darkness,  
to bring out those  
who live in bondage,  
to bring new things  
to all creation:

may this path  
run through our life.

May we be  
the road Christ takes.

*(Jan L. Richardson, **The Painted Prayerbook**, <http://paintedprayerbook.com/>)*

Let us be the road Christ takes.

Tracy

## Worship Column

### **Sunday, January 2**

*2nd Sunday of Christmas*

Jer. 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20;  
Eph. 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9) 10-18

### **Thursday, January 6**

*Epiphany of the Lord*

Isa. 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;  
Eph. 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

### **Sunday, January 9**

*Baptism of the Lord*

Isa. 43:1-7; Psalm 29;  
Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

### **Sunday, January 16**

*2nd Sunday after Epiphany*

Isa. 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10;  
1 Cor. 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

### **Sunday, January 23**

*3rd Sunday after Epiphany*

Neh.8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19;  
1 Cor. 12-12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

### **Sunday, January 30**

*4th Sunday after Epiphany*

Jer. 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6;  
1 Cor. 13-1-13; Luke 4:21-30



### **Annual Reports Due**

February's Annual Meeting is rapidly approaching. Have you turned in your committee's annual report yet? The deadline for reports is Sunday, **January 9th**.

*January birthday wishes go out to...*



- 2 Jude Hammer
- 5 Christopher Safulko
- 8 Virginia Coon
- 8 Erika Ray
- 10 John Lopinski, Sr.
- 11 Janet Mazzaroppi
- 12 Sandra Boag
- 14 Bilquis Dass
- 17 Carolyn Harbison
- 19 David Patel
- 19 Kaylee Casseri
- 22 Grace Yockey
- 24 Mac Sabol
- 26 Mason Appleton
- 29 Hans Spielberger
- 29 Eric Dass



**Remember to pick up your 2022 Church Envelopes from the table in the back of the sanctuary.**



There are many ways that you can volunteer at UPC. We need greeters to welcome people coming into church; people to read the scriptures (lectors), and people to help beautify the sanctuary by providing chancel flowers. Sign ups are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. How about volunteering to work in the Food Pantry on a Tuesday or Thursday? Contact Claudia Weiss if you'd like to help out (716-861-7615).



**Feeding the  
Community**

### **Food Pantry**

The need is great ~ won't you help by donating canned goods, shampoo, tooth brushes, toilet paper, or a cash donation? All donations are greatly appreciated.

## **Adult Education Class**

### **A Spiritual Walk with the Fourth Gospel**

The Adult mid-week online class will resume on **Wednesday, January 12 at 1 p.m.** Tracy will lead the class in a multi-week exploration of the Gospel of John, using the book, *Reading John for Dear Life*, by Jaime Clark-Soles. It is not necessary to purchase the book for the class, although you are welcome to do so.

The Gospel of John is decidedly different from the other Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke and these differences are crucial for understanding John's message. This fourth gospel is both complex and transformative. You are welcome to join us at any point during this series. The link for the class is emailed to the congregation early each week.

## What's Happening in January, 2022

January 2	Sunday	10:30 am	Worship Service
January 4	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
January 6	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
January 7	Friday	5:30 pm	Taize
January 9	Sunday	9:15 am 10:30 am	Choir Worship service
January 10	Monday	7:00 pm	Zoom Deacons' Meeting
January 11	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
January 12	Wednesday	1:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study
January 13	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
January 16	Sunday	9:15 am 10:30 am	Choir Worship Service
January 17	Monday	<i>Martin Luther Jr. Day Church Office Closed</i>	
January 18	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
January 19	Wednesday	1:00 pm 7:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study Session
January 20	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
January 23	Sunday	9:15 am 10:30 am	Choir Worship Service
January 25	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
January 26	Wednesday	1:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study
January 27	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
January 30	Sunday	9:15 am 10:30 am	Choir Worship Service





*Too many of us lead hectic lives.*

*Our communities are filled with violence and suffering.*

*Our personal pain and struggles can overwhelm us.*

*How do we respond? How can we cope?*

University Presbyterian Church welcomes Christians from all traditions to unite in a special contemplative worship experience as we seek spiritual strength for the living of our days. Based on the style of worship practiced in the Taizé Christian community in France, these services offered on the First Friday of each month provide an oasis at the end of the week for all who are weary, troubled, or rushed. Special music from guest musicians, meditative songs, prayers, candles, and scripture readings allow each of us to find a quiet place of prayer and spiritual centering.

Please join us on Friday, January 7th from 5:30 to 6:00 PM.

*A Taizé Service of Prayer, Music, and Meditation*

[www.upcbuffalo.org](http://www.upcbuffalo.org)

(The Taizé' Service in February is scheduled for Friday, February 4, 2022)