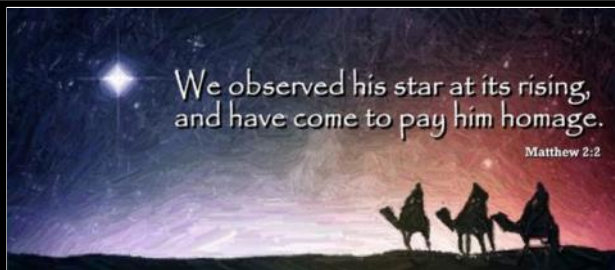


# Christ Connection

Empowered by God's love and following in the ways of Jesus Christ, we LIVE, GROW and SHARE AS Disciples of Christ.

For the Week Beginning January 5, 2020—Epiphany Sunday



Epiphany is the day we celebrate the Magi's entrance into the story of the Christ child. It comes immediately following the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas - we have celebrated the baby's birth, and now the Magi come to

bring new light to the story. This child's birth brings good news for *all* people - not only those who have been raised in the church or with the Hebrew prophets or the Torah. These strangers traveled across many countries to learn more about the story. We know from the story that they didn't know what to expect when they arrived - they showed up at a palace, not the home in Bethlehem where Jesus actually was. They didn't know the danger that King Herod would be to Jesus or to *all* the young children in the area. They were likely tired, anxious, and even at times afraid as they made the journey toward a promised hope that they couldn't yet understand.

Our congregation has also been journeying. Over the last year, you've invited me to be your pastor and then sent me on sabbatical, finally welcoming me back. We faced challenging financial realities, which have led us into serious conversation about changing worship. We too may be tired, anxious, and even afraid as we look forward to a promised hope that we probably don't yet understand. And yet, journeys with God are always stories that bring good news - good news for *all* people. So it's OK to be tired, anxious, and afraid. It's also OK to look forward with joyful expectation. We're on this journey together, led by God, and we will discover that wherever we begin, and wherever it leads us, it will lead us to good news.

*Pastor Erin*

## Sunday Worship

8:30AM Traditional

10:15 AM Contemporary

## Sunday Faith Formation

Bible Study

7:30 AM — Fireside Room

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**CHRISTMAS  
UNDECORATING**

'Tis the Season to take down the Christmas Decorations from our Sanctuary to prepare for the season of Epiphany. We will be taking down the decorations on **Saturday, January 11th at 11 AM,**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

On **Sunday January 12, 2020,** we will have two worship services, 8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. A **special congregational meeting will be held in the fellowship hall at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at**

**10:00 a.m.** The purpose of this meeting is to further discuss and discern a 2020 budget. This meeting will provide an opportunity for open conversation for the congregation to further discuss questions and ideas sparked by the various budget scenarios presented prior to the last congregational meeting. Any unfinished business from this special congregational meeting will be taken up at the regular annual congregational meeting in February. Following the meeting, there will be an informal opportunity to continue to ask questions and speak with members of the budget task force until 11:00 a.m.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## **Sunday, January 5**

Bible Study 7:30AM–Fireside Room  
**Contemporary Worship 8:30AM–Sanctuary**  
Sunday School 8:40AM–Growing Grove  
Middle School Ministries 9:30AM–Youth Room  
**Traditional Worship 10:15AM–Sanctuary**  
Bowling 5:30PM–Suburbanite

## **Monday, January 6**

ROMEOS 8:00AM–Blueberry Hill  
Special Council Meeting 6:30PM–Fellowship Hall

## **Tuesday, January 7**

Dartball 7:00PM–Home  
Handbell Practice 7:30PM–Choir Loft

## **Wednesday, January 8**

*Scout Meeting 6:00PM–Fellowship Hall*  
Worship Band Practice 6:00PM–Sanctuary  
Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM–Choir Loft

## **Thursday, January 9**

*Scout Pack Meeting 6:00PM–Fellowship Hall*  
*AA 8:00PM–Fireside Room*

## **Friday, January 10**

Quilting Ministry 9:00AM–Fellowship Hall

## **Saturday, January 11**

Bible Study 9:30AM–Fireside Room  
Christmas Un Decorating 11:00AM–Sanctuary

## **Sunday, January 12**

Bible Study 7:30AM–Fireside Room  
**Contemporary Worship 8:30AM–Sanctuary**  
**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 9:30AM–Fellowship**  
Sunday School 8:30AM–Growing Grove  
Middle School Ministries 9:30AM–Youth Room  
**Traditional Worship 10:15AM–Sanctuary**

## **Monday, January 13**

Worship Team 7:00PM–Fireside Room

## **Tuesday, January 14**

Dartball 7:00PM–Hillside  
Handbell Practice 7:30PM–Choir Loft

## **Wednesday, January 15**

*Scout Meeting 6:00PM–Fellowship Hall*  
Worship Band Practice 6:00PM–Sanctuary  
Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM–Choir Loft

## **Thursday, January 16**

*Scout Pack Meeting 6:00PM–Fellowship Hall*  
*AA 8:00PM–Fireside Room*

## **Friday, January 17**

Quilting Ministry 9:00AM–Fellowship Hall  
Knitting Ministry 10:30AM–Study Lounge

## **Saturday, January 18**

Bible Study 9:30AM–Fireside Room