



Greetings in this season of Epiphany,

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. -Matthew 2:10-11

Epiphany is a time of celebration. Whether you are walking with the Wise men to meet the baby Jesus or celebrating the manifestation, you are on a journey. Historically the day of Epiphany is met with celebration. Cakes with surprises inside, roasted lamb and Priests throwing crosses in large bodies of water, are all part of the days festivities around the world.

In our tradition Epiphany is a season that begins on January 6th and ends on Ash Wednesday. We save the cakes with surprises until Shrove Tuesday with our pancakes. During this season, we journey with Christ as his ministry grows. The revelation of God in his son as human (the manifestation) becomes our guide in our daily lives.

The New Year is a chance for us to try out new things or make old things new again. On New Years Day I challenged the congregation to find health and happiness in using their Bible. By opening it up at least once a week, we rejuvenate our spirits, challenge our core and strengthen our hearts better than any workout machine. The Bible comes in many translations and styles. Find one you like and get busy strengthening your spirit. Surely health and happiness will find you.

In the coming months we will have a variety of opportunities to gather together in Bible study, fellowship and worship. I hope that you will find time to come to one or many of these activities in the life of our church. Blessings,

Pastor Cheryl A. Caronna

Other events and activities in January

January 22nd Christian Unity Sunday Our Church will join in saying prayers and scripture readings that will join us together with other Christian Churches. It is a day designed for the voice of our churches to celebrate being Christians. The focus scripture is 2Corinthians 5:14-20

January 29th Annual Meeting will be held immediately following the 10 am worship service. All are invited to attend the meeting. Members will vote on the report and proposed budget for the coming year.

January 29th Covenant Soup Kitchen The Youth Group will be heading to Willimantic, to help serve a meal at the Soup Kitchen. For more information contact Steve Brown.

Looking ahead...

February we will have our first Bible Study of the year.

Sunday Morning Worship Service 10 am

Children' s Church School is held during the 10am worship time.

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