



## *Monthly News & Updates*

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## *Jan's Corner*



There is for me, always a  
refreshing feeling (a breath of cool

air) once January arrives. The Christmas season, along with all of the festivities, celebrations and hectic schedules, become stored as memories boxed up with our decorations and favorite cookie recipes. *But* January opens us for a perfect opportunity amidst snow days and more relaxed schedules, to reflect on the Gift that has been given...the true legacy of Christmas!

I've always enjoyed the hymn, *We Three Kings* written in 1857 by John Henry Hopkins, Jr. one of 13 children, born in Pittsburgh, PA.

I'm particularly stirred by the refrain,  
*O star of wonder, star of light,  
 star with royal beauty bright,  
 westward leading, still  
 proceeding,  
 guide us to thy perfect light.*

As we enter January, may we reflect on the Source of Light that is never extinguished...the Light that shines in our less than perfect lives. Like the Magi who rushed to find the magnificent Gift, may our 2023 be a continual pilgrimage to watch for, to follow, and to become the Light in a world that is...*still proceeding.*

*Stilled by Wonder...*  
 Pastor Jan



## Sunday Worship Services

**January 1**  
**January 8**  
**January 15**  
**January 22**  
**January 29**

Children's Church and Nursery are *NOT* held the last Sunday of the month.



## *The Gift Bearers*



*--Maude Carolan Pych*

*Cosmic wonders  
whats and whys  
whirl in the East  
as a singular  
mysterious luminary  
beckons in the heavens*

*Is it brighter  
than the other stars?  
Does it pulsate? Does it bounce?  
Does it shoot across the sky  
like a flame-tailed comet?  
Does its lustrous splendor  
rival the glow of the moon?*

*Gentile magi who study stars and Scripture  
see it and curiously mount their camels  
to follow it across the desert. But, why?*

*They say they are seeking  
the King of the Jews. Why would they?  
They say they want to worship Him  
Why Him?*

*What do they know that the High Priest  
the Pharisees, Sadducees  
and all the Jews of Jerusalem  
who are awaiting the coming of Messiah  
do not comprehend?*

*King Herod summons them, diabolically  
Feigns sincere interest in their mission  
urges them to return with details  
so he, too, may worship the King  
A sinister plot forms in his evil mind  
for even he knows...  
there is something about that star...*

*Continuing on  
the irresistible starlight shines ahead*

*until it shimmers above a humble house  
in the village of Bethlehem  
It stops, still...absolutely still  
The magi realize they are at  
destiny's door  
They knock  
and are welcomed, when*

*Suddenly  
their eyes behold  
a Boy Child  
and their hearts leap!!!*

*and whether it makes sense or not  
(whether any of this makes sense or not)  
the magi, in rich array  
fall prostrate  
on the earthen floor  
and fill the little house  
with hallelujahs!!!*

*They draw from their saddlebags, treasures...  
Gold...for surely this little family can use it  
Myrrh...fragrant foreshadow of suffering  
Frankincense...for a sensing in the depths  
of their God-given wisdom  
of a significant anointing  
somewhere in time*

*Mission complete  
the gift bearers mount their camels  
and still attentive to God's spirit  
(this time in a dream)  
do not return to Herod*

*The magi...  
diligent seekers who found  
Treasure  
infinitely more valuable  
than the precious gifts they bore*



## January Calendar

**Epiphany Sunday** : January 8  
**New Member Sunday**: January 22



January 8th  
11:30 ~ 1:30

In the Fellowship Hall  
A light lunch, story & crafts

# EPIPHANY

## Upcoming Events

### Epiphany Sunday - Follow the Star

Sunday, January 8: 11:30 - 1:30

Join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for a light lunch, a story & crafts.



### New Member Sunday

**On Sunday, January 22, 2023**, we will be welcoming new members into our congregation! If you are interested in bringing your membership from another congregation to Wyomissing Church of the Brethren, **OR** if you are considering baptism, please be in touch with Pastor Jan as soon as possible. We welcome YOU into the Body of Christ!



## 2023 Schedules

Counters  
Deacons  
Greeters  
Storytellers  
Ushers  
Worship Leaders

**Gayle Skipper**  
**Cell Phone #:**

**484-824-0462**



**Prayers**

**Please pray for:**

Tom Evans, John Robinson  
 Hilda Kercher, Jean Bechtel, Nancy Custo,  
 Loretta DeLong, Gloria Barnett,  
 Dawn Ernst, Joan Hornberger,  
 Linda Kauffman, Bob Kauffman,  
 Tom Allmon



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