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From the Pastor

Epiphany is January 6th, but we are celebrating this Sunday. Epiphany is the 12th day of Christmas and marks the end of the Christmas season. Epiphany means "*a sudden, intuitive perception of or insight into the reality or essential meaning of something, usually initiated by some simple, homely, or commonplace occurrence or experience.*" The Christian observance celebrates the magis' arrival to the Christ child, and the revelation of Godself in human flesh.



The story is recounted in Matthew 2:1-12. Our Hispanic siblings celebrate the day in grand style as the Day of the Kings. Our celebration won't be quite that grand, but I invite you to wear something sparkly to channel the star. Bring an open heart and spirit as we will receive our "star words" for 2023. If you won't be physically present in worship on Sunday and wish to receive a star word, [email me](#). Click [here](#) for the worship bulletin, and click [here](#) for the bulletin insert. Worship is streamed on the [UPC website](#) and [YouTube](#) channel.

Peace, Pastor Lisa

PS

Siblings, we're in the midst of cold, flu, RSV and covid season. Boone County is back to a medium level of covid community spread. Masks are optional in worship. Please continue to wash your hands, don't touch your face, and take care of each other.

PPS

Thank you for your patience as we continue the clean-up and repair from a burst pipe on the lower level. The smell is not a cause for alarm and will dissipate soon. The first floor will be a mess for a while as I imagine rooms and the hallway are repaired. Thank you to EVERYONE who loaned us a dehumidifier! Your generosity prevented the growth of mold. We will keep everyone up-to-date on the situation. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

**Epiphany Celebration then De-decorating
after Worship on Sunday**

This Sunday we will celebrate Epiphany which is the end of the Christmas season. After worship, we will de-decorate the church. This certainly isn't as glamorous as decorating for the season. However, many hands make light work, and the fellowship is always delightful!

The Family Room is closed Monday, January 9th – Saturday, January 14th

Floor refinishing, waxing and curing will be completed during this time. The kitchen can be accessed from the door in the stairwell next to the Family Room entrance. Contact the [church office](#) if you need to be in the space during that time.



Thursday, January 12th & 26th 6:30 pm

It can be difficult for those in the LGBTQ+ community and those who love them to find safe spaces to be true to their identities as humans and as Christians or faith explorers. These meetings will brainstorm what such a space might be. Parents meet in the Youth Room. Teens meet in i.imagine hangout room. Use the lower level entrance, and signs will point the way. More info? Parents, call/text Amanda Hopper 859-640-4177. Teens, call/text El Hopper 859-240-6797. Of course, you can also contact Pastor Lisa. Parents

of young adults are welcome as well. Please pass info along to anyone who might be interested.

Project Disciples Needed

Painting touch-ups needed in Room 112 The room was painted in the fall, but missed spots didn't show up until the paint dried and the position of the sun shifted. In natural light the need for touch-ups is more clear. Painting can be done at your convenience except Wednesdays after 2:30pm and Thursdays between 2:30pm and 5pm. Contact [Pastor Lisa](#).

Refrigerator cleaner needed to scrub inside and outside of refrigerator in Abraham's Pantry. Project can be done at your convenience. Contact [Pastor Lisa](#).

Abraham's Pantry current needs include:

- Conditioner (We have LOTS of shampoo.)
- * Deodorant
- Shaving cream
- Toilet paper
- * Disposable razors
- * Lotion

- Baby shampoo, body wash and lotion
- * Children's shampoo & body wash

Abraham's Pantry coordinating meeting Wednesday, January 18th 6:30pm

Are you interested in learning more about Abraham's Pantry? Do you have suggestions of ways to improve service? Please come and share your ideas. ?'s Contact [Pastor Lisa](#)

Souper Bowl Sunday is February 12th

We want to break our record! In 2022, we collected 1109 cans of soup, pasta and canned meat; and we collected \$400! What will happen in 2023?!? In addition to accepting monetary donations after worship on Souper Bowl Sunday, we're collecting shelf stable foods from now until February 12th.



tacklehunger.org

Please place your donations in the narthex or in the office vestibule on the appropriate side. One side is "Men". The other side is "Women".

2023 is different in that we are stocking Abraham's Pantry and will share with our ministry partners as we are able. We are collecting a variety of foods including:

- HEARTY soups - Please no broths.
- Canned pastas – spaghetti, ravioli, etc.
- Canned vegetables – Esp. mixed veggies, peas, beans, etc
- Canned fruit
- Canned meats – chicken, salmon, tuna, beef, ham, vienna sausage, beanie weenies
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Peanut butter
- Boxed potatoes
- Mac & cheese
- Snack cups – fruit, applesauce, pudding, etc
- Instant rice in pouches
- Dried pasta, including flavored pasta mixes
- Pasta sauce – jarred and canned
- Dried or shelf stable milk
- Condiments – salad dressing, mayonnaise, mustard, BBQ sauce, etc
- Microwave popcorn

Donated items will be counted each week then stocked in Abraham's Pantry. The totals will be posted in the narthex so everyone can see how the competition is progressing. The competition winners will have bragging rights for a whole year. (BTW, the women won in 2022.) Of course, the real winners will be our food insecure neighbors who will benefit from your generosity!

Epiphany Sunday

Sunday, January 8th

9:15am K-5th Sunday School
in Youth Room
10am Worship with Star
Words



BIRTHDAYS

De-decorating after worship

3pm Iglesia Pentecostales
Palabra de Vida

NKY Youth Group for Middle
& Senior High
5pm - 8pm

Monday, January 9th

Family Room closed.
Boy Scouts 7pm

Tuesday, January 10th

Family Room closed
Welcoming Ministry 5:30pm
Deacons 6:30pm
Cub Scouts 6:30pm

Wed. January 11th

Family Room closed
SafetyNet Alliance Noon
St. John's UCC Newport
AA 8pm

Thursday, January 12th

6:30pm LGBTQ+ Mtg
6:30pm Iglesia Pentecostales
Palabra de Vida

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday, January 15th

10am Worship

3pm Iglesia Pentecostales
Palabra de Vida

1/11 - Neil Fairweather
1/15 - Dylan Fairweather,
Jerry Michael
1/27 - Michael Frost,
Ray Merkel
1/30 - Nancy Shupe,
Marsten Tullius
1/31 - Drew Scott
2/1 - Tim Lastivka
2/3 - Joanie Kenkel
2/4 - Peggy Schadler
2/7 - Heather Dern



ANNIVERSARIES

2/14 - Joe & Holly
VonLehman
2/26 - Julie Bailey
& April Merkel

**Online
Giving**

You may give online or via text through the UPC website. You can make a one time gift or set up a recurring gift. You may make a memorial or honorary gift and even pay for youth conferences. The online transaction processes the gift from your checking account, savings account, credit card or debit card and is secured through Vanco Payment Solutions.

UPC does not receive the total amount of your gift due to processing fees. At the end of the transaction, you will be asked if you wish to donate an additional 2.75% to cover the processing costs.

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