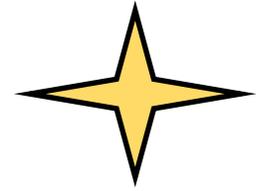


# "Glad Tidings"



Wysox Presbyterian Church

January 2015

Epiphany is the celebration of God's manifestation or self-revelation to the world in Jesus Christ. In particular, we celebrate the revelation of God's promise and purpose to the nations of the world, as the magi came from the East to worship to the Christ child, and God's covenant of grace is extended to all who believe the good news of Christ Jesus. The symbolism of light is important: not only because of the star that guided the magi, but as it relates to the bright dawning of God's self-revelation in Christ.

The word "epiphany" (from the Greek epiphaneia or theophaneia) means "appearance" or "manifestation" of God, and has roots in the word for sunrise or dawn. In ancient times, an epiphany meant either a visible manifestation of a god or the solemn visit of a ruler venerated as a god.

For Christians, Christmas marks the coming of God to us; Epiphany celebrates the appearance of the Lord in the midst of humanity. The Christmas stories of the birth of Immanuel declare the divine entry; Epiphany extols the revelation of God to the world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

In our celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany we rejoice in the dawning and the arising of Light in darkness. . Epiphany not only discloses the Savior to the world but also calls the world to show forth Christ, to be witnesses to God's true Light. The timeless mystery of the incarnation, God in flesh, leads us forth to show and tell of Christ as God's gift of grace and salvation for all persons. Some call this on-going epiphany the work of Christmas



# News and Upcoming Activities . . .



On Monday, January 12, 2015, the church audit will be conducted at 6 pm by active Session members (prior to the session meeting). All committees and organizations are asked to have their accounts to the church office by 6 pm on January 12, 2015 for review.

Pastor Jira will not be in the pulpit on Sunday January 18th as he will be covering the annual congregational meeting at the Lutheran Church. Covering our pulpit will be David Hoeflein.



Our Annual Congregational Meeting and luncheon will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2015 immediately following morning worship. Please try and attend this important meeting and bring a dish to pass for the luncheon.



# Prayer Circle

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We have been battling illness and weather; however we are finishing the Book of Exodus. It has been very enlightening.

We are thankful that Martha Vincent had very satisfactory eye procedure completed and soon will have another one done and will be seeing much better.

We want to thank those who donated Christmas cards for the inmates. This was a very successful mission.

We would like to welcome Julie Jennings as our new Church Secretary. We also wish a very happy retirement to Crystal Babcock who is leaving us. Crystal, we have been so blessed to have you as our Church Secretary, you are a very caring and devoted person and you have done a wonderful job! Thank you!! All our love and good wishes to you and your family.

We have remembered many during the past month, and if you have someone that you would like remembered simply tell a member of the Prayer Circle. Please be sure to include addresses.

May each and everyone have a Happy, Safe and Healthy New Year. God Bless!

## The following were remembered on our Prayer List November 12<sup>th</sup> thru December 17, 2014 Prayer Circle Listing

### Angel List

Makayla Evans  
Mason Barto  
Ashley Weed  
Abbriella Brown  
Marisa Ivey  
Shawn Mastrantonio  
Betty Miller  
Andrew Pardoe  
Deb Mathers  
Caiden Irvine  
Lee Light

### Current List

Sandy Robinson  
Tom Jennings  
Cindy Barto  
Jim Allen  
Carol Wright  
Gladys Derr  
Wilber Beers  
Diane Place  
Linda Simko  
Virginia Neiley  
Howard Kerr  
Delores Barto

Jim Ennis  
Barbara Middendorf  
Mary Lou Vosburg  
Earl & Sue Brown  
Patricia Parsons  
Richard Hollenback  
Our Nation  
Kathy Zdon  
Cynthia Sims  
Mable Kot  
Crystal Babcock  
Jan Stoddard  
Dayton Taylor

Jenn Sheridan  
Mern Stroud  
Dick Schmieg  
Vicky Millard  
People of Pakistan

# MISSION

Christmas was wrapped up by taking our donations to Grace Connection for the family that we sponsored. We had one of our best blanket collections ever. Thank you all who donated.



# J

January mission is dental awareness. We will be collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, mouthwash, etc. The Dollar Tree is a great place to shop for this cause. We hope to fill 20 bags that will be given to TACO.



*Thank you for supporting our many causes.*

**Coming Sunday February 1, 2015 . . . Souper Bowl of Caring.**

