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## **Epiphany Sunday**

“Far away in the East, three wise men who studied the stars noticed a bright new light in the sky. They knew that when a new star appeared it meant a great new ruler had been born and they wanted to meet him.” This is certainly one way the story could be told as we celebrate Epiphany this Sunday. We read and remember through Matthew’s scripture in chapter 2: 1-12.

Our Christmas carols this week will be We Three Kings and The First Noel. We’ll hear music from Diane and Lisa, Adam Peterson, our Chancel Choir and as Nancy Nelson accompanies several music pieces.

Join us in person (masked) or on Facebook Live at 10:30 on Sunday morning. The service will also be recorded to watch later on Facebook. We’re thankful to have dozens of people watch our service online every week.

## **CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

### **Sunday:**

Worship at 10:30 in person and on FB

### **Tuesday:**

Prayer Group, 1:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Mission Board, 6 p.m. (Zoom)

Trustees, 7 p.m. (Zoom)

### **Wednesday:**

Men’s Breakfast, 9 a.m. in FH

Women’s Brkfast, 9 a.m. at Six Chicks

Adult Class, 7 p.m. in Lounge and Zoom

### **Thursday:**

Men’s Breakfast, 9 a.m. in FH

Thurs. Night Supper, 6 p.m. (drive-thru)

### **Monday/Wednesday/Friday**

10 a.m. to Noon—Food Pantry

**Church Office Hours**

9:30—1:30 p.m.

Contact the church office if you are interested in joining any of these events.

**Children's Ministry**

Sunday School for all children sixth grade and younger has resumed during our worship service. We thank Sarah Peterson for leading our children's ministry and Sunday School.

**Youth Ministry**

The 6th-12th grade youth are planning on meeting by Zoom this Sunday, January 9th at 6 p.m. The subject will be Growing Our Faith in Sports Activities. Contact Rick Olsen for the Zoom invite.

**2022 Offering envelopes**

Anyone that requested offering envelopes for this year can find their packet in the Narthex. If you can't find your name, and would like a packet, let the church office know.

**January Newsletter**

With COVID still lingering the church is still being careful not to plan many activities that require a large group of people to congregate in the same area. So with that there wasn't much to create a newsletter for this month by itself. Keep reading your weekly enews for any updates.

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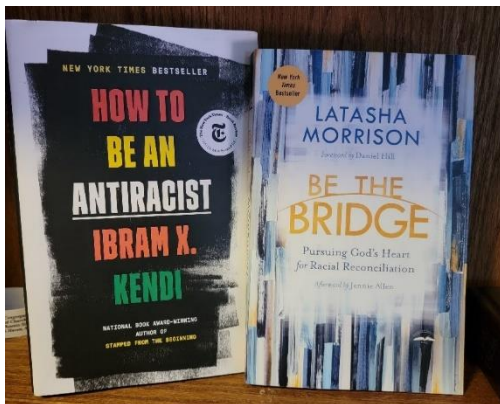
**Tuesday Prayer Group**

**If you have prayer requests**, please let the church office know. These will be added to the Tuesday and Sunday lists.

Please hold the following in your prayers:

Joan Gruber  
Ted Guimond  
Paul Rood  
Bonnie Deke  
Dave Wellever  
Novella Barden  
Chip Harris  
Margaret Guimond  
Sharon McNicholas  
Joy Church  
Elsie Hoffman

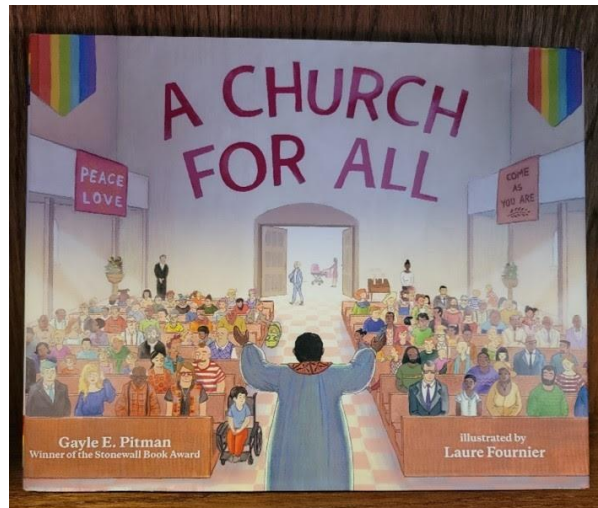
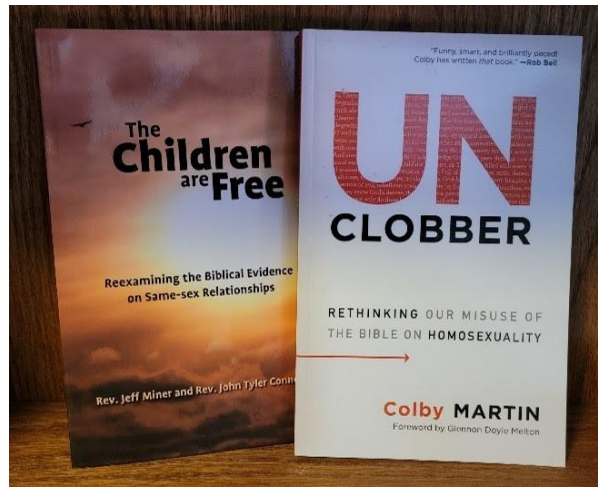
Please keep in your prayers our brothers and sisters at **Zion St. Joe in St. Joseph.**



One of the seldom-mentioned resources at our church is the Library. The books on the shelves there are available for anyone who wants to learn, explore, or grown in faith. In a recent meeting of our Open and Affirming group we discussed the importance of being able to see one's own life reflected in books, movies, TV shows, and lived experiences. We also

talked about how critical it is to be open as anti-racist allies, to understand those from diverse backgrounds from ourselves, and to have materials for all ages. After that conversation we committed to adding materials to our library that would reflect that priority. In the past month we've added at least a dozen titles. We hope you will stop to look. And if you know someone who is struggling to talk with family members about sexuality or gender identity and the bible, you may want to suggest they take a book to share with their family. Please feel free to contact Joyce at [jmclibrarian@yahoo.com](mailto:jmclibrarian@yahoo.com) if you have

questions about any of the new additions.



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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 03– Carey Frost
- 04– Theresa Gleason
- 05– Caroline Meyer
- 07– David Daugherty
- 08– Kris Ayers  
Cathy Siler
- 12– Alice Warfield

21– Christian Chavarria

RayAna Chavarria

Philip Rood

22– Joe Nelson

Terry Tatsch

23– Tony Martorano

26– Piper Larson

27– Bonnie Deke

28– Megan Larson

### **JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

04– Art & Kris Ayers

27– Scott & Ann Raue

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