

# What's Up Wickliffe!



## What Is Epiphany?

You thought the holidays were over. Technically, no — not until Jan. 6, when Christians all over the world celebrate Epiphany. In some places, the day is known as “Three Kings Day” after the wise men, or Magi, who, the Bible says, brought the infant gifts and proclaimed him the Son of God. In other places, the day is known for giving gifts, for extremely cold baths and for biting into babies. Let us 'splain ...

## What do you mean, the holidays are not over?

Maybe you've heard of “The Twelve Days of Christmas?” Besides being a catchy or crucifying little ditty, depending on your point of view, the title refers to the period between Christmas Day, when Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus, to Epiphany, when they mark his manifestation — “incarnation,” in some Christian traditions. In fact, the word “epiphany” is drawn from the Greek and means “manifestation.”

The period refers to the story in Matthew that tells of some kings who followed a star in the East to find the baby in the manger. They brought him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Ten points to you if you can name the kings (Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar) and 10 more points if you know what myrrh is (a scented oil).

## But didn't the wise men visit Jesus on the night of his birth? Like in the church Christmas pageants?

Who knows? The Bible isn't exactly a timetable. In fact, the Bible says nothing about the number of kings, their robes, turbans or crowns they wear in every Christmas pageant in the world, nor does it say they rode on camels or how they

learned the star would lead them to a baby in Bethlehem. People have just filled in all those blanks since Epiphany became a church feast in the second century, making it one of the oldest of Christian celebrations.

## How is Epiphany celebrated?

That depends on where you are and what kind of Christian you are. Most U.S. Protestants mark the day on the Sunday closest to Jan. 6 and it is usually limited to that day's church service and sermon. But it opens the church's “season of Epiphany,” a time when sermons and lessons focus on the miracles of Jesus; the season ends on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday (February 22) , the start of the Lenten season.

*by Kimberly Winston, Religion News Service  
The Presbyterian Outlook*

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# JANUARY SCHEDULE

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- January 1      **Happy New Year!**  
No Worship Service
- January 8      **Baptism of the Lord**  
    ♦ **Support Meeting**
- January 15     **2nd Sunday After Epiphany**
- January 22     **3rd Sunday After Epiphany**  
    ♦ **Session Meeting**
- January 29     **4th Sunday After Epiphany**



January 1	Beverly Bagoly
January 15	Georgia Velly
January 30	Grace Brown

**Church Office Hours:**  
Monday - 9:00am - 12:00pm  
Tuesday - Closed  
Wednesday - Closed  
Thursday - 9:00am - 12:00pm  
Friday - Closed

**(Hours may vary. Please contact the office for an appointment if you need in the church)**  
Church Website: [www.wickliffepc.com](http://www.wickliffepc.com)  
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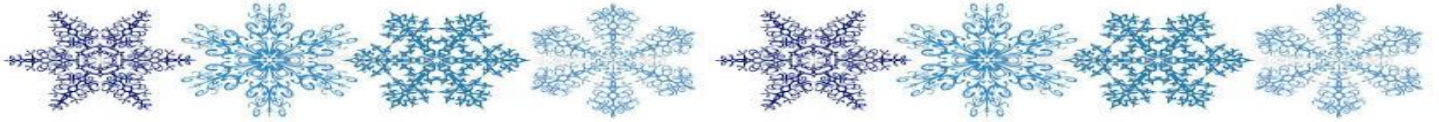
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### GREETINGS FROM THE DEACONS!

The Deacons have had many projects active during this month. For what ever reason we did not have to give out Thanksgiving or Christmas food baskets this year to the needy. We were prepared and willing. Therefore we decided to donate 4 turkeys to The Rescue Mission to help others this year.

The Giving Tree was surrounded by 30 wrapped gifts for the Protestant Family Service gift drive. Donna Cooper graciously went with me to deliver these packages December 12, 2022. Then we traveled on to Fish Samaritan Thrift Store to deliver the 80 hats, gloves, socks, scarves, ear muffs and mittens to help many more people there. It has been a blessing to think of others especially at Christmas. Thank you to all of our faithful and generous Wickliffe family who made this possible.

Merry Christmas to everyone! Love, Debby Fabian and the Deacons



**Grace Brown** wants to thank everybody for their cards, visits, prayers and gifts during her recent surgery. She is touched by your kindness and really appreciated everything you did for her!

**NEW YEAR'S PRAYER:** "May the New Year be filled with mirth, music and memories; hope, humor, and health; love, laughter and lauds."

*Rev. Brian Cavanaugh, Steubenville, Ohio*

### Needle's Eye Soup Ministry

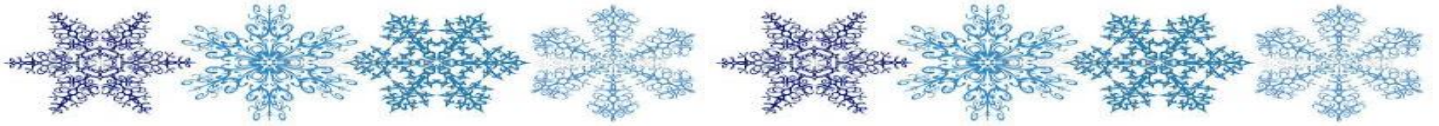
Look for your initial and please give cans of soup, beans, or peanut butter! Happily, last month several cans of food were donated! Please keep up the good work. These donations are given to the elderly in our area who find their food supply very low at the end of the month.



Thank you for your generosity!  
Donna Cooper



This month's initials are: **M—O—P**



**2023 Per Capita has increased to \$32.50. Per Capita information flyers are available at the church.**



**MAY HE REST IN PEACE**

Our sympathy and prayers for comfort are extended to the family and friends of **William Schoenfeld**, who passed away on Tuesday, December 6, 2022. Bill's funeral service was held Tuesday, December 13 at Lane Funeral Home in Austintown. Bill's wife Dorothy preceded him in death just a few months ago in September 2022. May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him.



**BABY GRAND PIANO**

Robert Schoenfeld, son of Bill Schoenfeld, has requested that a note be placed in the newsletter that he has a **Kawai baby grand piano** that he would give free to anyone who wants it. It's in good shape but may need tuned. Please contact Robert for further details at 330-356-0533.

**"POP TABS—Reminder"**

This is a reminder that you take time to collect **Pop Tabs** for our **RONALD McDONALD HOUSE Outreach**. You will find the tall plastic container in the Narthex. Let's please see how fast we can fill the jug this time. Blessings to all for your support of this worthy cause!



~ Nancy O'Hara, Clerk of Session



**REQUEST FROM YOUR SECRETARY**

Please have your completed reports to me for the WPC Annual Report by **Thursday, January 12, 2023**. Please e-mail it to me in Word or Excel format - **not a PDF**. You are also welcome to drop off a hand-written document if that is more convenient for you.

Thank you much!


Audrey



**Merciful God,**

We pray for the people of Ukraine and their family members around the world. We ask that all those involved respond with wisdom and courage and that a peaceful resolution ma be achieved. Lord, during these challenging times please lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust and lead us from hatred to love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

# January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>1</i></p>  <p><b>No Worship</b></p> <p><b>8:00 PM</b> <b>AA Mtg.</b></p>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>		<i>7</i>
<p><i>8</i></p> <p><b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship Service</b></p> <p><b>Support Mtg.</b></p> <p><b>8:00 PM</b> <b>AA Mtg.</b></p>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p><i>Annual Report Deadline</i></p> <p><b>5:45 PM Tops</b></p>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>
<p><i>15</i></p> <p><b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship Service</b></p> <p><b>8:00 PM</b> <b>AA Mtg.</b></p>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<p><i>19</i></p> <p><b>5:45 PM Tops</b></p>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>
<p><i>22</i></p> <p><b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship Service</b></p> <p><b>Session Mtg.</b></p> <p><b>8:00 PM</b></p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p><b>Newsletter Deadline</b></p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p><b>12:00 PM</b> <b>Discovery Group</b></p>	<i>25</i>	<p><i>26</i></p> <p><b>5:45 PM Tops</b></p>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>
<p><i>29</i></p> <p><b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship Service</b></p> <p><b>8:00 PM</b></p>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>				