



THE JANUARY BELL 2023

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HAPPY NEW YEAR
2023

Peace and Blessings for 2023!
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PROOF OF LIGHT

On January 6 Christians celebrate Epiphany, when the Magi came to worship baby Jesus. Epiphany, which means an appearance or manifestation, symbolizes the first recognition of the Savior by non-Jews. Because Epiphany also is a reminder that Jesus came as the light of the whole world, its symbols include light, candles and a star.

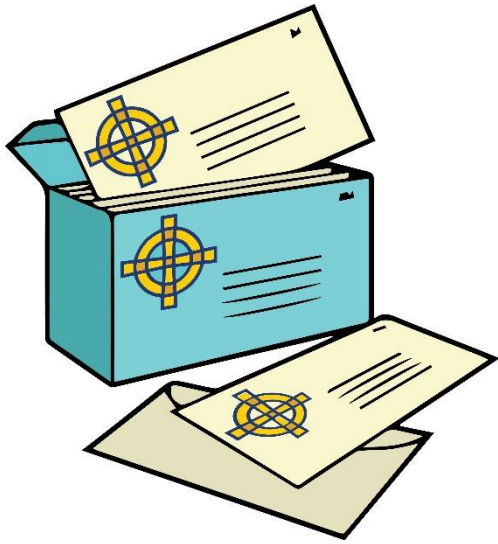
How did the wise men know — and how do we know — that Jesus is the light of the world? As preacher George Buttrick said, "It would little avail to ask how we know. That would be like asking how we know that Beethoven's 'Hymn to Joy' is joyous. If a man were to say, 'It is not joyous to me,' he would not condemn the music; he would tell only his morbidity. There is no logic to establish an axiom, for an axiom is the basis of all logic; and the soul of Jesus has axiomatic truth. Jesus is light, and there is no proof for light except light itself."

FLOWER MINISTRY

January 2 - The flowers are given by Kim Field in celebration of Colin's birthday.

Please call the church office at 254-4501 if you are interested in sponsoring flowers!
The price is the same: \$8.50 for two altar vases.

Your Church Offerings



2023 offering envelopes are available in the Church Narthex.

If you have been assigned a new envelope number, please be sure to discard or recycle your old envelope packet.

Annual Giving Statements will be available in the Church Office by request. If you would like yours emailed or mailed, please call the office at 254-4501. Thank you!



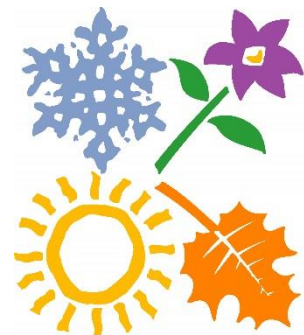
Come, help 'un-green' the church after worship service on Sunday, January 8th!

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 22nd

9:45 am

Approval of Ministry Plan for 2023
Election of Council Members



Copies of the Annual Report will be available by Sunday, January 15.