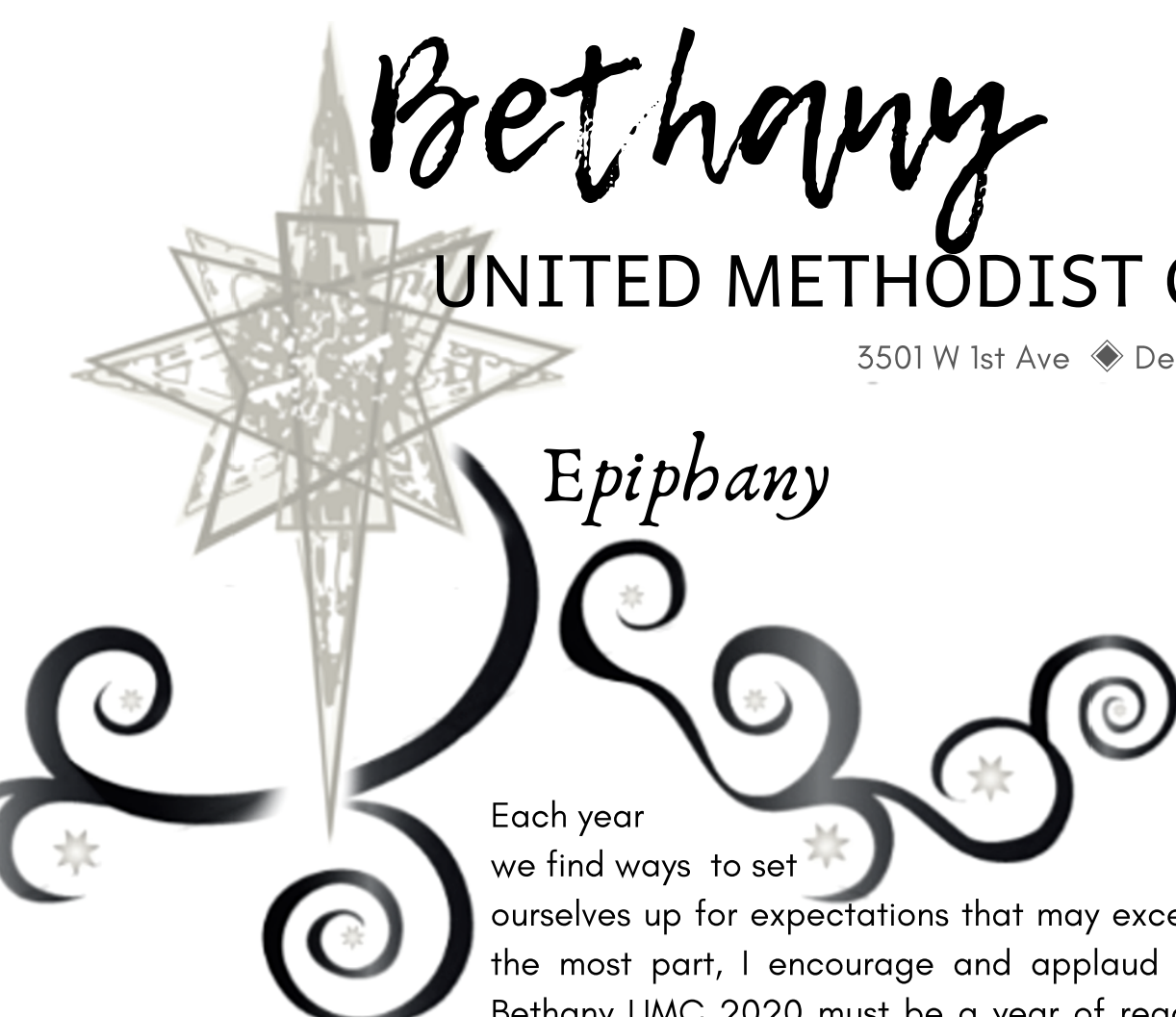


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Epiphany



Each year we find ways to set ourselves up for expectations that may exceed our reach. For the most part, I encourage and applaud those efforts. For Bethany UMC 2020 must be a year of reaching towards the stars and expecting to grab one. Bethany has done so well with visioning over the last six months and together we have reached a decades old goal. I think I can say with confidence that no one really wanted to sell the property at 121 King St. It would have been great to have a property to use for Bethany, but things change, life changes, and that's what faith is all about. The ability to move with the seasons of life knowing we are not alone, that the Holy Spirit moves with us and seems almost mystical. We move into a new year with the confidence of followers of Christ who assures us that there is nothing we cannot do as long as he is the center of our hearts. My prayer for you, for us, is a safe, healthy, faithful, and blessed 2020.



NEED:
photos for
BethanyUMC
website

You are loved more than you know.

Peace,

Pastor Denise

Epiphany is somewhat elusive: do we celebrate the gifts of the Magi? Or the beginning of Jesus' ministry? The spreading of God's salvation to the gentiles? Likewise, Epiphany-based poems seem to skirt the issue; they reflect stars and light and possibly inner conversion, or focus simply on the gifts given to the Christ child. T.S. Eliot's "The Journey of the Magi" is different. It is the story of the journey to the Christ child and back again. But furthermore, it's the story of what that journey does deep inside the poem's narrator, one of the magi.

Reading Tips

Read it aloud

What structures and patterns and forms make the poem?

What makes you wonder?

Eliot published this (and other poems) around the holidays as a type of Christmas card, and in this case, during a period of deep religiosity around his conversion to Anglicanism. In writing about this poem, former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams remarked, "Eliot never wanted to present religious faith as a nice cheerful answer to everyone's questions, but as an inner shift so deep that you could hardly notice it, yet giving a new perspective on everything and a new restlessness in a tired and chilly world."

The Journey Of The Magi by T.S. Eliot

A cold coming we had of it,
 Just the worst time of the year
 For a journey, and such a long journey:
 The ways deep and the weather sharp,
 The very dead of winter.
 And the camels galled, sorefooted, refractory,
 Lying down in the melting snow.
 There were times we regretted
 The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,
 And the silken girls bringing sherbet.
 Then the camel men cursing and grumbling
 and running away, and wanting their liquor and women,
 And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters,
 And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly
 And the villages dirty and charging high prices:
 A hard time we had of it.
 At the end we preferred to travel all night,
 Sleeping in snatches,
 With the voices singing in our ears, saying
 That this was all folly.

Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,
 Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation;
 With a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness,
 And three trees on the low sky,
 And an old white horse galloped away in the meadow.
 Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the lintel,
 Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver,
 And feet kicking the empty wine-skins.
 But there was no information, and so we continued
 And arriving at evening, not a moment too soon
 Finding the place; it was (you might say) satisfactory.

All this was a long time ago, I remember,
 And I would do it again, but set down
 This set down: were we led all that way for
 Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly
 We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,
 But had thought they were different; this Birth was
 Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.
 We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
 But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,
 With an alien people clutching their gods.
 I should be glad of another death.

January 2020

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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Communion
Home Visits

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Jessie Holdren
BIRTHDAY

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11AM Worship

EPIPHANY

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11AM Worship

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Nikolas Temple
BIRTHDAY

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West Area Plan

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Betty Schoneman
BIRTHDAY

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Janet Shaw
BIRTHDAY
Eva Staley
BIRTHDAY

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11AM Worship

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11AM Worship

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Dave Bilger
BIRTHDAY

*"For I was hungry,
and you gave me something to eat..."*

We have an opportunity
to provide supper
at Delores Project
on Friday, January 31,
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

WEST AREA PLAN

Public Meeting #2

Lake Middle School -
1820 Lowell Blvd.
Tuesday, January 14th
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Bethany UMC

Sacred Doors Ministry UPDATE

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman

Our ministry continues to do the work of Christmas. The construction on the showers has begun, the property at 121 King St. belongs to another, and we are continuing to build this community as we reach out to a wider community.

January

Showers completed
Back room cleaned out

February

Painting
Cleaning
Kitchen

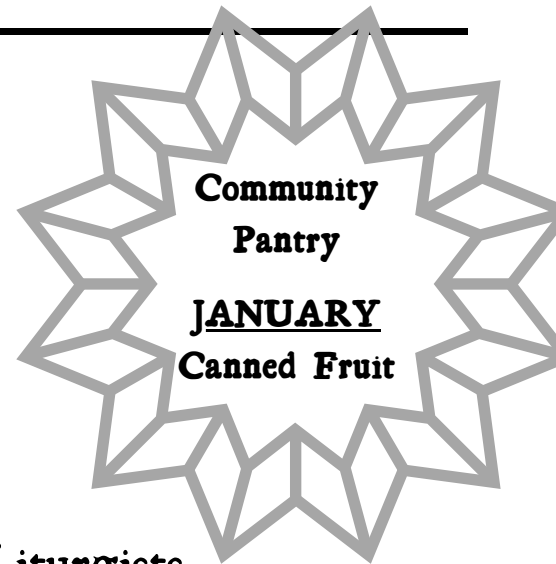
March

Launch and Open on Sunday March 8 - party and invite as many people as we can.

May 31 - First booking

During the winter and spring we need to accomplish:

- Written curriculum
- Building Use
- Contracts with teams
- Contact non-profits for work teams
- Connect with the City of Denver and the Police Department



Liturgists

January 5, 2020

John Staley

January 12, 2020

Eva Staley

January 19, 2020

Lataine Shaw

January 26, 2019

Kathy Caughran

Lectionary Readings

January 5, 2020

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Matthew 2:1-12
Ephesians 3:1-12

January 12, 2020

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Matthew 3:13-17
Acts 10:34-43

January 19, 2020

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
John 1:29-42
1 Corinthians 1:1-9

January 26, 2019

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
Matthew 4:12-23
1 Corinthians 1:10-18