

HEYWARD STREET UMC

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Welcome

Call to Worship

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God of new beginnings,
 Often, we follow the well-worn path,
simply because others have been there before.
 Sometimes this is holy and humble,
but there are days when a new path needs to be tread.
 On those new-beginning days, O God,
give us the courage to follow your star.
Give us the courage to go home by another way.
Give us the courage to walk in a new direction
for the sake of justice, love, and neighbor.
 For when you are doing a new thing,
 we want to have the courage to follow.
With hope in our hearts, we choose to follow the light.

Song *Living Waters* Praise Team

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12 Pew Bible p 2

Sermon *And, Yet.* Rev. Blom

Song *Jesus Does* Praise Team

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution / Communion

All are welcome at the table. Bring a prayer request card or an offering to place in the plate as you come to receive the bread and juice. Come down the center aisle and return via the side.

Communion *We Three Kings* UMH 254

Closing Song *This Little Light of Mine* UMH 585

Benediction

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Guiding God, even the Magi, those faithful seekers,
had to change course.

Even the Magi had to go home by another way.

As we journey, guard our wanderings.

Prepare a hedge of protection around us.

Grant us the courage to begin again and again.

Let us go in peace to love and serve our Lord. Amen.

Star Word and Joy Card

Attached to your bulletin are a blank white card and two blue cards. On the white card you are invited to write a joy from the week and pin it to the woven frame. The two blue cards are star words. At Epiphany, it is traditional to receive a star word as a guiding thought for the year. Of the two blue cards, determine which feels most like you or makes most sense to you. For Monday – Wednesday, use this word as a starting point of the day. Then for Thursday -Saturday, use the word the word that felt most unlike you for the starting point. How did the two words challenge, sustain, or guide you?



Carolina Jazz Society hosts their monthly concert this afternoon from 2:30-5:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

Churchwide Visioning and Planning Lunch

Sunday, January 12 after worship in fellowship hall



Christmas Wish Tree

Appreciation is warmly extended to all those who assisted with donating \$3300 worth of Christmas wishes to HSUMC. All five of our wish list items received substantial support. Thank you!

Help Us Undeck the Halls

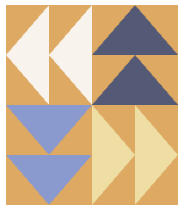
Following worship, we invite you to assist with taking down our Advent and Christmas decorations.



Tasks include:

- Remove Chrismon ornaments from tree and store in plastic bins.
- Remove candles and décor from windows and place in sacristy.
- For nativity sets in entry, place them in boxes located in sacristy.
- Take down the Christmas Wish Tree and store in Room 221
- Remove garlands from exterior railings.
- Remove ornaments from exterior trees.

Boxes and containers are in sacristy. Once packed, boxes and containers need to be taken to room 221 for storage.



Words for the Beginning – Epiphany

For this series, we are utilizing quilt patterns. The triangles in this quilt square point in multiple directions. Much like the magi's journey, the path that lies ahead isn't always clear or straight. Thankfully, we have the guidance of the Spirit to light our way. *Sanctified Art*

Epiphany

A T A N R L F M Z F G A Q F M X L Z H T
 A D N S Z Y V Y J O S E P H B D C A B L
 N E O D E K D R F T G M P D U G P B D U
 S F T L D A M R G K F A R T B C U G U P
 T K H K C R R H D P R V K R P V S O Q I
 A G E I V J M C V Z A W I S E O N E S V
 Z K R N P Z E Y H N N S T K U C Q I M T
 V M W G F U G S H J K S E C R E T I N B
 R H A H K M Q Y U C I H Y U O O V N O E
 X U Y E N H E S C S N T J P V Z A H L T
 E Z K R J V G J N S C N G J E Q Y C K H
 P M Q O R A O T U V E T Y Z R O Q T O L
 X L B D B H L K K P N K A D W D F A V E
 A T Z B G X D S X G S K M N H R T H U H
 G M G T V Y E T Y M E B A E E O T Q J E
 F B A V B E M V M V Z S G V L E K P K M
 Q V V C S M F I P K N A I T M I Q K F I
 I X A W T A C O O P A M E F E N B G K I
 C V R Z A R N J H O M A G E D R P R W P
 A Z K R R Y X H R M E S A R D B T J N L

frankincense	overwhelmed	kingherod	star
anotherway	wiseones	secret	gold
search	homage	Joseph	
Jesus	Bethlehem	myrrh	
magi	Mary		