



# *Protestant Fellowship Community Newsletter*

## *January, 2022*

### **What Is Epiphany?**



Smee: "I've just had an apostrophe."

Captain Hook: "I think you mean an epiphany."

Smee: [gestures his fingers to his head]

"Lightning has just struck my brain."

Captain Hook: "Well, that must hurt."

This scene is in the movie *Hook* which was released in 1991. Dustin Hoffman played Captain Hook and Bob Hoskins played Smee; Robin Williams played Peter

Panning, i.e., Peter Pan. One year, I used the video clip to introduce the term "epiphany" to my middle-school aged Sunday School class.

The word "epiphany", (according to dictionary.com) means "a sudden, intuitive perception of or insight into the reality or essential meaning of something, usually initiated by some simple, homely, or commonplace occurrence or experience."

With a capital "E", "Epiphany" (according to Wikipedia) is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ. The event celebrated differs among churches in the Western tradition vs the Eastern tradition, and among various denominations. There are differences in the date for the celebration, differences in the customs for celebrating, and differences in the emphasis it is given. The customs and practices for celebrating Epiphany have developed and evolved since the early third century A.D. Generally, today Epiphany is considered to be the twelfth day after Christmas Day, January 6 on the Gregorian calendar.

The Gospels include instances of a significant revelation of Jesus as God Incarnate, God With Us, Emmanuel. The story most frequently associated with Epiphany in the Western Church is the visit of the Magi recorded in Matthew 2, and it is also known as Three Kings Day. The visit of the Magi is the physical manifestation of God Incarnate to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). In the Eastern Church,

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## Weekly Worship Services for January, 2022

**each Sunday at 2:00 pm from the chapel  
via live Broadcast on ACTV channel 976 / 980 (HD)**

January 2	<p>Second Sunday after Christmas Day Rev. Susan Sciarratta, Parkland Community Church Organist: Jane Smith; Pianist: Betty Kingston Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated</p>	
January 9	<p>First Sunday after the Epiphany Rev. Ernie Curtin, Retired (Episcopal) Organist: Bud Williams; Pianist: Betty Kingston. (Note: Prelude / pre-worship organ program will begin at 1:30 pm.)</p>	
January 16	<p>Second Sunday after the Epiphany Rev. Sean Tripline, Bethlehem Baptist Church Organist: Joan Kirk; Pianist: Betty Kingston</p>	
January 23	<p>Third Sunday after the Epiphany Rev. Henrik Sontag, St. Paul's Lutheran Church Organist: Jane Smith; Pianist: Betty Kingston</p>	
January 30	<p>Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Hymn Sing Service with the Ann's Choice Chapel Choir Organist: Bud Williams; Pianist: Betty Kingston. (Note: Prelude / pre-worship organ program at 1:30 pm.)</p>	

### **Revive Your Spirit on the Chapel Channel**

The Chapel Channel is airing a daily schedule of uplifting and inspiring programs. Learn about the Dead Sea Scrolls, or enjoy the *Musical Reflections* and *Favorite Hymns of Faith* organ programs by Bud Williams.

The **Memorial Day Weekend Hymn Sing Service** from May 30, 2021 has been added to the program schedule. This includes the organ pre-worship program by Bud Williams followed by the entire worship service.

Feedback and comments on this new programming provided through Pastoral Ministries is encouraged and will help with future offerings on the Chapel Channel. Many of the programs are also on MyErickson.



### **Quiet Reflections and Prayers:**

The Chapel at Ann's Choice is open daily for private reflection when worship services and other events not being conducted.

### **To Receive this Newsletter:**

Contact Rev. Dr. Kang Na at [Kang.Na@Erickson.com](mailto:Kang.Na@Erickson.com), (215) 443-4925, or in the Pastoral Ministries offices in Liberty. Make sure to include your email address for receipt of this newsletter by email or your apartment to receive it in your cubby.

## Rose Gardens and Chestnut Pointe:

Large group activities are suspended until further notice. Pastoral Visits and Home Communion are still available. Contact Pastoral Ministries at (215) 443-4925.

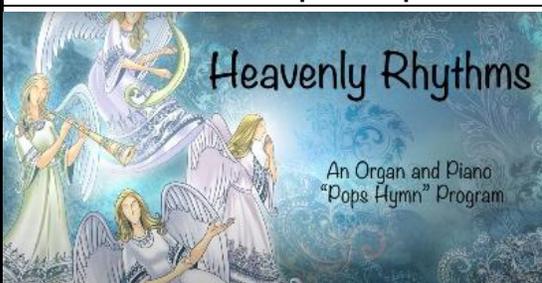
## Bible Study:

Weekly Bible study meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am in the Liberty Commons Music Room. Zoom access is available on request prior to Wednesday morning. Rev. Dr. Kang Na is leading the Bible study.

Contact Rev. Na at (215) 443-4925, Pastoral Ministries offices in Liberty or [Kang.Na@erickson.com](mailto:Kang.Na@erickson.com) for more information about the Bible study or connection information for using Zoom.

If you are curious about the Bible, and its significance in world history and for human life, please join us. The Bible study is intended to deepen our knowledge of **what the Bible is, says, and means**. Everyone is welcome to join us on this journey. We are looking at the beginning of the Exodus stories and the identity of Israel. Join us as we explore **what the Bible is, what it said to contemporary readers, what it means, and what it says to us**, especially for our faith journey.

All are welcome, and all questions are welcome, so that together we might encourage and challenge one another on the joyful and sometimes hard road that is Christian discipleship.



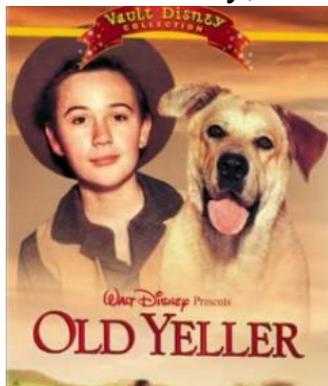
## Heavenly Rhythms

The latest organ and piano program by Bud Williams has been added to the program schedule on Ann's Choice TV 977; and it will be added to the programming on the Chapel Channel 980 in a few weeks. Many thanks to Chelsea Rounds, Dave

Rector, Ted Mullins, Ray Schwegel and John Hodges for their help in making this program possible.

## Second Saturday Cinema in January, 2022

On Saturday, January 8th the Protestant Fellowship will present **Old Yeller** in the PAC at 7:00 pm with a pre-show at 6:45.



A teenage boy grows to love a stray yellow dog while helping his mother and younger brother run their Texas home-stead while their father is away on a cattle drive. First thought to be good-for-nothing mutt, Old Yeller is soon loved by all.

This program is sponsored by the Protestant Fellowship Council as a ministry to residents, friends and staff at Ann's Choice.

**No** donation will be requested as your presence is your donation.

### **Manager of Pastoral Ministries:**

Congratulations to Rev. Dr. Kang Na as the new Manager of Pastoral Ministries at Ann's Choice.

### **Supporting Our Ministry and Mission:**

You can help support the mission projects and ministries of the Protestant Fellowship. Donations may be enclosed in an envelope addressed to Rev. Na and taken to any clubhouse front desk. Donations by check are preferred; please make the check payable to "A. C. – Protestant Fund".

On the memo line, please write "Donation."

### **Protestant Fellowship Council:**

On Monday, January 3, at its first meeting of 2022, the Protestant Fellowship Council will thank these members for their faithful service for the past three years: Janet Kistner, Jennie Housman, Polly Riddle, and Bob Swan. And the Council will welcome these new members: Rev. Ernest Curtin, Gail Dahlen, Bob McQue, and Gene Morris.

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Epiphany celebrates the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River when Jesus is revealed as the manifestation to the world as the Son of God.

There are other Gospel stories in which Jesus reveals and acknowledges his true identity. He tells the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4:26, "I, the one speaking to you – I am he." In John 9:37, Jesus tells the man who had been blind from birth and who wants to see the Son of Man, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." And in Mark 14:61b - 62, we read "Again the high priest asked him, 'Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?' 'I am,' said Jesus. 'And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.'"

When I was about 12 or 13, our family went to a Christmas Eve service, and the message that night has remained with me. The sermon message I heard focused on the visit of the Magi to see the newborn King, and that after encountering Jesus, they went a different way. And when we encounter Jesus (God-With-Us, or Emmanuel), we need to alter our course in life. We need change our lives. We need to repent and make a 180-degree change in our life direction.

***Incarnate God, who came to earth so many years ago, open my heart and spirit to hear your voice and your special words designed for me. Guide me to hear your voice and to respond by following your call to change.***

***In Jesus' Name, Amen.***

*Prayerfully submitted by John Hodges*