



Lexington UMC
Household of Faith



Living God's Word~
Sharing God's Love



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HAPPY Epiphany

JANUARY 6

*DID YOU KNOW THAT THE THREE KINGS ARE CALLED
MELCHIOR, CASPAR AND BALTHAZAR
AND THEY EACH REPRESENT EUROPE, ARABIA AND AFRICA?*



Epiphany is celebrated 12 days after Christmas on 6th January (or January 19th for some Orthodox Churches who have Christmas on January 7th) and is the time when Christians remember the Wise Men (also sometimes called the Three Kings) who visited Jesus.

Epiphany is also when some Churches remember when Jesus was Baptized, when he was about 30, and started to teach people about God. Epiphany means 'revelation' and both the visit of the Wise Men and his Baptism are important times when Jesus was 'revealed' to be very important.

🌿 Epiphany, the Feast of The Three Kings 🌿



The Adoration of the Magi by Giotto [Public domain], via Wikimedia Commons

Some Churches use Epiphany to celebrate and remember both the visit of the Wise Men and Jesus's Baptism!

Epiphany Eve (also known as Twelfth Night) marks the end of the traditional Christmas celebrations and is the time when you were meant to take Christmas decorations down - although some people leave them up until Candlemas.

Candlemas, also known as the 'Presentation of Jesus at the Temple' or the 'Feast of the Purification of the Virgin (or Mary)' is the when some Christians remember the time when Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem to give thanks to God for giving them a son.



The Red Cross just announced they are partnering again this January with the NFL by inviting football fans and blood donors to join their lifesaving team and score big for patients in need. As a special thank you to donors for helping during this critical time, those who give between **January 1-31, 2021, will automatically be entered to [win two tickets](#) to the 2022 Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles, California.**

The package includes two tickets to Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles, California, entry to the official NFL Tailgate, tickets to Super Bowl Experience, round-trip airfare to Los Angeles, three-night hotel accommodations (Feb. 4 to Feb. 7, 2022), plus a \$500 gift card for expenses. The Red Cross and NFL won't flag this delay of game, as the winner will have the opportunity to experience Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles, the first Super Bowl in SoFi Stadium!



Throughout this challenging year for our country, the Red Cross has been fortunate to witness the best of humanity as donors continue to step off the sidelines and roll up their sleeve to help those in need. As an extra thank you, those who make it in to give **January 1-20, 2021, will also automatically be entered to win the [Big Game at Home](#) package so their household can enjoy an awesome viewing experience safely at home.**** You could win a 65-inch television and a \$500 gift card to put toward food and fun!

Health emergencies don't pause for holidays, game day or a pandemic. Donors are needed now to help patients make a comeback this winter. All donations are tested for COVID-19 antibodies, and any positive units could benefit coronavirus hospital patients.

The next scheduled drive will be **Monday, January 11th from 2-7pm.**



Human Relations Day — Martin Luther King Jr. Day January 17th, 2021

What is Human Relations Day?

Human Relations Day is one of six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church. Human Relations Day calls United Methodists to recognize the right of all God's children in realizing their potential as human beings in relationship with one another. The special offering benefits neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.

Behind each ministry is a story of hope and restoration and the immeasurable impact of generosity.

The impact of 12.5 million United Methodists, in 136 countries, is phenomenal.

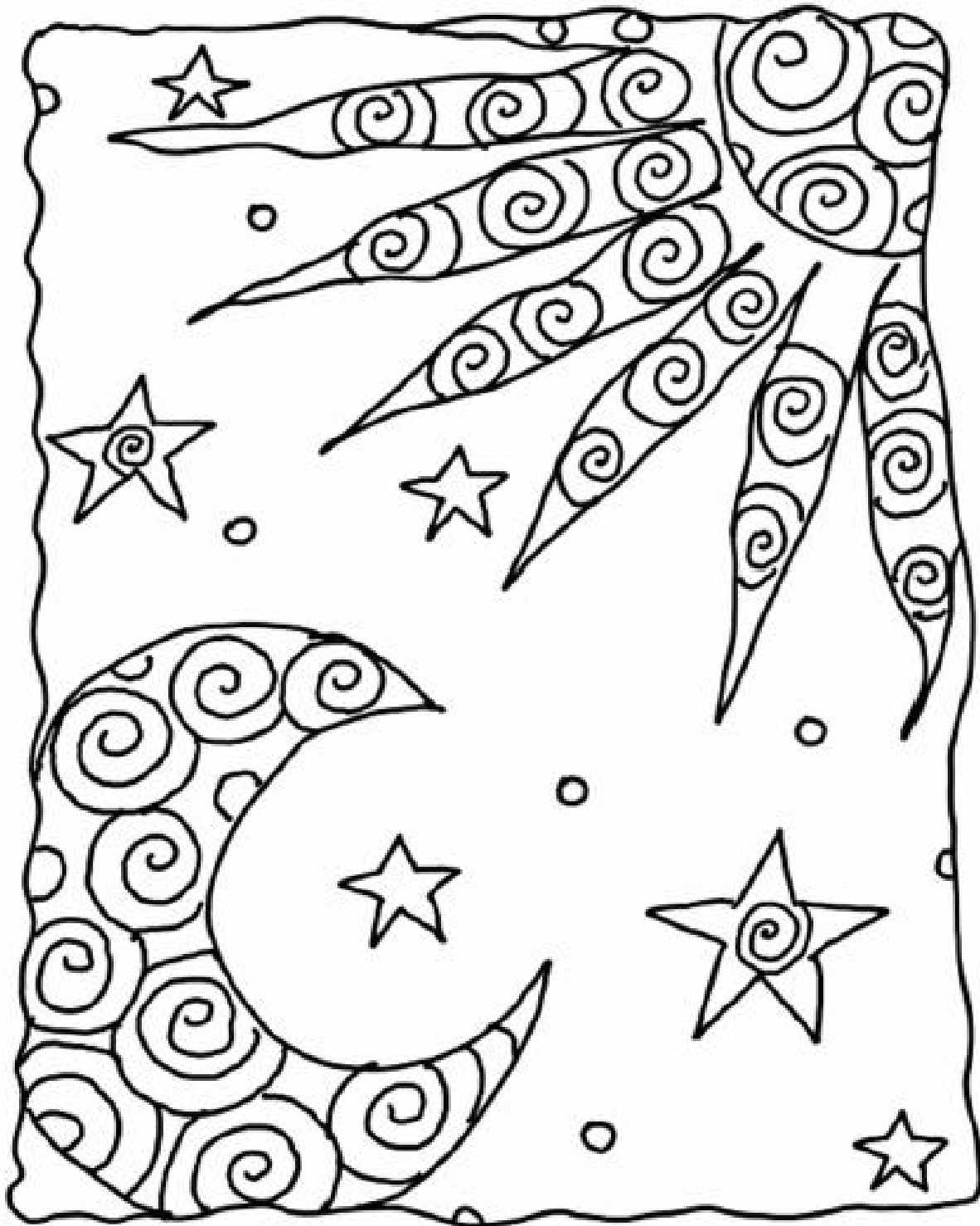
**Together, we witness to the love of Jesus Christ for a hurting world
and transform lives and communities in his name.**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Epiphany GP Video KidzWay Storytime Zoom @ 1pm	4	5	6 Breakout Kidz (4/5 th) Zoom @ 6:30pm	7	8	9
10 Baptism of Jesus GP Video	11	12	13 Breakout Kidz (4/5 th) Zoom @ 6:30pm	14	15	16
17 Human Relations Sunday MLK Jr. GP Video	18 MLK Jr. Day Special Story/Song Video	19	20 Breakout Kidz (4/5 th) Zoom @ 6:30pm	21	22	23 Breakout "Winter Wonderland" Meet up 3-4:30pm, location TBD
24 GP Video	25	26	27 Breakout Kidz (4/5 th) Zoom @ 6:30pm	28	29 KidzWay Family Playdate 3:45-5pm @ Virginia Hylton	30
31 GP Video						



"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." - Matthew 5:16





Youth Christmas Party 2020

Youth group will (tentatively) resume in person gatherings from 4:30-6pm outside by the playground on Sunday, January 17th. There will be an online GAME NIGHT on Sunday, January 10th. Details to follow.



Revolution 2021 will be: **Saturday, January 30 at 6:30 p.m** streaming online. My HOPE is that we can come together as a youth group to watch it together, but that is still TBD.

Thanks to everyone who came to our Christmas party! It has been a hard and unusual year for everyone, but we loved having everyone there. As Edie Beckum would say, "We are better when we're together!!"



Due to the sharp increase in COVID-19 cases across South Carolina, [Revolution 2021](#) will take place on January 30 at 6:30 p.m. as an all-virtual, conference-wide gathering, rather than as three regional, in-person events.

The [SCMYP](#) Revolution Design Team made this change with the primary concern of protecting all potential participants. As you are aware, South Carolina has reported the highest daily numbers of COVID-19 cases in the past week – crossing the 3,000-case mark for several days in a row.

“I was reminded this week of the power of God’s love as expressed in Romans 8:39,” said Chris Lynch, director of South Carolina Ministries with Young People. “Nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

“Even in the midst of this global pandemic – during which we have been separated from so much of what makes our lives seem normal – we know that we are never separated from the love of God.

“Our prayer is that, even though we will not be able to gather physically, we will experience a togetherness at Revolution that can only be explained through the lens of the love of Christ.”

Youth groups can pay \$25 to register for digital access only, or pay \$25 per person for digital access and a Revolution 2021 T-shirt for each person.

Deadline for digital access only registration: January 27

Groups that previously registered for one of the three in-person events should have received a separate email (sent to the email address provided during registration) with next steps.

The Rev. Rachel Billups, a visionary leader, speaker and author, will be the featured speaker. Rev. Billups draws on her love of people and passion to explore new avenues for ministry and mission. She is the author of “[Be Bold: Finding Your Fierce](#),” published by [Abingdon Press](#).

Questions?
revolution@scmyp.org



Because of the continued coronavirus threat, Shepherd's Center of Lexington will not meet for the Winter 2021 session. We miss everyone and hope we will be able to resume classes by September. Stay safe!

Thank you!

Dear L.U.M.C. Friends,

Thank you for your many thoughts and prayers during and following my recent surgery for Stage 1 Lung Cancer. I am doing much better now, and we are so thankful that I do not need any treatments. The cards, flowers, gifts, and food were a great help and brought lots of cheer to me during my recovery. John and I appreciate the kind support you gave us during this stressful time.

Sincerely,

Joyce Bumgarner





LUMC family,

Your many, many prayers; communications—cards, texts, emails, calls; food shared; and love for Mike and me as we navigated through my illness and treatments were so appreciated-more than you will ever know. Thank you for taking such good care of us. You are such a loving congregation, we are blessed. Lymphoma currently in remission. More treatment may be in the works to keep it that way.

Love to you all,

Susan Mitton



As we wrap up another holiday season of serving our neighbors, we want to update you on the neighbors who we have served. We can't thank you enough for your participation in our holiday drives this year. You have blessed many neighbors in Lexington County with your overwhelming generosity!

So far, we have given out 1,477 holiday meals to the families that we serve—that's 2,875 mouths fed! We also helped families shop for 698 children—what an incredible blessing! We're continuing to update these numbers, and will share final numbers in the coming weeks.

We can only bless our neighbors because of your generosity. Thank you for the gift of giving! May you have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope, and the peace of His love now and always!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin Bowers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Robin Bowers
Executive Director at Mission Lexington

THE RAY HIPP CHILI, CHOWDER, & SOUP FUNDRAISER

Sponsored by the Wesleyan Disciples

This event is **PRE-ORDER & TAKE-OUT ONLY.**

\$10 a quart

Saturday, February 6th from 10 am – 2 pm



Orders and Payments are being taken in advance. You can purchase tickets after both services each Sunday in January or by sending an email to:

Jeannie Ridgeway at idrmofgnie@aol.com

or

Angie Cunningham at angiepcunningham@gmail.com.

You will receive a confirmation email back with your order and the address of where to send your check. Please make your check payable to the **Wesleyan Disciples**. Please bring your confirmation email with you when you come to pick up your order.



Pick up will be Saturday, February 6th between 10 am – 2 pm. A table will be set up outside in the breezeway. Drive up and your order will be handed to you. You don't need to get out of your car.

This fundraiser helps us to support Snack Sack and other Ministries LUMC supports.



SNACK SACK UPDATE

We are currently feeding 325 students in six District One Schools. Virtual Learning has reduced the number of students we are feeding on a weekly basis. We have managed our inventory of food and have ended 2020 under budget. We have been able to have food to carry over into 2021. Praise God!



BLESSING BOX UPDATE



































We have been busy keeping the Blessing Boxes stocked with food during the holidays. We currently fill two Blessing Boxes twice a week. Our box is attached to the church and is on Fort Street, the second box is located on Platt Springs Rd. In front of White Knoll High School.

The Blessing Boxes provide food and toiletries to anyone that is in need, anytime day or night. Donations are always needed.

The Blessing Boxes are available for anyone to stock or use at anytime.

Please continue to help this Ministry feed the needy.

We need donations of money or non-perishable food.

								
	Individual Apple Sauce			Individual Instant Oatmeal				
	Cereal Bars			Individual Grits				
	Bottled Water (8oz.)			Individual Boxes of Cereal				
	Fruit Cups			Raisins				
	Juice Boxes			Pudding Cups				
	Ravioli (Canned Meat)			Peanut Butter Crackers				
	Ramen Noodles			Snack Crackers				
	\$\$\$			Granola Bars				
								

Ms. Caldwell and her three children want to thank our Adult Sunday School Classes and individuals within LUMC for the donations of money and clothing. Ms. Caldwell wanted all of you to know that this was their best Christmas in many years.

I ask for help to fund the rent for their home and for their electricity. We paid for two months rent of \$600 each month and two months of the power bill, plus numerous months of late fees and previous unpaid months. We have also provided food, diapers and needed supplies.

The Scooter Scott Project provided the Thanksgiving Meal. Families Helping Families provided Christmas Food and toys. Our focus was and will continue to be to help with the larger cash outlays.

I have also been helping Ms. Caldwell to look for Subsidized Housing, to register for Food Stamps and to apply of work to pay her bills. My goal is to give support to Ms. Caldwell until she can help herself.

I thank LUMC for the support of this family. Ms. Caldwell is part of our Snack Sack Family. We never get this deep into one family's needs. But, this family has no support system, they have no way to better themselves.

Rick Cunningham

803-414-2940

Rj_cunningham@yahoo.com





S.C. United Methodist Men

One In The Spirit

Feb. 26

6:30-8:30 p.m.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:13

MEN N MINISTRY mennministrysc.org

2021 Spiritual Retreat



  **United Methodist Women**
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

"Jesus, Justice & Action"

Virtual Legislative Advocacy Days 2021

Feb. 3
Feb. 9
Feb. 18
Feb. 27

A Report from LUMW

'Tis the beginning of January and if these were normal times,
we'd be planning a Tea instead of making up rhymes.

We would gather together over in Asbury Hall.
It'd be even more fun than a trip to the mall.

Everyone would pick out a hat to be right in style.
Then we'd all settle in and stay for a while.

We'd have sandwiches, fruit, and plenty of cookies too
as AL George Circle served the tea to you.

And besides all the food, fellowship, and fun,
we'd reflect on the service LUMW has done.

But we're postponing for now - next year we'll celebrate.
We'll let you know once we've picked the date.

Meanwhile, our wish is for all to be of good cheer
and to have a safe, happy, and healthy New Year!



LUMW 2020 Winter Tea



A Bevy of Hats



Pretty and Festive Tables



Mary Entertaining the Group



Ann and Jorene with Vintage Accessories



Delicious Food



Ever the Clemson Fan

1/1 Tracy Steele Julia Johnson Larry Hayes Chris Stanford Mark Edmonds	1/9 Will Copeland Brooks Torbett Chuck Crouch Jr.	1/16 Samantha Kibler Doris Shadrick Molly Laurence Harley Britner Maeve Larion	1/23 Cora Field Jessica Gore
1/2 Shelley Lyles Tamara Selzer Jim Gregory Jr. Gaines Roberts	1/10 Edith Worthy Brent Hawkins Ava Blume Brooks Thomas Yeh	1/17 Lloria Miller Reta Richardson	1/24 Robyne Gross Celeste Burner
1/4 Jerry Gatch Mike Gatch David Ropp Jr. Beth Keith Swapna Kumar	1/11 Tim Groves Adam Howard Amy Cook DeSean Keefer Brynn Hahne Alice Young	1/18 Ashley Culley Wanda Pettus Dan Osborne Brooke Graham	1/25 Linda Gladden Jim Kruger
1/5 Judi Powell Berniece Phillips Terri Sheppard Jennifer Stevenson Amit Kumar Elizabeth Denson Bradley Dargan Gore	1/12 Joel Gonzalez Taylor Young Jr. Jake Mesaros Brian Dunbar Todd Carroll	1/19 Nelson Spence Brandon Roshto	1/26 Becky McCormack Richard Hendrick Traywick Duffie Doris Frye Gaby Ruiz Katelyn Turner Mike Johnson Brian Hahne
1/7 Tom Atwood Barney Williams Ken Fentress	1/13 Caroline Taylor Dana Tucker Pat Weitzel David Morris Paxton K Cunningham Jonathan Wojtylak	1/20 Margaret Oswald Troy Sheppard Kristi Fogle Thomas Leonard	1/27 Maree Gilliam Betsy DeLeon
1/8 Dylan Kicklighter Pam Hayes Zackery Moats	1/14 Spencer Brooks Ashley Thompkins Scott Hendrix	1/21 Jennifer Stanford Alice Hott Josh Millwood Lurene Carlson Mary Dawkins Merrell	1/28 David Davison Andy Preston Jr. Laura Rish
1/9 Adam Backman Matt Cooper	1/15 Troy Rivers Linda Hyde	1/22 Barbara Booth Lori Torbett Lilly Groves	1/29 Tracy Howard
		1/23 Michael Wessinger Judy Hucks Margie Spence Beth Altenberg	1/30 Dan Brailsford Tobi Harmon Erin Cogswell Jamiee O'Neal Bette McKenney Sara Stone Olivia Robinson
			1/31 Victoria Wahl Russell Cammann



Gifts in memory of:

Bobby Bowers

Delos Corderman Fellowship Class
Janice Hipp

Ray Hipp

Janice Hipp

Bill & Peggy Lott

Janice Hipp

Lee Powell

Jack & Alice Brode
John Harmon

Dolores Gatch

Linda Gladden

Joan Kruger

Lib & Earle Brown
Linda Gladden
Don Bickel
Jim & Nancy Caulder
Agnes Rogers Circle
Malcolm & Loretta Jackson
Rex & Vicki Boylston
Yvonne Folk

Sandra Broom

Jim & Nancy Caulder
Janice Hipp
Buddy & Lynn Brewer

Gifts in honor of:

Church Staff

Linda Gladden

Susan Mitton

Buddy & Lynn Brewer

Joyce Bumgarner

Buddy & Lynn Brewer

James Bumgarner

John & Joyce Bumgarner

The Gatch Family Singers

Linda Gladden

Lessie Polk

Linda Gladden

Bill & Barbara Bodie

Michael & Cindy Bodie
Patricia Riley

MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN **HONOR** OR
MEMORY
OF SOMEONE SPECIAL

Tithes & Offerings

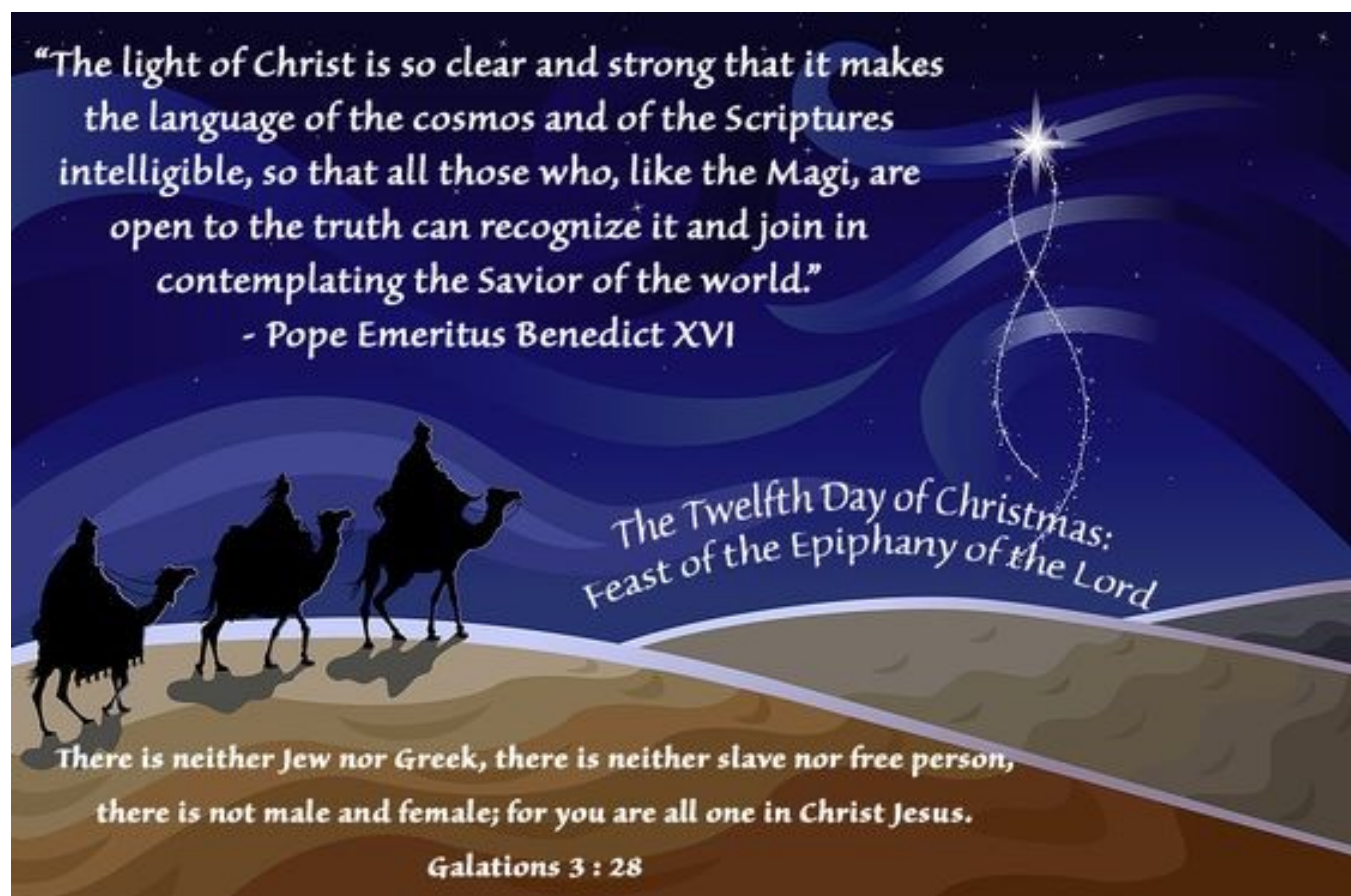
Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not out of regret or compulsion.
For God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7 BSB

<u>Week #:</u>	Week 51
<u>Date:</u>	12/20/2020
<u>Received:</u>	\$13,872.00
<u>Need Wkly:</u>	\$20,616.00
<u>Need to date:</u>	\$1,051,416.00
<u>Rec. to date:</u>	\$861,335.00
<u>Exp. to date:</u>	\$885,331.00
<u>Over/Under:</u>	-\$23,996.00

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