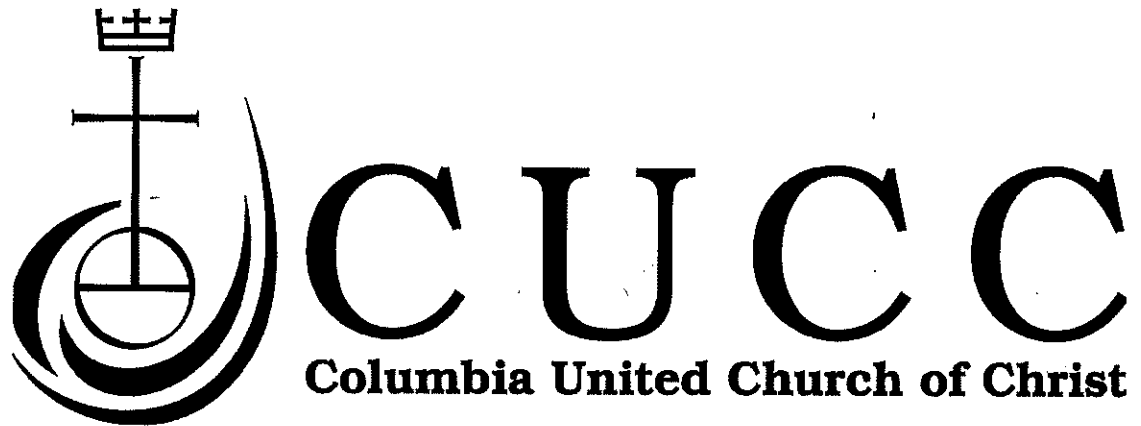


Columbia United Church Of Christ

January 3, 2021
Epiphany



CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

Columbia United Church of Christ celebrates God's boundless and unconditional love by intentionally welcoming and affirming all God's children.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey;
No matter where you are on your faith journey;
No matter your sexual orientation, gender expression or identity;
No matter your race, culture, ethnicity, nationality or politics;
No matter your age, ability, health, relationship status or family structure;
No matter your social, economic, educational, legal or life circumstances;
You are welcome here!

Called by Jesus to be an Open and Affirming, inclusive faith community, Columbia United Church of Christ commits to welcoming everyone into the full life of our congregation. Our paths and voices may differ, but we journey in faith together.

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January 3, 2021

10:30 Worship

"Epiphany"

**indicates that all are invited to stand, if comfortably able*

*"...from oppression and violence he redeems their life;
And precious is their blood in his sight."*

-Psalm 72:14

Gathering Music		Amy Crousore
Welcome and Greetings		Pastor Rick
Prelude		Amy Crousore Heather Sorenson
	"We Three Kings"	
Carrying in the Light of Christ		
Adoration of the Magi	Matthew 2:1-12	Lauren Helmreich
*Gathering Song	"We Three Kings"	Chalice #172
	<i>the song will be led by the Magi; John Tummons, Jason Schoeneberg & Jim Loveless; feel free to sing along at home</i>	
*Call to Worship		Lauren Helmreich
	Blessed be the LORD, who alone does wonderous things. Blessed be God's glorious name forever.	
	We pray to realize God's presence in Creation; To witness God's glory filling the whole earth.	
	Grant us your wisdom, O God; Bring righteousness to your people and justice to the poor.	
	Help us bring deliverance to those in need; The poor and those who have no helper.	
	From oppression and violence God redeems us; God's light shines on all God's precious children.	
	In this Epiphany Season we gather, sharing the light of Christ. We embody God's brilliance with our lives! Come, let us worship God!	

*Petition

"As With Gladness"

Chalice #173

The Magi brought their gifts to the manger on Epiphany and the love of God was suddenly revealed to them. In this season of Epiphany we explore how God's love is suddenly revealed to us. As we gather around the communion table, sharing the bread of wisdom and the cup of blessing, God's love is suddenly revealed most clearly to us. We remember the Wisdom of Christ's ministry that is represented by the bread, and the promise of Eternal Living that is represented by the cup. As God's children, let us gather together for this meal.

Pastoral Prayer; Silent Prayer; Invocation

Institution; Fraction; Sharing the Spirit of Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, who has called us from darkness into light, we remember your eternal promise to lead your people from the shadows of bondage to freedom's new dawning. We recall how, in the fullness of time, you gave us yourself in Christ Jesus, the light of the world. We thank you that by the power of your Holy Spirit we are born again in baptism as children of the light. We thank you for this meal you have prepared for us; to remind us of your wisdom and your promise for peace.

Like the Magi, Lord, let your servants now depart in peace, according to your Word. For our eyes have seen the salvation you have prepared for all people: a light to the nations, the glory of the world. We take your light out into the world, shining it for all to see. And now we gather, Creator God, in many different places joined together through the miracle of livestreaming technology as one family, singing the prayer that you taught us,

The LORD's Prayer *(sung by the congregation, led by Ed Rollins)*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Presenting our Gifts

"The Three Kings"

Amy Crousore
Gordan Young

*To give online text "GIVE" to 573.240.4041
and follow the prompts*

*You can also give online by visiting our website:
www.columbiaucc.com*

*Response

“We Praise You, O God” NCH #420

**We Praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring!
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
We praise your holy name, glad praises we sing!**

*Prayer of Dedication

Lauren Helmreich

God of revelation; Like the gifts of the Magi, may these gifts reveal to us and to others the Light that is Jesus. May this Light lead us on into new and challenging ways of living and serving. May we see your love breaking through in unexpected times and places in our lives every day; and may we always be inspired to share that love with all humankind. Amen.

*Benediction

Pastor Rick

*Response:

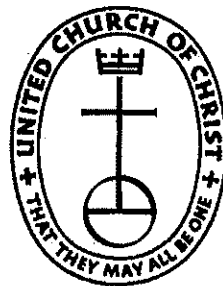
“Let There be Peace on Earth”

**Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with me!
Let there be Peace on Earth; the Peace that was meant to be!
With God our Creator, Children all are we!
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony!
Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!**

*Postlude

“March of the Three Kings”

Amy Crousore
Roger Wilson



*CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:
Welcoming all God's Children;
Nurturing Faith and Spiritual Growth;
Challenging and inspiring everyone with vibrant worship;
Building a supportive church family;
Transforming both the congregation and community
through service and outreach*

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We Three Kings

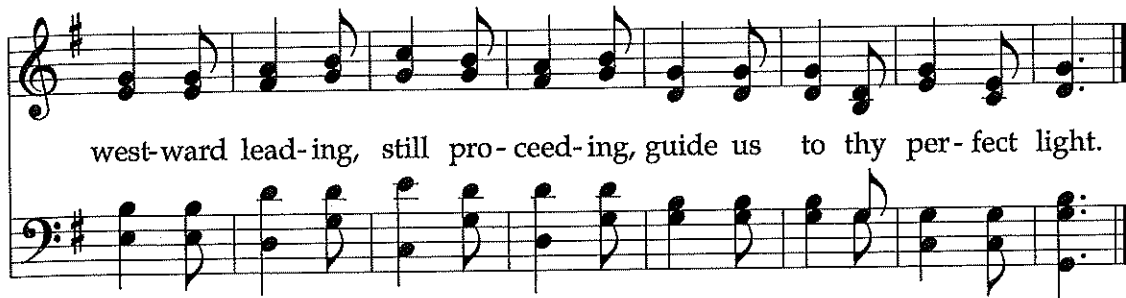
All: 1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
 Opt. Solo: 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 Opt. Solo: 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
 Opt. Solo: 4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 All: 5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise; Christ and

1. gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 2. bring to crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er,
 3. owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 4. life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 5. God and sac - ri - fice: al - le - lu - ia,

1. moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 2. ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 3. voic - es rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God on high.
 4. bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 5. al - le - lu - ia, sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain (after 1 & 5 only)

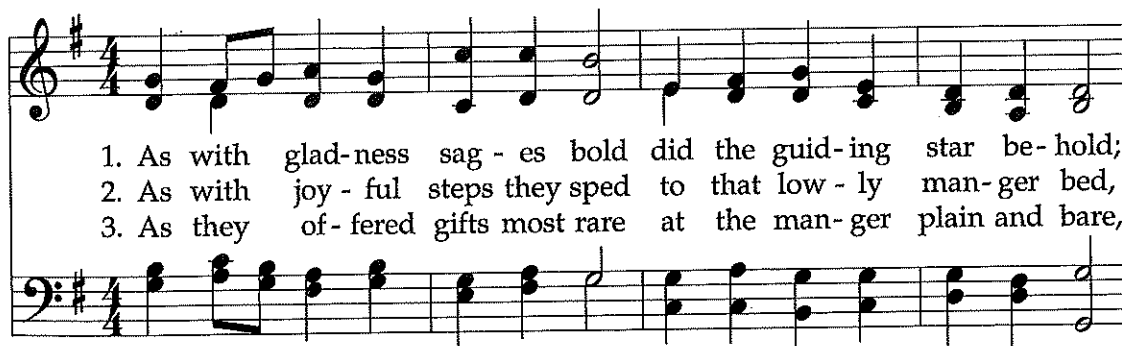
O star of won - der, star of light, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,



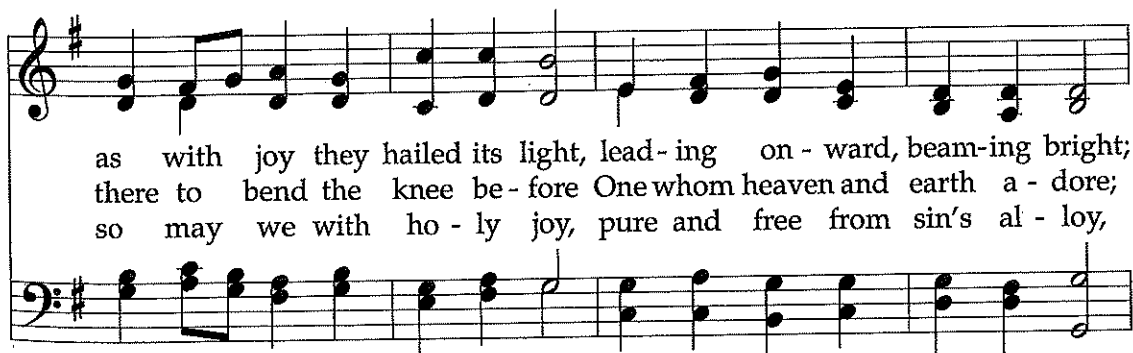
west-ward lead-ing, still pro-ceed-ing, guide us to thy per-fect light.

As with Gladness

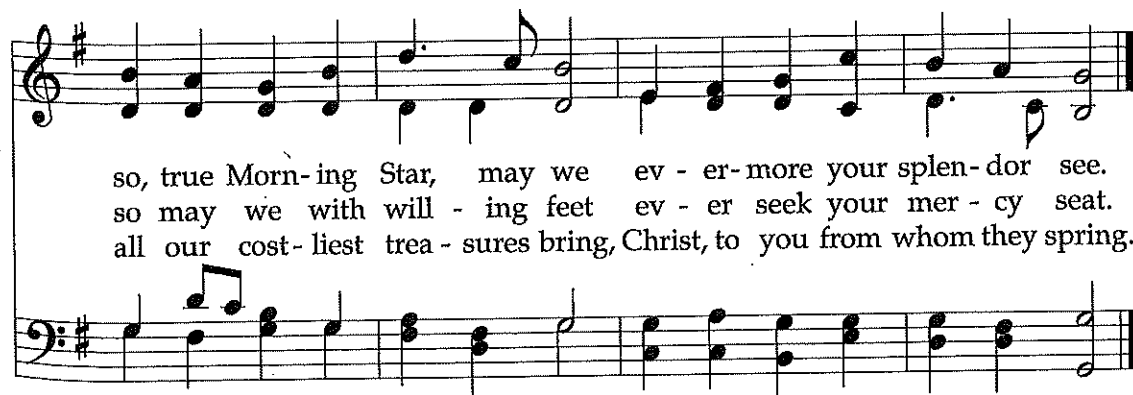
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1. As with glad-ness sag-es bold did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2. As with joy-ful steps they sped to that low-ly man-ger bed,
 3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at the man-ger plain and bare,



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be-fore One whom heaven and earth a-dore;
 so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,



so, true Morn-ing Star, may we ev-er-more your splen-dor see.
 so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek your mer-cy seat.
 all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.

WORDS: William C. Dix, 1861, alt.
 MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

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There's a Song in the Air!

1. There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!
 2. There's a tu - mult of joy o'er the won - der - ful birth,
 3. We re - joice in the light, and we ech - o the song

There's a moth - er's deep prayer and a ba - by's low cry!
 for the Vir - gin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth.
 that comes down through the night from the heav - en - ly throng,

And the star rains its fire while the an - gel choirs sing,
 See, the star rains its fire while the an - gel choirs sing,
 and we wel - come the glo - ri - ous gos - pel they bring,

for the man - ger of Beth - le - hem cra - dles a king!
 for the man - ger of Beth - le - hem cra - dles a king!
 and we greet in the cra - dle our sav - ior and king.

What Child Is This

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*William C. Dix, 1865; alt.**Luke 2:7-14, 25-32; Matt. 2:11; John 1:14;
John 19:16b-18, 34*

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep - ing?
 2 Why lies the Child in man - ger bare where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3 Bring gifts of in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, join in ju - bi - la - tion;



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Give heed, draw near; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The Ho - ly Child, though meek and mild, has come with God's sal - va - tion.



This, this, the an - gels sing, is Christ, God's ho - ly of - fer - ing;
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
 Raise, raise the song on high, the moth - er sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste your praise to bring the babe, the child of Mar - y!
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the child of Mar - y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the child of Mar - y!



William Chatterton Dix, manager of an English marine insurance company, wrote a number of fine hymns. This one is always sung to the tune Greensleeves, which first appeared in England in 1580 and is mentioned in one of Shakespeare's plays.

Tune: GREENSLEEVES 8 6 7 with refrain
 English tune melody, 16th century

Brightest and Best

Unison Gm Bb Dm

1. Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
3. Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,

Cm Dm Gm

dawn on our path - way and lend us your aid.
vain - ly with gifts Je - sus' fa - vor se - cure.

Bb Dm

Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion.

Cm Dm Gm

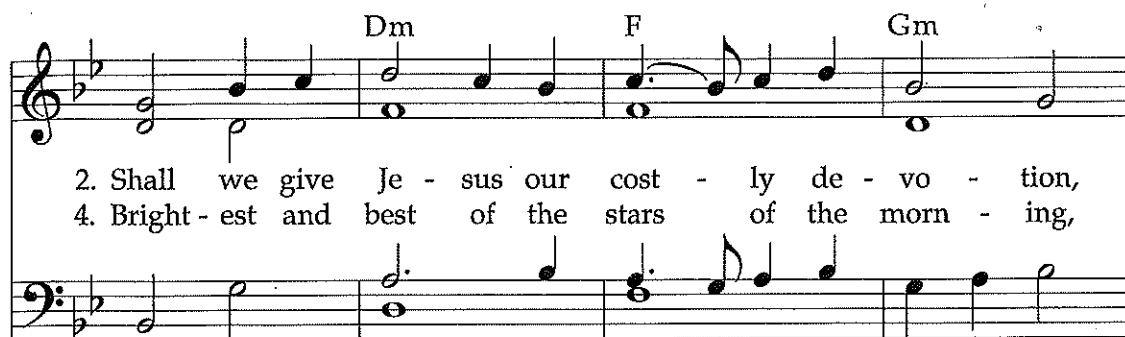
guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
Dear - er to God are the gifts of the poor.

WORDS: Reginald Heber, 1811, alt.
MUSIC: *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. Marty Haugen, 1987

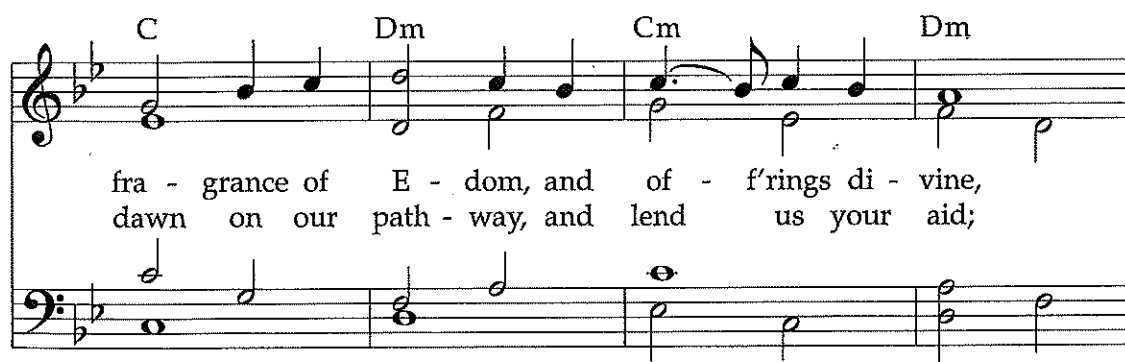
STAR IN THE EAST
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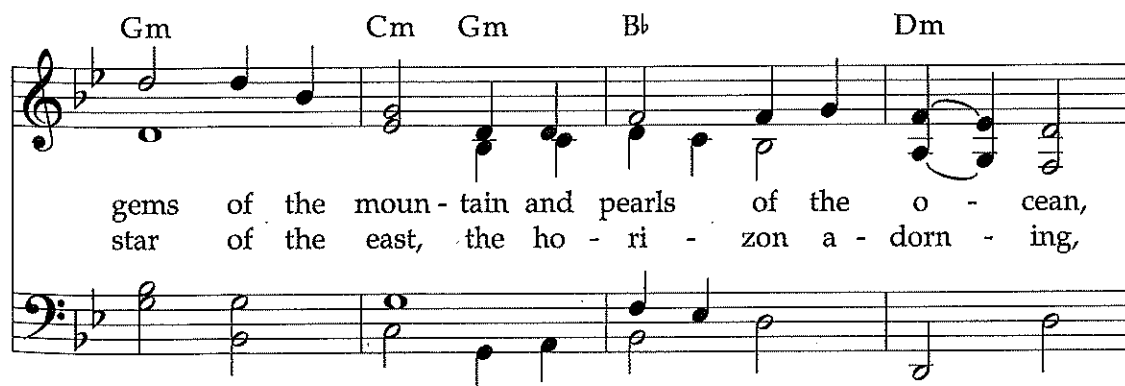
2. Shall we give Je - sus our cost - ly de - vo - tion,
 4. Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



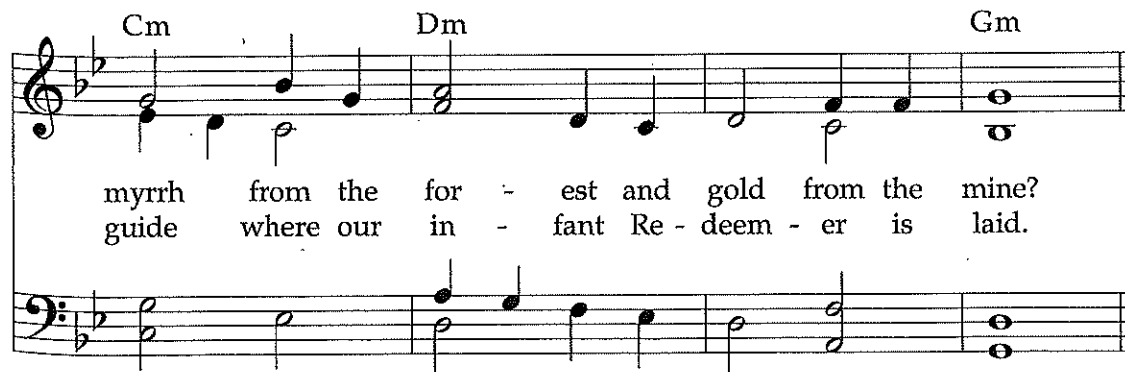
fra - grance of E - dom, and of - f' rings di - vine,
 dawn on our path - way, and lend us your aid;



gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
 star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?
 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.



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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Lauren Helmreich
Acolyte:
Sound Booth: Mike Pierson/James Melton
Council Stewards:

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Pat Forward
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Sound Booth: Mike Pierson/James Melton
Council Steward:



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GIFTS FOR EPIPHANY

Gifts received today for Epiphany (toothpaste, deodorant and Shampoo) will be delivered to Room at the Inn and Turning Point Ministries. As we remember the prophetic proclamation of the Magi through their gifts, we make the same prophetic proclamation with our gifts.

CUCC AND COVID-19

The CUCC COVID-19 Response Team will be meeting tomorrow evening (1/4) to decide when and how to slowly reopen our Sanctuary for Sunday morning worship, reflecting on the 5-day averages for new COVID cases in Boone County. An email will be sent to the congregation by Tuesday morning at the latest with detailed plans.

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

If you are a ministry team leader and have not turned in your Annual Report yet, please do so! April and Pastor Rick will be working on these this week. We plan to have the Annual Report ready for distribution by Sunday, January 24.

POINSETTIAS

Today will be the last day for the poinsettias in our Sanctuary; if you would like to bring one home, come by and pick one up early in the week! You can pick one up in the church office between 9:00-3:00 this week. Thank you to all who donated poinsettias in honor/memory of a loved one to decorate our Sanctuary!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	1/3	EPIPHANY Worship (online only)	10:30am
Mon	1/4	Staff Meeting Outreach & Advocacy Ministry Team Confirmation CUCC COVID Response Team	10:15am 5:00pm 6:00pm 8:00pm
Tue	1/5	Nurture & Education Ministry Team	6:30pm
Thu	1/7	Inclusion & Affirmation Ministry Team	6:30pm
Fri	1/8	Pastor Rick's day off	
Sun	1/10	BAPTISM OF JESUS Worship	10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

On hospice: Sharon Tiemann (April Rothwieler's Aunt)
Ken Duermeyer & Family... recovering from COVID
Paul Plaspohl... health issues (Ann Stone Meyer's friend)
Karen Wittich... knee replacement Friday 1/8 (Kim Oberle's mother)
Mariann Bullerd... health issues recovering from COVID
The Family of Donald Powell... on their loss (Sheryl Oncken's father)
Andrew Hill... challenges in life (April Rothweiler's son) and April, too..

All who are suffering from COVID-19 virus and other viruses

All who are on the front lines, serving those with COVID-19

Sheila... challenges in life and faith
The Zimny, Lasley, Koerkenmeier, Malicoat,
Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Christie O'Very; Nathan Schnell
Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Jason Wilhoit (Vena Long's friend);
Riley Gregg (Alisa Lau-Sieckmann's neighbor); Christine Mseke,
Gary Johnson... recovering from non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Kelly Smith's father)
Dennis Froeschner... anticipating knee replacement surgery
Irene Hurst... living with cancer (Sue & Cliff Beckman's friend)

Living in Care Facilities:

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt
Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank

Serving us in the military:

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson
James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)
Thomas Zumalt (Shirley Lawler's grandson)
Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);
Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin); Cole Long (Vena's grandson)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Thomas Smith... serving in Korea

Global Ministries Mission:

Ed Rollins & Jess Wolfe

2020 Confirmation Class (Confirmation on delay until January):

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly

2021 Confirmation Class:

Zabibu Kibaro, Kennedy Lucas, Addison Melton,
Abby Dennis, Brandon Schoeneberg, Sadie Tummons