

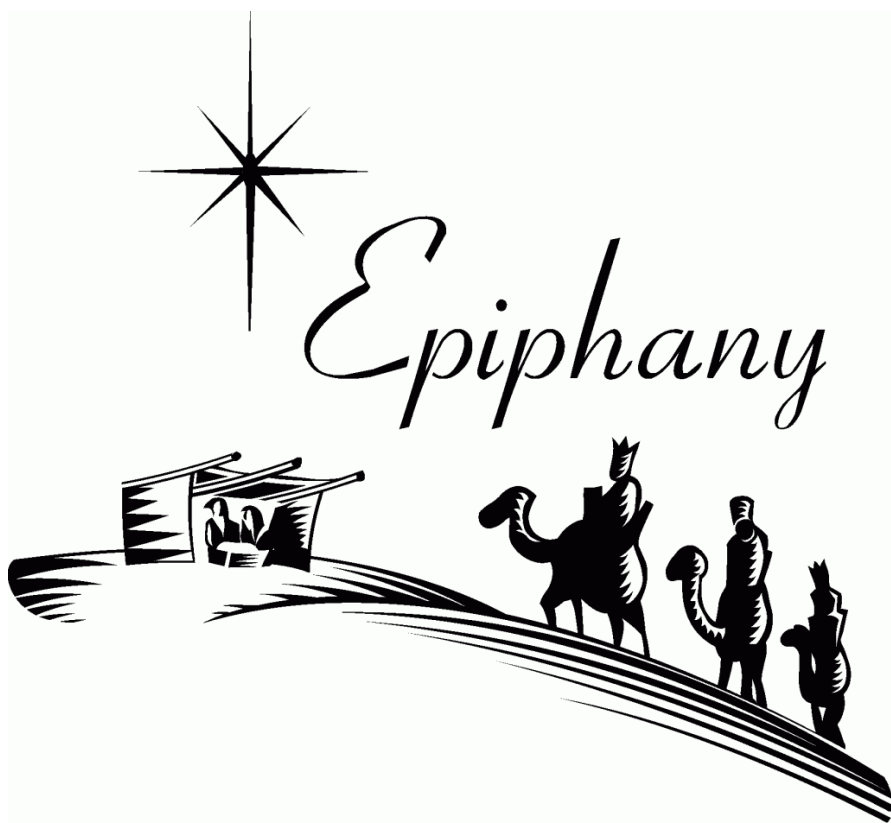
CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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January 6th, 2019
Epiphany Sunday
10:30 am

* Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude

Arise

Kathy Frizell

Arr. by Mark Hayes

Millete Silverio, piano

Welcome &
Announcements

Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

*Call to Worship

Deacon Adrienne Trevathan

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

The glory of God has risen upon us!

For darkness shall cover the earth and thick
darkness the peoples,

**But God will rise upon us and
God's Glory will appear over us.**

The light of God is with us;

**All the nations's leaders will be
drawn to the light of God.**

God's light now dwells with us;

**Come, worship God, and shine
God's light to the world!**

*Hymnal #87

What Gift Can We Bring?

Using the notecard you were given, you are invited to write the name of a gift (or gifts) that you will offer to God in this new year. This can be a skill that you have, a trait that others have noticed in you, or an activity that you are passionate about and want to continue to do as a way of being a blessing.

Introduction of "Journey to the Gift-Giver."

Deacon Adrienne Trevathan

*Hymnal p.795 - Psalm 72 - Sung Response 1

WORD

Old Testament

Isaiah 60: 1 - 6

Mariano Santos, Reader

Anthem

The Jesus Gift

*Words & Music by Gilbert M. Martin
The Chancel Choir*

*Gospel **Matthew 2: 1-12**
*Hymnal #254 **We Three Kings**
Message **The Journey of the Magi**
Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

Entrance into Silence

Hymnal #349 **Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

TABLE

Great Thanksgiving

Communion **Journey to the Gift-Giver**

As you prepare to receive Communion, we invite you to bring forward the gift(s) you will offer to God in this new year (Blessing God with Our Gifts). After you receive Communion, please take a piece of chalk (God Blesses Us With Gifts).

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup.

SENDING FORTH

*TFWS #2091 **The King of Glory Comes**

Benediction and Passing the Peace

Postlude **We Three Kings**
Words & Music by John H. Hopkins
Arr. by Joel Raney
Millete Silverio, piano
John Tiffin, keyboard
Nick Werth, drums

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Keeping God central in hearts, minds, and lives

WELCOME

If you are a guest at Central today, we welcome and are honored you have come to begin a New Year with us. Today as we celebrate **HOLY COMMUNION**, you do not have to be United Methodist or a member of our congregation to participate; all who accept Christ's invitation to his table – of every age – are welcome. Our method of communion today will be to go forward to receive the bread and the cup.

FEAST OF EPIPHANY

Today, we celebrate the **FEAST OF EPIPHANY**. After worship, join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for our Epiphany/New Year's **POTLUCK**.

ALTAR

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by the **WERTH FAMILY** in celebration of **OPHELIA's** second birthday.

2019 ALTAR FLOWERS

The **2019 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR** is posted on the Bulletin Board by the Fellowship Hall kitchen. Please choose dates when you would like to provide flowers for the altar during 2019. Thank you for your faithful provision of altar flowers, keeping the altar beautiful week-by-week!

THANK YOU

Pastor Biel, Millete, Doris, Pam, Kathy and **Ellen** thank everyone who donated to our Staff Christmas Gifts. Your gifts were much appreciated; we are grateful to serve this congregation.

LISTENING POST

On **Wednesday, January 9**, at **7 pm**, a Listening Post will be held in Fellowship Hall. Anyone who is interested in sharing ideas on the future of the church is invited to attend.

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PLEDGE CARDS & ENVELOPES

Thank you for your giving throughout 2018, and into the new year of 2018. Financial envelopes for 2019 are available today for pick up in the narthex. If you do not have an envelope in your name, please contact Pam Castaneda (847-673-1311).

FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to everyone who brought food donations today for the **NILES TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY**. Items may be left in the vestibule by the shopping cart.

UPPER ROOM

The January/February edition of the daily devotional booklet, **THE UPPER ROOM**, is available in the literature rack in the Narthex.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

January 8 - Patti Downes

January 10 - Dawn Williams

January 12 - Judy Reuter, Russ Reuter

Johnien Reyer Cabanayan

To add a name to the birthday list, contact the church office at (847) 673-1311 or central_church@skokiecentralumc.org.

CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, January 6th

Epiphany Sunday

8:45 am - Chancel Choir
9:30 am - Sunday School
& Adult Bible Study
10:30 am - **Worship**
Potluck to follow

Monday, January 7th

7 pm - Finance Committee Mtg.

Wednesday, January 9th

12:30 pm - Canasta
7 pm - Listening Post (FH)
7 pm - Scout Troop 72

Thursday, January 10th

7 pm - Choir Practice

Saturday, January 12th

7:45 am - Food Depository

Sunday, January 13th

8:45 am - Chancel Choir
9:30 am - Sunday School
& Adult Bible Study
10:30 am - **Worship**
Fellowship to follow

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*To add/remove someone from the Prayer List,
contact the church office*

Hospitals, Rehab, Assisted

Living & Extended Care:

Edith Bass
Brian Gut
Steve Winker
Rosemarie Young

At Home

Carolyn Adams
Nancy Blaylock
Doris Bloom
Jacquie Leipold
Lois Martin
Rev. Sylvia Pleas
Harriet Tiahnybik
Nena Zamora
Eutopio Zamora

LEADERS

Pastor.....**Timothy J. Biel Jr.**
Deacon.....**Adrienne Trevathan**
Reader.....**Adrienne Trevathan**
Choir Director/Accompanist.....**Millete Silverio**
Song Leader.....**Julianne Arvizu**
Office Staff.....**Doris Bloom & Pam Castaneda**
Nursery Attendant.....**Ellen Mittman**
Lay Leader.....**Cynthia Barron**
Fellowship.....**Epiphany Potluck**
Ministers.....**The People of the Congregation**

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message:

Christ Lives Today!

***Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,
today and forever***