



A Community of faith, led by God's spirit, offering Christ to the World

“Our Gifts for Epiphany”

January 22, 2023

In Christian context, Epiphany is the time where we step into the story of the Magi. Wisemen from the East led by a star on their journey to find the newborn King. Once the star stopped over the house where Jesus was staying, the Magi had an opportunity to share their gifts in worship of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gifts with many meanings to the King that was to lead the Jews to a new found peace and freedom in this world. These Magi were called to follow without reservation until they found the newborn King, and once he was found, they worshiped the One that had been promised for 400 years.

The primary significance of the gifts lay in their great value—they were indeed gifts fit for a king. Beyond making it clear that these were great treasures given in an act of worship, Scripture does not directly attach any other symbolic meaning to the gifts. However, without venturing too far off into extra-biblical speculation, it's reasonable to draw a few possible inferences from the gifts brought by the wise men. These valuable gifts were clearly intended to honor Jesus, but it's possible they carried deeper theological significance as well.

As was customary for royal visits, the wise men came bearing treasured gifts intended to honor the newborn king. And as it is today, gold was a valued commodity in the ancient world. Among the types of assets listed in the Bible, accumulation of gold was one of the chief measures of wealth (Genesis 13:2, Ecclesiastes 2:8). Because of its scarcity and immense value, gold was particularly associated with royalty and nobility, as is seen in 1 Kings 10 when the Queen of Sheba visits King Solomon bearing great quantities of gold as a gift. By bringing a gift of gold, the wise men showed that they did indeed consider Jesus a king.

As with gold, frankincense may also have an implied connection with the Temple worship of the Old Covenant. Burning incense at the altar was a key part of the sacrificial system prescribed by God for use in the Tabernacle and, later, in the Temple itself. According to Exodus 30, however, not just any incense would do. A specific recipe of spices mixed with “pure frankincense” (v. 34) was to be consecrated as “pure and holy” (v.35) and was the only incense permitted at the altar. A speculative parallel can be drawn between this and Jesus' life as a pure and holy offering to the Lord.

Just like the first two gifts, there is a Temple connection with myrrh as well. Exodus 30 tells us that liquid myrrh was a main ingredient in the anointing oil used to ceremonially prepare the priests, the instruments, the altar, and the Temple itself before sacrifices could be made. Again, parallels to Jesus' consecrated life and sacrificial death are immediately noticeable. All three gifts reveal thought-provoking implications that related to Jesus' life and ministry. What gifts do we bring in worship to the King? What are we willing to carry and lay at His feet as we step into a new season of ministry that will make disciples for the transformation of the world?

In His grip,
Jason

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Tom Moore** by Lynn & Bill White;
Lynda & Bennett Massey

In memory of **Ralph Hammond** by Beth & Larry
Hendrickson

In memory of **Rev. Hughley** by Lynn & Bill White

*The Chancel Flowers are given to
the glory of God by Cindy and
Randy Autry.*

TOWN HALL MEETING
Wynnton United Methodist Members Only

January 22, 2023 at 3p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Rev. Steve Patton, our District Superintendent for the Northwest District will be speaking.

If you cannot attend this meeting in person we will be sending out a ZOOM link to [church members only](#). Please make sure the church office has your correct email address if you are interested in attending by Zoom.

WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY NEEDS

Our church was able to serve 23 students through the Adopt-A-Family project. Thank you all so much for your generosity. This year there were individuals who “adopted” students in addition to the Sunday School classes!

In January and February, WAA is asking for donations of **gloves and socks**. The cold weather is here and many students are in need of these items. Please drop your donations in the bin in the Fellowship Hall to be delivered.

UPCOMING ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

January 19th at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall, we will be having a planning meeting for adult ministry. The goal of this meeting is to put events and activities on the calendar for the new year for our adults. Please plan to bring your lunch and ideas for us to discuss and potentially put on the calendar for the year.

February 4th at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, we will be hosting a cyber security seminar for the whole church. Unfortunately, scammers are becoming more prevalent and sneakier in their approaches. Join us as we learn from Sergeant Jane Edenfield how to recognize and avoid scams.

Mark your calendars for February 16th at 11:30 am for a Valentine’s luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Details to come.

Blessings,
Rev. Michaela Walley

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

Service can be described as the work performed by an individual or a group that benefits or contributes to the welfare of others. As Christians, we are called to take care of each other and all that God has blessed us with. Serving others allows us to develop our gifts and increase our faith. It also allows us the opportunity to experience spirit-filled moments of great peace and joy. When we allow God to work in us and through us, our service leads us to be more like Jesus. This Sunday, our Wynnton Choirs will sing prayerful anthems that sing of forgiveness, consecrated service, and a desire to be more like Jesus.

Chancel Choir Anthem

"Jesus, Full of Grace" by Nicole Elsey and Robert Sterling

*Precious Jesus, more full of grace than I of sin,
open Your arms and take me in.*

*Great Redeemer, free me from my own selfish
will, and love this faithless sinner still.*

*Oh, Jesus, full of grace, make me more like You.
Illuminate my heart 'til Your love shines through.*

May Your perfect will be all I pursue.

Jesus, full of grace, make me more like You.

*Patient Shepherd, You know the way to bring me
back.*

Restore in me the faith I lack.

*Gentle Healer, please make my broken pieces
whole, my fallen spirit to console.*

*Oh, Jesus, full of grace, make me more like You.
Illuminate my heart 'til Your Love shines through.*

May Your perfect will be all I pursue.

Jesus, full of grace, make me more like You.

*The ruins of my soul repair. Please, make my
heart Your house of prayer.*

Oh, Jesus, full of grace, make me more like You.

*Illuminate my heart 'til Your love shines through.
May Your perfect will be all I pursue.*

Jesus, full of grace, make me more like You.

Ephesians 4:11-13

*So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets,
the evangelists, the pastors and the teachers, to
equip his people for works of service, so that the
body of Christ may be built up until we reach
unity in the faith and in the knowledge of
the Son of God and become mature, attaining to
the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.

*CORE Groups Sunday 5:00-7:00pm
 *Prayer Breakfast & Jesus Fridays 7:00-& 7:30am
 Chick-fil-a on Whittelsey
 *Youth Information: Text @basement22 to 81010
 *Youth Parents Info: Text @wumcpa to 81010



*Youth Winter Retreat - February 17th - 20th
 Registration is NOW open. Scan QR code to register!

Children's Programs

The nursery is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. as well as Sunday School for grades K-12 from 9:45-10:50 a.m. The nursery for infants through age 3 is on the first floor of the Grimes building. Children's Sunday School for Pre-K-5th Grade is on the first floor of the Grimes building, and youth Sunday School is in the basement under the sanctuary. Children's Church will be offered for children through 5th Grade in the Children's Center in the Grimes building during the worship hour.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children in Pre-K through 4th grade are welcome to join us for Children's Sunday School from 9:45 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. in the Grimes Building on the first floor in the Children's Church room next to the nursery.

BE A WYNNTON WELCOMER

WE NEED YOU! to sign-up as a Sunday morning welcomer. We are looking for volunteers to fill open slots through the end of January. Check your calendars for a few Sundays you are available to help us greet our members and guests on Sunday morning. Sign-up sheets will be available in the main hallway this Sunday.

BACKPACKS OF GRACE

January is Backpacks of Grace month at Wynnton! Backpacks of Grace is a ministry of our church through which we provide weekend food for selected students at our Partner in Education school, Wynnton Arts Academy. Each Thursday morning, volunteers pack bags that are distributed at the school on Friday. We purchase basic items from Feeding the Valley at low costs. Supplemental items are purchased at retail food stores. If you wish to donate, please choose items from the list below. They must be packaged in INDIVIDUAL SERVING containers. Also, NO PEANUTS can be in the product or in the manufacturing process (see "Contains" label on packages). Collection bins are in the Fellowship Hall and the hallway outside the Library. Items which are helpful are:

- Individual macaroni and cheese cups
 - Individual snacks (cookies, crackers, etc.)
 - Individual breakfast food (cereal, oatmeal, grits, etc.)
 - Individual fruit cups (diced fruit, applesauce, etc.)
 - Financial donations may be made through the church office.
- Thank you for your support of this important ministry!

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
Lynn Christenson	Dorothy Robinson
Aubrey Walker	Jennefer Spell
Daro Miller	Jim Accordino
David Woolbright	Denise Hill
Pam Feagle	Benjamin Feagle
Julee Robinson McGehee	Frank Feagle
Betty Garrett	Barbara McKenzie
Andy Andresen	Richard Holmes
Sue Pope	Agnes Tew
Doris Rowe	Joy Graham
Tom Stafford	Freddie Richardson
Jeanine Cotton	Denton Spurlin
Joe Batastini	Shelley Montgomery

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Wanda Lybarger
 Family of Rev. Bennie Frank Hughley
 Family of Tom Moore
 Family of Diane Ryals

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Reading Through Psalms Week 2

Each week as we read through Psalms together, you might notice an overall theme that goes through each. One of the great things about Psalms is that each Psalm points towards God. They not only reach out to Him in moments of dire need, but instead they reach out to God at every moment. Sing a song of praise and thankfulness, because God is the one getting us through dark of night to the bright morning that follows. Praise the Lord your God, because always He is with us. "I sought the Lord and He answered me, He delivered me from all my fears. (Psalm 34: 4)". Seek the Lord, all the days of your life, and know that He will always be with you. -Will

January 22: Psalm 22, 23, 24
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 January 24: Psalm 28, 29, 30, 31
 January 25: Psalm 32, 33, 34
 January 26: Psalm 35, 36
 January 27: Psalm 37
 January 28: Psalm 38, 39

OUR STEWARDSHIP

1-15-23

General Fund.....	14,108.00
Backpacks of Grace.....	550.00
Endowment.....	20.00
Local Emergency Relief.....	25.00
Missions.....	50.00
UMCOR.....	300.00
Other Contributions.....	133.00
Sunday School.....	36.75
Wynnton Neighborhood Network.....	2,000.00
Wynnton Arts Academy.....	500.00

FLOWER DELIVERY

Rachel Plummer

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

24	Hannah Fowler, Kate Harbison, Claire Mims
25	Austin Toelle, Holly Walker
26	Mike Goyne
27	Marsha Ellis, Beth Hendrickson, Glen Hendrix, Janet Morris
28	Margaret Ellen Alexander

OUR ATTENDANCE

1-15-23

8:30 a.m. Service.....	36
11:00 a.m. Service.....	91
Sunday School.....	136

SUNDAY'S SERMON

#Why Wynnton:
*Our Service Reflects God's Word
 Through Action*
 Philippians 2:1-4, 12-18

Dr. Jason Wade

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

January 22: Team 2 – Scott McCranie, Harold Hill, John Taylor

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 22

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth & Children
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
Streams Live on Facebook
3:00 p.m. Town Hall Meeting - Fellowship Hall
Church Council Meeting following
Town Hall Meeting
5:00-7:00 p.m. CORE Group - Youth

Monday, January 23

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Library
5:30 p.m. Bible Study - Home of Beth Hendrickson

Tuesday, January 24

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building

Wednesday, January 25

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Alpha Building
12-1 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
6:15 -7:15 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
6:30 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting - Library
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 26

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building
9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace
5:30 p.m. Staff Parish Meeting - Alpha Building

Friday, January 27

- 7:00 - 7:30 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast - Chick-fil-A - Whittlesey Rd.

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies Jan. 20-22
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039

**WE NEED YOUR
HELP**

Please help us update our information (or pick up a card in the church) by using this QR code. Contact Will Walley at the church for more information or questions.

