

Our Church Family

Ann Chisenhall  
Marie Pierce  
Ray Clark

In Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Limited Mobility

Shirley Edwards—Brookdale SW  
Janet McKercher—White Oaks  
Norine Veal—Woodlake  
Phyllis King—Vernon Manor  
June Latkofsky  
Esther Harris  
Irene Surette

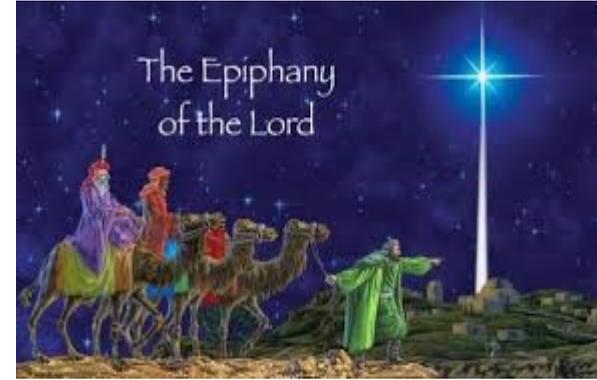


Other Concerns:

Ray Benner (Janice Klingman’s Brother) Covid 19  
Cassity Kerstetter (niece of Dave Saunders—Boot Camp)  
Peter McCarthy (Wayne Badstuebner’s nephew)  
Bob Hornbecker—Medical Issues (spouse of Debby Walters’ boss)  
Paula Herlihy, caregiver, and her parents, Ed and Rosemary Ostafi  
Steve Chisenhall’s father, Rev. Herbert Chisenhall—Recovery from stroke  
Emily Rushton, Don Corne, Chelsea Whitney, Glen Stambo, Alyssa Walters, Craig Stearns, Scott Gay, Al Laflamme Nancy Beimler, Margaret Wilkie and all medical professionals and healthcare workers affected by the virus.  
Lorna (Emily’s aunt) cancer

To add a name to our prayer list, please contact the church office at 860-875-6562 or RockvilleUMC@outlook.com.

Dr. Belinda Forbes  
Missionary  
Accion Medica Christiana Managua, Nicaragua  
Pastor Kristin White  
Green Street UMC  
Augusta, ME



Rockville United Methodist Church  
Epiphany Sunday  
Order of Worship  
January 3, 2021

GATHERING MEDITATION

“Arise! Shine! The light you have been waiting for is here!” Epiphany is a time to call Christian believers to jump into the crescendo of the history of salvation. The light of Christ will become more intense as we progress into the Epiphany season. Now we can walk and work in the light. Come, let us celebrate God’s light given to us!

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Today is Epiphany Sunday!  
P: **On this day we praise the light and glory of God that pierces the darkness in our world.**  
L: Today is a great day of rejoicing!  
P: **On this day we celebrate the coming of the Wise Ones to see the child of prophecy who would change the world forever.**  
L: Today is a great day of revelation!  
P: **On this day we proclaim the mystery of Christ to all the creation.**

OPENING PRAYER

O God, you made of one blood all nations, and, by a star in the East, revealed to all people him whose name is Emmanuel. Enable us who know your presence with us so to proclaim his unsearchable riches that all may come to his light and bow before the brightness of his rising, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

LORD’S PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 3:1-12

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 2 1-12

**SERMON** *Growing in Daily Life—"Focus on God's Light and Word"* Pastor Cheol

**OFFERING**  
(Please send tithes and Offerings to the church office or use the online giving option.)

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**  
Gracious God, as we bring our offerings to you, we pray that our giving continues to point to the Christ who comes in love and compassion, with more concern for those who don't have enough and little concern that those who have so much will get more. May our giving in this season reflect our hope for a new kind of kingdom to reign in our world. We pray this in the name of the Messiah, Jesus our Savior. Amen.

**JOYS, CONCERNS, AND CELEBRATIONS OF OUR PEOPLE** (please see back page)

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Gracious God, we thank you for opening our New Year as we worship you in our homes; we thank you for coming to us in Jesus Christ and for the life you have granted us through his birth and his life and through his death and resurrection. Father, as we enter into the fullness of this New Year, help us to meet the challenges of each moment with grace and compassion. May we hear you, Lord, as you lead and guide us. And we ask you to bless us in our homes and at our places of work. Especially, we pray that you will help us prepare a banquet of your love, a testimony to your care, and a witness to your healing and restoring power. Inspire us and help us to inspire others with your love and grace. May your light of forgiveness, love and peace shine through your people this year to the ends of the earth. Amen.

WE LEAVE WITH GOD'S BLESSING

**BENEDICTION**

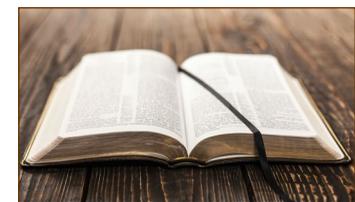
The dawn of a new year has been upon us and God calls us to start it and lightens our way in his grace and love. Let us focus on God's light and God's word that our new journey may be full of joy, peace and blessings. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, go now in peace to the world to become the light of Christ, so all might see and praise the Lord our God. Amen.



The Worship Team has been working hard to keep our church family connected since March of 2020 with our weekly online services. In addition, we have been sending weekly mailings. (Pastor's letter, weekly service bulletins and sermons and monthly Newsletter). If you are interested in helping to prepare these documents for mailing, please let me know. (No computer skills are needed.) This could be done at home or at church using social distancing.  
Thank you. Janice (jjklmn@aol.com, 860-798-7406)

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Would you like to participate in our online worship service? We can (safely) record you reading the scriptures and insert it into the service. (You would not be on camera.)  
Let us know if you would like to participate by emailing our Worship Chairman, Nat Woodruff at woodruff983@gmail.com or Pastor Cheol at starcheol@gmail.com.



**JANUARY** Birthday  
Eileen Gay January 8