

# The Lighthouse

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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! And yet, even as I say that, I listen to newscasts, and read blogs, and hear conversations that all too often make it sound like the calendar may be turning over, but the rest of it will just stay the same. It sounds like there is no hope for a happy year to come, nor any possibility of there being anything new in it.

We have somehow become a people who no longer believe in the possibility of change. Just listen to our

words: "It is what it is! There's nothing we can do about it." "That will never change." and this time of

*"Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not see it?"*

*I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert."*

(Isaiah 43: 18-19)

year ... "I don't make resolutions, I can't keep them anyway!"

Where does this pessimism come from? How

have we become so discouraged or disheartened to believe this is truth? Because,

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**OPEN HEARTS**

**OPEN DOORS**

**OPEN MINDS**

hear me carefully my friends, IT IS NOT! As we heard so clearly in Mary's story this Christmas, "Nothing is impossible for God!" NOTHING!! Not even changing the way things are, that they might become more the way they should be.

Now don't get me wrong. I know there are lots of things that may seem unchangeable to us. And I know it is true that we can't change another person. But let's not confuse those situations with the ones that can change. Let's not give up on our own lives, that by the grace of God, can be made new, as we walk every more closely by God. Let's not give up on our community, that by the love of God living through our hands and lives, can be moved every more closely to the kingdom of God. And let's not give up on our world, that by the power of God being made real in the lives of all of us, can be made into a place of peace and justice for all.

We are not people who are helpless ... and we should not be people who are hopeless. We worship a powerful, loving, and gracious God who makes us able to do all kinds of things in God's name. For with God, all things are possible ... ALL THINGS!!

Wishing you a new year filled with hope and love!

*Pastor Susan*

Many thanks to all who helped decorate our church for the Advent and Christmas season. It has been a joy to worship in this beauty!

—*Pastor Susan*

The Administrative Board met on December 13, and released the following notes from the meeting:

Token payments for District and Conference Apportionments have been made.

2019 budget was approved.

Palmer fund will be moved to the Huntington Bank.

Proceeds from the Coffee Fund are designated as follows: first six months for Vacation Bible School and second six months for Adopt A Family.

Several updates are needed per insurance company inspection.

Insurance payment for elevator repair is pending.

Children's church is planning a special event on March 24. This activity will be for all members (not just the children)

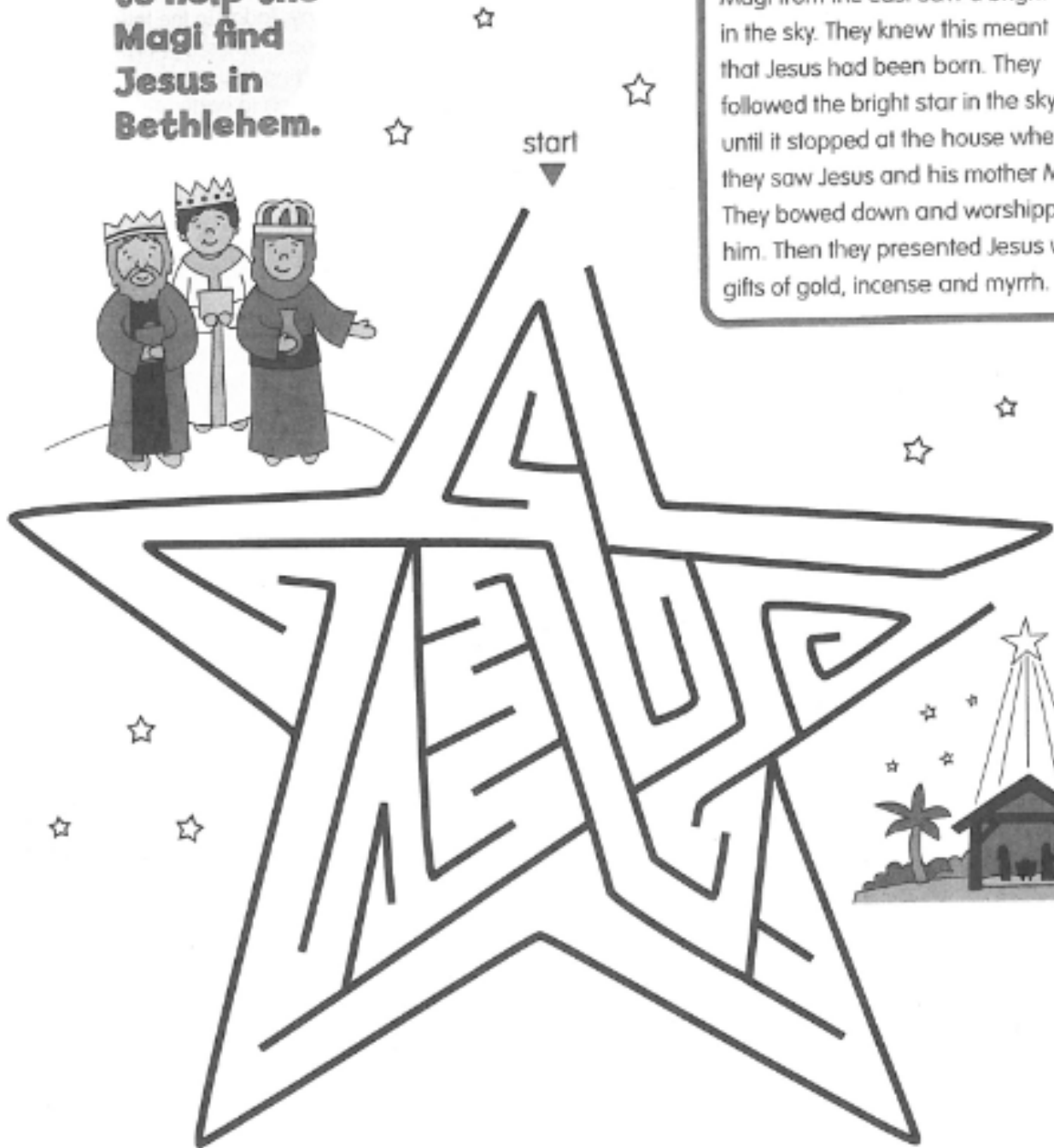
# The Magi Bring Gifts

Matthew 2 1-12

**Draw a path  
to help the  
Magi find  
Jesus in  
Bethlehem.**



After Jesus was born in Bethlehem Magi from the east saw a bright star in the sky. They knew this meant that Jesus had been born. They followed the bright star in the sky until it stopped at the house where they saw Jesus and his mother Mary. They bowed down and worshipped him. Then they presented Jesus with gifts of gold, incense and myrrh.



## January Birthdays & Anniversaries

1/2 Jill Brenner  
1/8 Sandy Wood  
1/9 Adam Frager  
1/10 Caden Duff  
1/21 Janice Hill  
1/21 Kyle Wolford  
1/22 Emma Kelley  
1/24 Carolyn Martin  
1/25 Chuck Merriman



PRAYER REQUESTS  
We are here to pray for you!



Pam Monosmith  
Gloria Korsgaard  
Bob Koerner  
Theresa Helbert  
Adelind Zolman  
Adam Frager  
Richard Smith  
Kenny & Marilyn  
Sleesman  
Elton Monosmith

Jane Perry  
Ross, Katelyn & baby Hallett  
Allie Chrisman  
Diane Clark  
Dee Gilbert  
Jim Bowsher  
Baby Athena Gaham  
The Wolford family  
Jodi McAfee

### Edgerton Liturgists

1/6-Denise Farnham  
1/13- Shawn Clifton  
1/20- Iva Peverly  
1/27- Mike Douglass

## WORSHIP HAPPENINGS IN JANUARY ...

### January 6 – Epiphany Sunday!

On this day, we celebrate the coming of the Wise Men to the Christ Child, and *SEEING* the presence of God in the world. May we see as clearly as they did!

### January 13 – Baptism of the Lord

Join us as we enter into a sacred time of worship, remembering God's covenant to us in our baptisms, and then renew our baptismal vows in response.