

WESTBY UMC
Epiphany
January 6, 2019

** please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GATHERING HYMN
#237 UMH *Sing We Now of Christmas 1, 4, 5*

*GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

*GREETING OF THE COLLECTIVE

L: God is Good.

P: All the Time.

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P: God is Good!

*CENTERING THOUGHTS *(unison)*

Arise, shine, for your light has come.

**The glory of God's goodness and grace has risen upon you
that you may show God's love in all that you do.**

Arise, shine, for your light has come.

*OPENING HYMN #245 UMH *The First Noel*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN OF PREPARATION #254 UMH *We Three Kings*

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

MESSAGE

Shining the Light

Pastor Pam

OFFERING OUR TITHES, GIFTS, LIVES, AND SERVICE

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #219 UMH *What Child Is This vs 3*

*OFFERTORY PRAYER *(unison)*

**God of the Ages. You gave us the gift of a Savior,
sent for the rich and the poor alike.**

**May every gift given from the heart be blessed by you,
and every act that proclaims your love bring joy to you.**

We pray this in Christ's holy name. Amen

COMMUNION HYMN #616 UMH *Come Sinners to the Gospel Feast vs 1-2*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-patient God, we are a people

who live in darkness which can overwhelm and paralyze us.

Help us be people of the light,

shining your light of righteousness, peace, and joy

into all the dark places of our lives and world.

Unlock the mystery and glory of the babe born in Bethlehem.

Forgive our aimless wanderings. Guide us by your star to a journey of purpose.

Transform us into people of your light. Amen

SHARING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And

lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and

the power, and the glory forever. Amen

HYMN TO TAKE WITH YOU #221 UMH *In the Bleak Midwinter vs 1, 4*

*BLESSING

L: Like the Magi who followed the star, let the light of God shine through you.

P: The light of Christ is around me and in me.

L: As certain as dawn follows night, so is the promise of God's love for us all.

P: The light of the world born in Bethlehem transforms my darkness to light.

L: Arise and Shine. Follow the star.

P: Amen.

*POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPING WITH US TODAY!

Coming Events

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting

January 13 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Resumes

January 28 6:30 p.m. Location TBD Wisconsin UM Foundation Informational Meeting

Please let Pastor Pam know if you are interested by January 14.

PRAYERS

Graham Berg, Tom Sharrott, Mallory (Julie's daughter), passing of Jane's father, Owen (Ann's brother), travelers, the ministry of this church; those in need in our community; unnamed concerns.

Attendance: December 30 - 18

Contact Information: Pastor Pam Harkema, Office and Parsonage Phone: 608-648-2528

Pastor's cell phone: 989-666-1277 E-Mail pastor@driftlessministry.org

Pastor's Sabbath is Friday.

Westby United Methodist Church is part of the Driftless Regional Ministries which also includes Faith UMC, New Hope UMC, and Retreat UMC.

Sunday Schedule:

8 a.m. New Hope and Retreat Worship at New Hope in January

9:30 a.m. Faith UMC Worship S3297 Salem Ridge Rd, La Farge, 54639

10:45 a.m. Westby UMC Worship, 202 East State St., Westby, 54667

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please submit it by Tuesday night the week before the desired service. Send to westby-umc@driftlessministry.org

Giving Baskets:

We will continue to ask for monthly donations towards the "Welcome Bags" and "Chemo Bags". We need your assistance for this ongoing outreach project to reach new people to the area and to show chemo patients that others are thinking about them.

A list will be posted on the bulletin board in the entry way and a box will be available in the narthex to place your donations.

Sunday Sermons on Channel 15:

The Sunday Sermons are now being broadcast on Vernon Communication's channel 15.

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
1:30 PM	4:00 AM	9:00 AM	2:00 PM	4:30 AM	9:30 AM	12:00 AM
	6:30 PM	11:30 PM		7:00 PM		2:30 PM



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'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.' ~Matthew 2:6

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Fellowship
10:45 AM Worship
Westby United Methodist Church
202 East State St., Westby, WI 54667

*Our calling is to reach all people with the life-changing power of
God's Love and Grace
available to all through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*