



The Bell | January Faith Formation at HUCC

## INVITATION TO WORSHIP LIGHT ANEW



On Christmas Eve at church, did you enjoy singing "Silent Night"? Jesus is not just any light; he is the light that comes to meet us in our darkness, turning our night into day! With the year 2022 upon us and the Church Anew report coming out soon, it truly is a new day for our church.

In worship this first Sunday in January, we will learn about the Epiphany, when the Magi followed the light of a star to bless the Baby Jesus with gifts. John O'Donohue, who wrote many blessings, defines blessing as "a circle of light drawn around a person." In Sunday School this month, we will be exploring what it mean to bless and be blessed.

I think of the time between Epiphany and Lent beginning in March as the season of Epiphany - because light is everywhere! Our calling is to live as a Christmas people, blessing the Christ we see shining in the people and creatures all around us.

God of blessings and epiphanies, thank you for showing us the beauty of our dark and light world. Help us to glimpse your beauty wherever we go.

Shine on! *Pastor Chelsea*



### Note from an HUCC Parent

*I just read author Kate Bowler explaining that we are now in "Christmastide" - a new term to me. It's the period of time between Christmas and the Epiphany which marks the gradual departure of darkness and the gentle dawning of the light at Epiphany.*

*I love the idea of the tide shifting, and felt like this could be a lovely way to walk through the end of 2021 and begin 2022.*

*May it speak to you as well!*

*Happy New Year*

## Sunday January 2, 2022

-- 10 a.m. Worship and Sunday School --  
In the Sanctuary and [Facebook livestream](#)  
[Bulletin](#) and [Scripture](#)

*Welcome visitors! Please connect with us [here](#).*

-- 11 a.m. Bistro --  
Coffee hour in McMullen Hall  
*Masks are required at all times except while eating or drinking.*

Faith Formation Events | January 2022

Children

Youth

Adults

**Hopeful Practices**  
Sunday School this spring will explore Blessing (Jan), Forgiveness (Feb), Generosity (March), Storytelling (April), and Sabbath Silence (May).

**Monthly Service Projects**  
Youth group will reboot in the New Year with monthly service projects in the community. Grades 6-12 can serve together, build community and have fun!

**Strengthen Discipleship**  
New Member classes for adults will be in February after worship. Confirmation classes for grades 7-12 will run January-April, some Sunday evenings.

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### Pledge for Mission

**Financial Stewardship**  
The number of pledges so far for 2022 is running behind what we hoped. If you intend to pledge and have not done so, the finance team encourages you to submit a pledge card. Or skip the card, and submit your pledge to Financial Secretary Paul Jewell by emailing [paul.jewell@utah.edu](mailto:paul.jewell@utah.edu)

### Glendale Pantry

**Compassionate Action**  
Collections for this school food pantry are so appreciated. Food can be placed in the box outside the church office window on Wednesdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Thank you for feeding kids, helping them learn, grow and thrive! For a current grocery list email Jeanne at [goldstein@sisna.com](mailto:goldstein@sisna.com)

### Save the Date

**Council Moderator**  
The Winter Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 30, 2022, in the sanctuary immediately after the worship service. Agenda items will include: Financial Report and Budget, Spiritual Gifts team, Church Roll and HUCC Anew Task Force Report. Questions? [jfbale@msn.com](mailto:jfbale@msn.com)

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