

WHAT IS EPIPHANY (January 6, 2025)



Epiphany - also known as Three Kings' Day - is a Christian feast day which falls on January 6th. It is a special date for many Christians as it's when people celebrate how a star led the Magi - also known as the Three kings or the Wise Men - to visit the baby Jesus after he had been born.

'Epiphany' comes from the Greek word meaning 'to reveal', as it is when the baby Jesus was 'revealed' to the world.

This is why you might hear people say they've had an epiphany, when they've just realized something. WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR EPIPHANY? WATCH FOR IT.

How do people celebrate Epiphany around the world?

In some countries many families will take off January 6th and exchange presents. In Spain and Latin America, *El Día de los Reyes* is just as important as Christmas Day itself.

A bit like how you might leave a carrot and mince pie out on Christmas Eve, the night before *El Día de los Reyes*, children leave out drinks for the Three Kings and there are parades and fireworks displays to mark the occasion.

In Mexico, people celebrate Epiphany by eating a special sweet bread called Rosca de Reyes. The bread is ring-shaped and topped with candied fruit.

The date of Epiphany also happens around the time of Twelfth Night too. Traditionally, Twelfth Night marks the end of Christmas - 12 nights after Christmas. Many people use this date as a marker for when to take their decorations down.



The first Saturday of each month is our Family Game Night. Join us January 4th 6-8:00 p.m. and put your game face on. Bring a friend and/or bring a treat:) Community United Presbyterian Church potluck and game night is the second Saturday, January 11th 5-8:00 p.m.



St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church is hosting a GriefShare group on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings beginning **January 7th at 6:30 p.m. and January 8th at 10:00 a.m.** . GriefShare is a 13-week support program for adults who are experiencing grief through loss. The entire PEACH community is invited. The Hartford Community United Presbyterian Church and the Carlisle Christian Church are helping to sponsor this group. You are encouraged to join any week. If you or if you know someone who might benefit from this group, please call St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church office to register (515-989-0659).



The Worship/Education committees are offering an after worship service class for our congregation interested in deeper discussion. This class will meet twice a month after the service, beginning on January 12, 2025. We are excited about this opportunity and hope you join us with your questions and ready to learn, explore, and grow in your faith.



Our monthly potluck is Sunday January 19th. All are welcome to join the fellowship and good food!



Janet Ray is leading Chair Yoga and Pilates classes in the Fellowship Hall downstairs on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Chair yoga is 4-5:00 p.m. and Pilates is 5:30-6:30 p.m. She will soon begin teaching wall Pilates plus weight class for the arms, to tone, drop inches, and sculpt the body. You will feel great AND look great! Our own Marci P. has attended the 4:00 group for years and it certainly shows! She is so fit and flexible and an inspiration to all!



Rev. Bob, Hayden, and Chase Zirkelbach, Dec. 8th, 2nd Sunday of Advent Special Music



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WINTER FARMER'S MARKET – Our CWF group is selling canned chicken and beef at \$8 each. Dates are: January 11th, February 15th, March 8th, and April 19th. Times are 8:30–11:30 a.m. Location: Old high school gym, aka The Barn.

<p>ONGOING COMMUNITY EVENTS <i>Free Breakfast: Middle River Friends Church</i> <i>1st Saturday each month</i> <i>8:00-9:30 a.m.</i></p> <p>Carlisle Area Historical Society Breakfast Randleman House Adults \$10 <i>2nd Saturday each month</i> <i>8:00 -10:00 a.m.</i></p> <p><i>Free Breakfast: Masonic Lodge, Hartford</i> <i>3rd Saturday each month</i></p>	<p>ONGOING FOOD PANTRIES Middle Rvr Friends Church, 4057 S 23 Hwy <i>Mon & Wed 10 a.m.-6 p.m.</i></p> <p>Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1100 Market St <i>2nd & 4th Tues, 4-5:30 p.m.</i></p> <p>School Food Pantry, 430 School St. <i>1st & 3rd Thurs, 4-5:30 p.m.</i></p> <p>CCA Blessing Box, Carlisle Christian Church 305 Market St., North side of bldg</p>
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CARLISLE COMMUNITY BUILDING EVENTS

A meal is served M-F at 11:00 a.m. (You may also request the meal be delivered to you.) 515-989-4367 for more details. If the Carlisle Community School District is closed due to weather, no meals will be delivered.

Most days activities begin around 10:00 a.m. and sometimes sooner:
 Mondays: cards and games
 Tuesdays: band starts between 9-9:30 a.m. --- cards/games after lunch
 Wednesdays: Bingo 10-11:00 a.m.

Thursdays and Fridays: cards and games

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED AND WELCOMED!

Winter Youth Retreats

Experience the joy of camp in the middle of winter!



Junior High & High School Youth

Feb 28-Mar 2

Both retreats are on the same weekend




2025 Camp Schedule

For more information, scan the QR code

Another Way

- May 30-June 1 – Family Camp
- June 16-21 – ADAM Camp
- June 16-21 – Junior Camp 1
- June 21-22 – Grand Camp 1
- June 23-28 – Chi Rho Camp 1
- June 23-28 – CYF Camp 1
- June 30-July 5 – Junior Camp 2
- July 7-9 – Beginner Camp
- July 19-20 – Grand Camp 2
- July 21-26 – Chi Rho Camp 2
- July 21-26 – CYF Camp 2
- July 28-Aug 2 – Adventure Camp
- Aug 4-9 – Junior Camp 3

Save the date!

**Mid-year Youth Retreats
Feb 28-Mar 2**

Registration is now open for the midyear youth retreats! Both the Chi Rho (current grades 6-8) and CYF (current grades 9-12) will be held at the Christian Conference Center on Feb. 28-Mar 2.

Praying Together

Join with Regional Minister Josh Patty for fifteen minutes of prayer on Thursday, January 9th at 9:30 am via [YouTube](#) or Facebook.

BEYOND
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
EPHESIANS 3:20-21

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Memphis, Tennessee
July 12 - 15, 2025

Register by Nov. 26th and receive \$5 off using code GratitudeMonday




**Disciples of Christ General Assembly
July 12-15, 2025
Memphis, TN**

The General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will gather in person from July 12-15, 2025, in Nashville, TN. The theme: "Beyond" based on Ephesians 3:20-21. [Registration is open!](#)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

BOARD NEWS, Dan Crum, Chair

Greetings. Hope you had a very Merry Christmas and have a blessed New Year! I'm excited to take over from Kyle as your Board Chair for 2025.

As we begin the new year, my goal is to build off of what we have had success with for the last few years. We've come a long way since covid. Look for some changes this year, the first being the date for Board meetings. **Board meetings** will now take place on the **4th Sunday** of each month. The committees and the officers sat down with me a couple weeks ago and talked about our themes for 2025, which are **transparency and unity**. I look forward to communicating with you in the coming months as we move the church forward.

Happy New Year Church Family!!

This is my first month in a few years not being the Board Chair, and it feels good! I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve our Lord and all of you in this role the past three years. I want to thank all of you for your support and encouragement during this time. I am excited for what we have going on in the Church and I am even more HOPEFUL for what is coming!

I am GRATEFUL Dan has taken the Board Chair role and I am looking forward to supporting him in his good works this year!

With passing the duties of Board Chair to Dan, I am looking forward to diving into the Treasurer and Deacon roles more. I am looking forward to applying my experience and learning from others to improve the congregation's understanding of our budget and how YOUR gifts are used to do GOD'S work in this world. As a Deacon I am expecting to grow my Spiritual understanding by partaking in spiritual studies and Sunday School.

This is a new year and a new opportunity to grow in your faith, support those who serve, and find ways to share your gifts with the Church family.

In God's Love, Kyle Nordyke

WORSHIP, Judy Watkins, Chair

The month of Advent was a time full of celebration, worship and prayer. Readings and lighting of advent candles took place. Special music was arranged. Blue Christmas was on December 18th. A lovely Christmas Eve service was at our church. Memorial donations for CCA were honored by lighting a candle on the alter. The worship committee decided, starting in January, offering an after worship service class for our congregation interested in discussion. This class will be twice a month after the service, starting on January 12, 2025. We are excited about this opportunity and hope you join us with your questions and ready to learn, explore, and grow in your faith.

EDUCATION, Emily Nordyke, Chair

The education committee has a lot in store in the year of our Lord 2025! New discussions, days, times, and fellowship opportunities are in the works and a lot of careful consideration and prayer are in the planning.

Sunday school will be back in full swing 9:00 a.m. Sundays; Wednesdays will again be open for a dive in on scripture and open Bible discussions. January starts the year off with an inductive study on John 14:6 Jesus: The way, the truth, and the life. Join us 5:30 Wednesday January 8th.

Not a morning person? Stay after service January 12th to discuss the sermon and other topics/conversations that arise!

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES—CONTINUED

EVANGELISM Kayla Price, Chair

Our congregation has been very busy and generous the past few months! We've collected socks, Thanksgiving items, stuffed Christmas stockings, collected for toy drive and donated funds to adopt four "Spirit of Christmas" families. And still continue to donate for the "Blessing Box!" In January, we will be collecting socks, underwear, sweatpants, leggings, warm gloves or mittens for the Carlisle Community School District children. Watch for January sales! Thank you for all you do to support our committee and the community!

COMMUNITY LIFE, Louanna Pezzetti, Chair

The hearts of kindness are in the coat room to be taken and hid around the community. Whoever finds one is welcome to keep it or share it with someone as an act of kindness. If you just wish to give it to a friend that's fine, too. The heart can be left on a park bench, benches at a ball game, on a tree branch, restroom or anywhere someone would see it.

Game night is Saturday, January 4th 6-8:00 p.m. in fellowship hall. Bring a friend and a snack to share. Our monthly potluck is **Sunday January 19th**. All are welcome to join the fellowship and good food!

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE, Kayla Price and Judy Watkins

Thank you to Mike and Linda Robinson for the donation of two fireproof file cabinets to use for our church scrapbooks/church history. The cabinets were in memory of Mike's sister, Marian Lafayette.

CWF, Linda Robinson, President

Thank you to all who attended our CWF Senior Ladies Christmas party! Approximately 20 ladies enjoyed our time together, the food and the laughter. We were also joined by a special guest from Pennsylvania (Renee Palar), delivery men (file cabinets), the Carlisle City crew (electric issue) and later the exercise class. It was a busy day! Thank you to "special elves" - Judy Watkins, Cindy Berg, Lori Rankin who made it very successful!

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ruby Warren 1/3
 Kayla Price 1/9
 Madison Killen 1/9
 Jacob Charles Hall
 1/10
 Mark Prall 1/13
 MaKenzie Killen
 1/16
 Pat Reynolds 1/30



PRAYERS AND CONCERNS: Please call the church office or contact an Elder to add/remove names.

Our friends in Care Centers: Doris Cully
 Gordy Kain
 Joan Mills
 Katie Hakes
 Joe Lang
 Patsy Overton

Friends and family members: Cathie Berg
 Barb Tate
 Nancy Jones
 Karin Doss
 Erin Dawson

REMEMBERING MILITARY PERSONNEL

Justin Miller (NC) Tara Wesner (Kuwait) Josh Wesner (IN)

Food Bank Christmas Giving

2024

<u>Given By</u>	<u>In Memory Of</u>
Dan Crum, Erica, Justin and Steve	John and Betty Smith, Red and Diane Crum, Glenda Shannon
Gordy Kain and Family	Ray Kain
Craig, Kayla, and Family	Herb Price
Nordyke Family	Ashley Carmin

WITH THANKS

Thank you brightening our day and singing carols. Pat Reynolds and Phyllis Mann

Your kindness is greatly appreciated. Thank you for all the love from the Christian Church. Family of Wilma Rothfus

Members of the Christian Church, Thank you for all your support for our family. Mom had a compassionate connection with your church, mainly because of the numerous friendships and closeness with your ministers who were there for her during her most challenging times. Please know that you all will be remembered in our prayers. Daughters of Wilma Rothfus, Kitty Pezzetti and Pat Steele

January 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			HAPPY NEW YEAR'S DAY!	Bulletin Items due		Game Night 6-8:00 pm
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Worship & Educational Meeting 5:30 p.m. Epiphany	GriefShare at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church 6:30 p.m.	GriefShare at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church 10:00 a.m. Bible Study @ 5:30 p.m. John 14:6			Farmer's Market 8:30-11:30 a.m. CUPC potluck-game night 5-8:00 pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Congregation Discussion 11:30 a.m. Care Center @ 1:00	CWF 1:00 p.m. at the church Resource and Property Mtgs @ 5:30 p.m. Elders 6:30 p.m.	GriefShare at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church 6:30 p.m.	GriefShare at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church 10:00 a.m. Bulletin Items due			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Potluck	Evangelism and Community Life Meeting 5:30 p.m.	GriefShare at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church 6:30 p.m.	GriefShare at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church 10:00 a.m. Board, Bulletin, Newsletters Items due			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Board Meeting 11:30 a.m.		GriefShare at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church 6:30 p.m.	GriefShare at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church 10:00 a.m.			

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