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The Christmas gifts have all been opened. The too-small sweater has been exchanged, the candle with the funky scent has been "re-gifted," and the tackiest of the gifts has been packed away for next year's "Yankee gift exchange." The Christmas season has come and gone.

Except that, in the church, it's not quite over. We still have Epiphany, the day we celebrate the visit of the magi. We don't know a great deal about these visitors. Traditionally, we have called them kings, but there is nothing in scripture or extra-biblical sources to support the idea of royal status. Traditionally, we have assumed there were three of them because there were three gifts. But one person might have given both frankincense and myrrh, or seven people might have brought gold. Traditionally, our nativity scenes show them at the manger, but scripture says they followed the star to the house where Jesus lay.

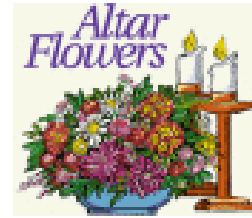
So much of what we know or think we know about the wise men comes from tradition, not from reality. So how do we know? Were they kings or wise men or magi--and what are magi, anyway?

But what matters more than their exact number or status is the fact that they were not Jews. They were foreigners, outsiders, people not expecting or waiting for a Messiah. And yet they found one. They followed a light and found THE light.

And so we celebrate . . . we who sometimes feel like foreigners within our own families; we who can never fully escape the feel of being outsiders; we who don't know we are waiting for salvation . . . we are called to celebrate the searching and the finding. We will do this in worship as we did last year. Each of us will choose a star with a word on it, and that word will be our "star gift" for the year. I've heard from several of you about how your star gift either reflected your life or guided your life in the past year. I pray the same will be true for the coming year.

Join me for Epiphany. Join me in the quest. Join me in the discovery of the gifts God has in store for us this year

Cindy



Carolyn Ruffles *Steve Gilson*
Ruth Tibbetts *MaryEllen Sanzeni*
Marcelle Corsi, Shari Lynn Niland's mother
Scott Merrell *Roger Nelson, Jr.*
Blanche Masi *Marie Benicewicz*
Ann Salamone

Altar Flowers are needed. A sign up chart is on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes. You may bring your own flowers or have the church order them for you by leaving a check (\$25) in the office cubby.

The family of *Mldred Wibling* who passed away November 26th;
 The family of *Frank J. Thompson*, who passed away in October 2006;
 Barbara Westby's nephew, *Andrew Rowan*, diagnosed with B-cell lymphoma;
Denis Ahrens, recovering from surgery;
Joy Schulz's great niece, recovering from a serious car accident;
 Cathi Brody's dad, *Pete Bartenstein*, suffering with advanced diabetes;
Andrea Makepeace and her family, on the passing of her father;
Harriet Mangels, whose husband, Bob, passed away on May 26th;
Ed D'Ettore, undergoing treatments for lung cancer;
 The families of *Engle Southard and Ray Nobles*, who passed recently;
Thomas Morgan Varinec, nephew of J. T. Cooke, with neuroblastoma of the abdomen;
Timothy Humphrey-Fox, recovering from paralysis;
Kitty Field, recovering from cancer surgery.

The families and friends of victims affected by the recent tragedies of Utah mine, Minneapolis bridge collapse, and Virginia Tech.

Those who are serving in the armed forces and their families and all who are victims of war.

LASAGNA BUFFET



The lasagna supper will be
 January 12th

Open to the community, it will be continuous seating from 5:00-7:00p.m. We'll serve:

Fresh garden salad - Family style with assorted dressings
Cheese lasagna with meat or vegetarian sauce

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Parmesan cheese on the side
Italian bread, butter and olive oil
Cold beverages: soda, iced tea, water
Hot beverages: coffee and tea
Home baked desserts: pies, cookies, cakes

**Cost will be \$9.00 for adults, \$8.00 for seniors
 \$5.00 for children 5-10 yr. old,
 4 and under free**

Missionaries for Christ

In 1948, God blessed our church with a very special family, Rev. Harry Martin and his wife Rose. Their lives before coming to Danbury, were quite extraordinary, and knowing their deep faith and how they chose to preach the love of God is an important preface.

Rev. Harry Martin and his wife were missionaries, leaving for China in 1910. They were assigned to the Peking Mission where Harry became the principal of the Yee Yeug Middle School. The school grew and thrived the seven years the Martins were there. Since there was no school for the American children, Rose started one in their home and with the help of other mothers taught ten children. This was the beginning of the Peking American School.

1918 found the Martins in a town twelve miles from Peking where Harry was asked to start another middle school. Jefferson Academy, as it was named, grew until 1932 when Harry turned the school over to a Chinese principal at which time it had reached about 800 people.

From 1933 on there was much unrest in China and after returning in 1935, from a furlough, there was a question as to whether the Martins should return to the U.S. They chose to continue the work already started in China. The work continued, though under great difficulties and danger. Finally in 1940 it was felt wise for Rose to return to the States. Harry stayed on with the other men of the mission in order to continue the work both in the school and rural areas.

The Japanese came in 1941 and the missionaries were placed under house arrest for six months before being sent to a concentration camp. After two years, Harry was finally released and allowed to return home, where he settled into a well deserved retirement.

Our King Street Church was going through the depression with great difficulty. World War II had brought a revival of religious fervor in the community, and with the war at an end, the rural aspect of the neighborhood was gradually changing to suburban. Into this situation came Rose and Harry Martin, two gentle people, who endeared themselves immediately with their strong faith, worldliness, tact and simplicity. They possessed the talent of being able to meet and adapt to any individual or situation. These two beloved people brought out the best in us.

Rev. Martin was pastor for six years, from 1948 to 1954. During that time he worked diligently for the rebuilding of Christ's Kingdom. Under his pastorate the church prospered and many new families were brought into our fellowship. A start was made on a new Parish House. The church itself was entirely renovated, redecorated and made beautiful.

It was his wife, Rose Martin, who suggested that the women of the church form a society and work together in fellowship and service to the church. She not only inspired us to work for the goal we set in our own church, but urged us to remember in our prayers and in our giving, those outside our community. Mrs. Martin encouraged a reading program in the early days of the Women's Society suggesting we bring in current good books and lend them to each other. Thus was planted the seed which eventually led to the library as we know it today.

Rev. Martin's pastorate of this church will always be cherished as one of the brightest eras in our long church history. To us both Rose and Harry brought the experience of a lifetime of believing, living and teaching the Christian way of life.

The above is taken from a letter written by their daughter, Gertrude Triouleyre, and from a memoriam to Rose Martin written by Ruth Tibbetts.

Women's Society

Happy, healthy, blessed 2008!!!

The women of King Street Church are about to embark on a new year.

Our last gathering for 2007 was our annual Christmas Dinner at "Chuck's Steak House". It was a very successful affair. Lots of good company, good food and fun exchanges of Christmas gifts. We will have something to look forward to in the future. All members, and any new ladies who are interested in joining, are asked to meet on Monday, January 7th, 2008 at 7:30 in the library. There will be discussion on our "Christmas Bazaar" in November '08. Then we will discuss our annual disbursement of our treasury. We will also discuss our plans for activities for 2008. See you all, then. Peace and love to all,
Harriet Mangels.



... to all who helped to make our Christmas services extra special:

- Barb Nobles, for directing our children so wonderfully in "Stranger in the Manger"
- Our youth and children, who brought the story to life
- Our sanctuary choir and our senior bell choir, for singing and playing beautifully on Christmas Eve
- Paul and Larry, for the extra music (gorgeous, as always)
- Our soloists, liturgists, ushers, and communion servers for giving of their time
- Tish McCarthy, our secretary, for all the extra bulletins
- Bob Cotton, our sexton, for the extra cleanings
- John Jesse, who created new wreaths for the sanctuary
- and Terry Dunkle, for the fabulous advertisement he created for us to forward to friends

We had three wonderful worship experiences this Christmas. Thank you, everyone!

What Nobody Wants to Tell You!

There's been talk of it around the church—usually in whispers. But it's time to bring it out into the open: We're thinking about adding a costume jewelry table to our annual Summer Fair. Why has this been a secret? Because everybody is afraid that if they are the ones to announce it, they might be put in charge of the whole Fair!

But seriously, we've heard that jewelry tables do really well at other church fairs so we want to try our own. So don't throw out those old earrings. Don't re-gift that necklace from your coworker that you don't like. (The necklace you don't like; not the coworker you don't like!) Instead hold onto your jewelry until next year's Fair. If it turns out to be successful, we might just make this an annual thing.



Thank you to everyone who helped us by purchasing gift cards in December. You helped the youth group raise a little over \$170. Now that the holiday craziness is over how about taking some time for yourself. Doesn't dinner out and a good movie sound nice? You can get gift cards to many restaurants and the movie theater. Orders for January are due to Rebecca by Sunday January 13th. Order forms are available in the Martin Room or on the church website.



We – my brothers Hal, Seth, Paul, and myself - would like to thank you all for the unbelievable service and reception given for our Mom. Many people attended outside our church community, and we have all heard such positive and heart-warming comments about “King Street Church”. Mom would be so proud as she loved our little church so deeply!

Over these past few years and especially these past two months, the support you all have given me has been beyond comprehension. I feel so blessed to have you all in my life and to be part of our wonderful church family.

And if you notice me getting teary-eyed once in awhile, certainly it will be because thoughts of Mom come to mind and I’m missing her – but they will also be tears of thankfulness because of the warmth and love I feel when I am surrounded by all of you!!

Our heartfelt thanks and love,
Linda, Hal, Seth and Paul

Labyrinth Update

The physical work on our labyrinth has been put on hold until Spring. Once warmer weather arrives, we will need help spreading top soil, planting grass or laying sod, building the retaining wall, and landscaping. But in the meantime, it is not too late to make a donation. You may donate in memory of a loved one for as little as \$25.



maillist@kingstchurch.org.

Church Email List Change

Due to some problems with our server, our entire church email list had to be changed. The address is now maillist@kingstchurch.org. If you are not receiving email updates, please contact Keith Goodwin to be added to the list: k2goodwin@yahoo.com or 778-4897.

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
JANUARY		1	2	3 9-12pm Thrift Shop 7:30pm Senior Choir	4	5 9-12pm Thrift Shop
		6 9:30am Worship/Communion 10:30am Bible 102 4pm Youth Groups (First Congreg.)	7 7pm Women's Society	8 6pm Jr Bell Choir	9	10 9-12pm Thrift Shop 7:30pm Senior Choir
13 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible 102	14	15 6pm Jr Bell Choir	16	17 9-12pm Thrift Shop 7:30pm Senior Choir	18	19 9-12pm Thrift Shop Habitat Workday
20 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible 102 4pm Youth Groups (KSUCC)	21 7pm Ministry Council	22 6pm Jr Bell Choir	23	24 9-12pm Thrift Shop 7:30pm Senior Choir	25	26 9-12pm Thrift Shop 1- 5pm Serving at Dorothy Day
27 9:30am Worship 10:30am Congregational Meeting (snow date 2/03)	28	29 6pm Jr Bell Choir	30	31 9-12pm Thrift Shop 7:30pm Senior Choir		

Welcoming Our Regional Conference Minister

On Sunday, January 27th, we will have a special guest speaker with us. Susan Townsley, our Regional Conference Minister, will be bringing us a special message. She is no stranger to our congregation – she assisted our search committee a few years ago – but this is her first time to lead us in worship. Please join us...and plan on staying for the congregational meeting after church.



Reminder!

**There is a congregational meeting on
January 27th (snow date 02/03),
immediately following service.**

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Esposito, Clerk

What awaits us?

We're at the starting gate of a new year. What will it hold for us? Only God knows. Yet if God knows, why not try to discover his plan for us each day?

We should carry on a daily dialog with God. Following his lead is always interesting and challenging. And much of the time it's filled with wonder and joy.

I remember the story of a small boy who prayed to God at the end of a fun, interesting Monday: "It's been a wonderful day, God. What do you have in mind for Tuesday?"

What does God have in mind for you in 2008? Keep in touch with him, and you'll enjoy the trip around the sun.

—Charles Ferrell



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