

**HARMONY PASTORAL CHARGE**  
**Caring for Each Other by Worshipping Online!**

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**Happy New Year and Welcome January 2022!**

The month of January is named after the ancient Ro-



man god, Janus. Janus had two faces so he could look back to the past, but also forward into the future.

That is a good image for us as we begin 2022. It is a good thing to look to the past for that is where our treasured memories and traditions come from. It is also good at this time of year to look forward; to look to the future. What is the future for our churches? That is the big question we must answer now. During this next several months, Rev. Lynda and Rev. Bob hope to engage you in conversation about our hopes and dreams for the churches in Millbrook Cavan Bailieboro Springville. Please start thinking about what you can contribute to the conversation.

**Harmony Prayer Circle**

The Prayer Circle links prayer partners in both the Bailieboro/Springville, and Millbrook/Cavan congregations to respond to prayer requests within, and beyond, our congregations.

Members of the Prayer Circle pray daily for specific requests. These requests are updated each month, and at all other times, as needed.

Our heartfelt thanks are offered to Ann Lockie, who, for the past 16 years has undertaken this task. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"

We welcome anyone who wishes to participate in the Prayer Circle.

If you wish to make a special prayer request - please contact:

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**Epiphany** is a Christian feast day that commemorates the revelation of God in the person of Jesus.

Epiphany is a time to celebrate the coming of Light into a place of darkness.

In Western Christianity, Epiphany recalls the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. Epiphany, the Twelfth Day of Christmas is in some traditions celebrated as Little Christmas. The traditional date for the feast is January 6, however the celebration is



held in some countries on the first Sunday after January. Epiphany marks the official end of the season of Christmas in the church calendar.

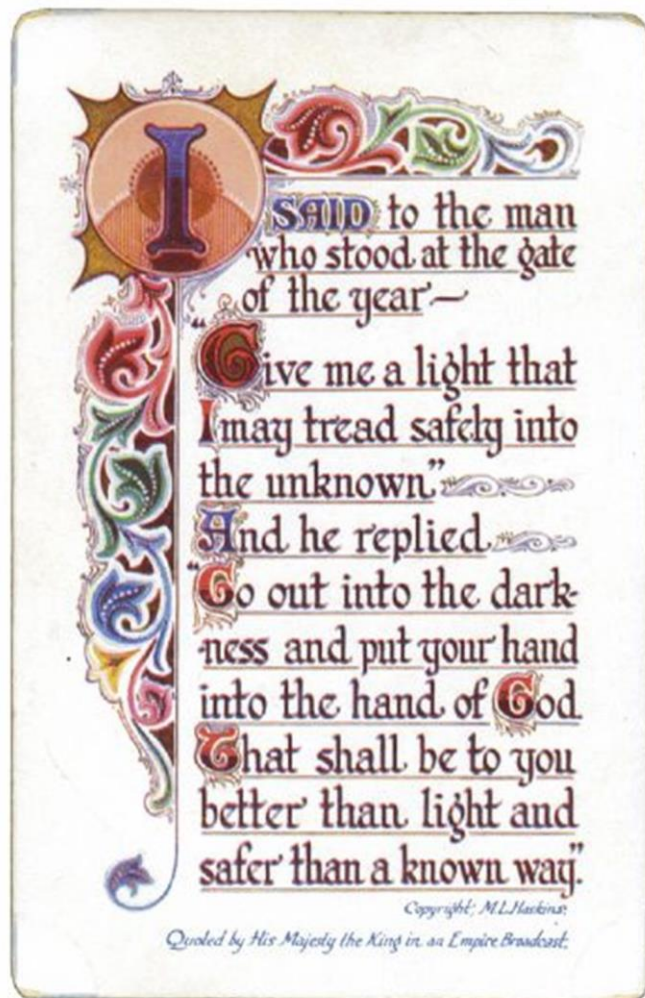
The season of Epiphany lasts until Candlemas, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is customary for Christians in many traditions to remove their Christmas decorations on Epiphany Eve although those in other countries historically remove them on Candlemas which marks the end of the season of Epiphany.

### Worship

Thanks to all who completed a survey regarding worship as we began to gather in person. These surveys showed that the great majority of folks are happy to go to either church location and prefer a morning service. We had hoped to continue in-person worship in January in Centreville Presbyterian Church but Covid-19 had other plans. So, for the time being, you will be able to join in worship online on the pastoral charge website. We are grateful to those who make it possible for us to gather in this way. An old friend of Bob's used to say, "It's only geography that keeps us apart, never the heart, never the heart." So, we'll be together, while apart and hopefully not for long! We will keep you updated as the days go along. Thanks for keeping in touch with one another and continuing the good work of being the church.

### **A Thought to Ponder**

In the January 2<sup>nd</sup> service, Rev. Lynda quoted part of a poem by Minnie Louise Haskens, shared by His Majesty, King George V, in an Empire broadcast in 1939. They were read again at the funeral of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. They are good words to hold as we enter into a new year.



**As always, please be in touch if there's any way we can help!**

