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# AUC- E-News

Happy Epiphany!! (On January 6<sup>th</sup>)

“Epiphany, also known as Theophany in the east, is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation (theophany) of God incarnate as Jesus Christ.

“In Western Christianity, the feast commemorates principally (but not solely) the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child, and thus Jesus Christ's physical manifestation to the Gentiles. It is sometimes called Three Kings' Day, and in some traditions celebrated as Little Christmas. Moreover, the feast of the Epiphany, in some denominations, also initiates the liturgical season of Epiphany tide.”

Yes, those two paragraphs came from my favorite source of knowledge...Wikipedia.

The liturgical year and the readings from the lectionary (three year cycle of readings from the Bible) that we mostly try to follow separates the two nativity stories that we have...Luke and Matthew. We read Luke's story at Christmas and Matthew's story at Epiphany...12 days of Christmas later...at least that is the way I count the days.

Our cultural interweaving of the two stories over the last couple of centuries often lead us to forget how different the stories really are. The one difference that I am going to mention today is what happens at the end of each story. In Matthew's Gospel, the Magi warn the holy couple of Herod's murderous plan to kill the baby and they flee to Egypt. In Luke's story, the holy family returns to Nazareth with no sign of trouble except the usual diaper changes. In fact, they stop right in Jerusalem to visit the temple and make a sacrifice of thanksgiving for their newborn baby.

It has challenged theologians over the centuries to try to figure out what each of the writers of these stories was trying to say to their readers with the different story lines. I am not going to join in that discussion. I will just say that two stories add to the richness of our religious heritage.  
Have a good Epiphany!

*Hugh*



### UPCOMING SERVICES @ 10AM

**January 9, 2022**  
Worship with Phyllis  
Greenslade

**January 16, 2022**  
Worship with Karen  
Gusek

**January 23, 2022**  
Worship with Rev. Hugh  
MacGregor

**January 30, 2022**  
Worship with Rev. Hugh  
MacGregor

Next Board Meeting is  
January 20, 2022 at 1:30pm

# CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

Happy, Happy New Year!! As I watch the snow gently fall and see the unblemished, pristine white outside, I am reminded of a fresh new beginning. A fresh start for a new year. Indeed it is 2022, and I wonder what our hopes are. As a church family, we ponder how to move on. We ponder how to fulfill our purpose and dreams. We can start with a clean slate ... leaving behind any mistakes we have made but also celebrating our achievements, knowing we have attempted to make a difference in our world.

It is hard to believe that our small country church has been able to continue worshiping in person during the pandemic, but I believe it is thanks to our Opening Committee as well as to each of us. Thanks to each of you for following the protocols set in place. Thanks to our Opening Committee members: Doug Kirchner, Janet Marler, Norma Barber and Rev Hugh MacGregor for their commitment. It was and is a blessing that Rev Hugh has been able to share worship with those who have remained in their homes during this time.

It is coming to the time that we will be putting our Nominating Committee together to look for folks who are interested in participating on the Board or as a Committee Member. If you would like to become more involved in sharing the work of Ardrossan United Church, please contact myself or the Church Office. We would love to hear your new ideas and dreams and to have you share your time and talents on the Board or one of our committees!

It is also the time to say a huge thanks to the dedicated members who have served over the past few years and express our hope that many will continue to share their dedication, their time, and their ideas in the positions they hold.

Please prayerfully consider this an invitation to share in the work of the church.

Your Board Chair  
Karen Gusek 780-914-5915



## Happy New Year from the office of Ardrossan United Church.

Your faithful commitment to supporting the Ministry of AUC has been vital in allowing us to remain open and available to Members and our Community.

Please continue to forward your offerings to:

Ardrossan United Church

22 Main Street, Ardrossan, AB. T8E 2G1 THANK YOU!

### KNITTING GROUP

If you would like to be a part, by knitting items needed or donating wool, please contact Irene King: 780-953-9929



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### ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE



Cut out your stamps, including the cancellation stamp from received letters and drop them in the box marked "STAMPS" at AUC. The outreach is to support "Prison Ministry" and every 10lbs of stamps buys 6 bibles. Thanks for taking the time to snip those stamps!



Footwear is still being collected...Just place your gently used shoes/boots in the blue bin just outside the AUC front doors. These donations go to Sole 4 souls, who distribute to those in need locally and abroad!

# January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 <i>Girl Guides 6-8 (Bsmt.)</i>	6	7	8
9 <i>Worship</i>	10	11	12 <i>Girl Guides 6-8</i>	13 <i>Rental 7-8 (Bsmt.)</i>	14	15
16 <i>Worship</i>	17	18	19 <i>Girl Guides 6-8</i>	20 <i>Board Mtg. 1:30</i>	21	22
23 <i>Worship</i>	24	25	26 <i>Girl Guides 6-8</i>	27	28	29 <i>Rental 12-4 (Sanctuary)</i>
30 <i>Worship</i>	31	<i>Our Little Friends Playschool Hours Monday to Thursdays—All day classes held in the Basement Following the EIPS calendar.</i>				



"One helluva year."

## New Year, New Report

As we start a new year please take a moment to submit your 2021 committee reports to the AUC office. Thanks

Happy January birthday to someone who deserves the highest caliber of regifted Christmas presents.

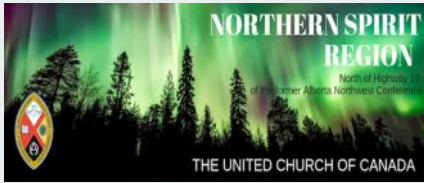


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May you find moments that make you smile today!

Happy Wednesday.





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