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— REFLECTIONS —

“And there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising.”

-Matthew 2:9

As we begin a new year let us remember that as we go we are never alone. The promise of Christmas is God-With-Us. The spiritual task is to trust the unknown to God who reveals what we need for the journey one step at a time. For inspiration I've selected a poem by Jan Richardson who shares wisdom for walking in the way of God.

For Those Who Have Far to Travel

If you could see the journey whole you might never undertake it,
might never dare the first step that propels you from the place you have known
toward the place you know not.

Call it one of the mercies of the road:

that we see it only by stages as it opens before us,
as it comes into our keeping step by single step.

There is nothing for it but to go

and by our going take the vows the pilgrim takes:
to be faithful to the next step; to rely on more than the map;
to heed the sign posts of intuition and dream;
to follow the star that only you will recognize;
to keep an open eye for the wonders that attend the path;
to press on beyond distractions

beyond fatigue beyond what would tempt you from the way.

There are vows that only you will know:

the secret promises for your particular path
and the new ones you will need to make when the road is revealed
by turns you could not have foreseen.

Keep them, break them, make them again;

each promise becomes part of the path;
each choice creates the road that will take you
to the place where at last you will kneel
to offer the gift most needed—
the gift that only you can give—
before turning to go home by another way.

Blessings,
Angela

Reports Due

Please have all annual reports submitted to the office by January 20 so Jane has time to put together the docket and have it available to distribute the week prior to the annual meeting of the congregation February 10th.

Deacon's Corner

Happy New Year to everyone! After a busy December, we are back at our regular duties. We delivered beautiful Poinsettias that decorated the sanctuary to people who went through difficult times in the past year. Hopefully, it brought a smile to their faces. This January we happily welcome Madeleine Bassil who is joining us as a new Deacon. As always, if you or anyone you know is in need of some food or a casserole, please contact Denise Cae Tilberis. For a ride to and from church, you may contact Margaret Allen Steven Van Dyk will take your requests for prayers and if a memorial service or any other event is being held at the church contact John Guzewich to help coordinate the service!

Gifts for Youth for Seniors

Thank you to everyone who donated Christmas presents that were delivered to hospitalized children in Harlem.

Parking Reminder

During the snow season, everyone must park on the church side of the street so that traffic can pass when the snow piles up.



JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Bible Study Wednesdays 12:15 pm

January 6	Ordination and Installation of Officers
January 8	Session 7:30 pm
January 20 th	Annual Reports Due

2018 Mission Fund Distributions

Stony Point Center Lighthouse Project	\$350
More Light Presbyterians	\$200
Rural and Migrant Ministry, Inc.	\$350
Midnight Run	\$500
Nyack Center	\$500
Presbytery Prison Partnership	\$300
Presbyterian Welcome/Parity	\$200
Cuba	\$100

Church Decorations

Thank you to the faithful and the new workers who helped decorate the church for the Christmas festivities.

Weather Alert

In the event of an extreme weather event, please call the church and listen to the message or check the church website to find out if worship is canceled. Notice will be given by 8:00 am on the day of the service.
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