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Ex Oriente lux!

From the East light! Lights are a huge part of Christmas. Some houses are encumbered with so many lights one wonders how it is that they do not collapse under the weight. The amount of electric energy needed to power these is staggering. Yet, for all of this light it can be remarkably dark at Christmas. This is not only because we live almost daily with a rise in violence and hate; it is because we have over the years replaced light from the East with commercialism of the West. I think the number of lights, yard balloons and decorations is an attempt to fill a void, but this attempt is like trying to replace the sun with a 100-watt bulb. The lights on display at Christmas have little meaning to many people who put them out, other than to manufacture in human terms a good will that only God can give (Luke 2:14).

Christmas is a wonderful time. But it can only reach so far if we follow only lights to the nearest store or the light of our computer screen to the next website for must-have Christmas bargains. This is to make the mistake of taking the light from the East and replacing it with Western lights. The Feast of the Nativity of Christ is robbed of its rightful place and our darkness only becomes more isolating.

Our lives long for a specific light—the one that ushers our lives out of darkness into the light of life. But we must be clear here. This is not just any light that we plug in, light up, or switch on. It is not a light that leaves us empty like our bank accounts the day after Christmas. No this light, the one that brought all life into being, is a light that overtakes our hearts, claims our lives, and drives darkness out.

This light is the *ex Oriente lux*, a light that comes as the Feast of the Nativity. There are signposts that lead us to this light, like the star from the East. John the Baptist is himself called a witness to the light. The beautiful hymn of the Virgin Mary, which we call the *Magnificat*, and Mary herself in whose womb the light was carried are all signs of the one light for which humanity yearns.

Magi and shepherds came because of such a light. Both the magi and shepherds proclaimed *ex Oriente lux!* A star standing out in the darkness: fierce, relentless, unyielding and unswayed by the darkness surrounding it. This light from the East sparked the light of hope in all of them. The star alone could not do this. The star was only a promise that another light was coming from the East. This light was life itself (John 1:4-5).

Let our proclamation be as witnesses to the light. Then with the star, the magi, the shepherds, Mary and John we can “Go Tell it On the Mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.” Behold, *ex Oriente lux!*

A Blessed Christmas to All,
Pastor Eric



Caring Hands

December Meeting Dates

Saturday, December 11 th	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, December 16 th	12:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 30 th	12:00 p.m.



COME
JOIN
US!!!





Our Angel Tree Project

PRC's Angel Tree program has been moved to online again this year. Go to <https://www.giftster.com/gift/WnpU4/> to browse and choose an "angel" or food/hygiene item. Click on the items for more information and suggested gift ideas. Select "reserve" or "purchase" to choose your angel, and enter your name so that we know who has reserved the angel in case we need to contact you. (You will not need to set up an account.) Shop for the item and return it to Fellowship Hall by noon on Sunday, December 19th. If purchasing gifts, please wrap the gift and label it with the angel number. Thank you for your support!

Williamson Fellowship of Churches

Vespers Service

Sunday, December 12th

7:00 p.m.

Brick Church Fellowship

Liturgists in December

December 5	Nancy Titus
December 12	John Manahan
December 19	Matthew Yost
December 26	Herb VanHoute

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls, food brought in and visits after my knee replacement surgery! We are blessed to have such a caring church family! Thank you!

Diana Lagoner



The Wayman family has been deeply touched by all the cards and letters after Betty's passing. We thank you. Bill, Sandra and Claire

Christmas Eve Worship Service

We invite you to attend our candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service on Friday, December 24th at 9:00 p.m. in our sanctuary.



A Song Was Heard At Christmas

by Timothy Dudley-Smith

A song was heard at Christmas
To wake the midnight sky;
A saviour's birth, and peace on earth,
And praise to God on high.

The angels sang at Christmas
With all the hosts above,
And still we sing the newborn King
His glory and his love.

Our Missionaries

Nathan & Nozomi Brownell

Kenneth, Raymond, Luke

Japan

www.rca.org/brownell

Felipe & Janell de Waard-Silva

Luca, Sofia, Mila

Romania

www.rca.org/silva

Did You Know . . . ?

Did you know the
oldest word in the
English language is
"town."



Communion on Sunday, December 5th

The Communion
Offering is
designated for the
Deacon's Fund.

Sunday, December 5th

The Missions Committee will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Come-Unity Center. Baskets are available in Trinity Hall and Shalom Lounge for your donations.



Women's Retreat 2022

Our Women's Retreat for 2022 has been scheduled for Friday, January 21st through Sunday, January 23rd at Camp Fowler's Chi Rho House. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in Trinity Hall. The cost will be approximately \$150. As in the past financial aid is available. See Karen in the church office for more details.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Chad Dubois
14	Kristen Brandt
16	Jacob Bailey
17	Brenda Gowan
20	Laura Allard
22	Tom DeMarree

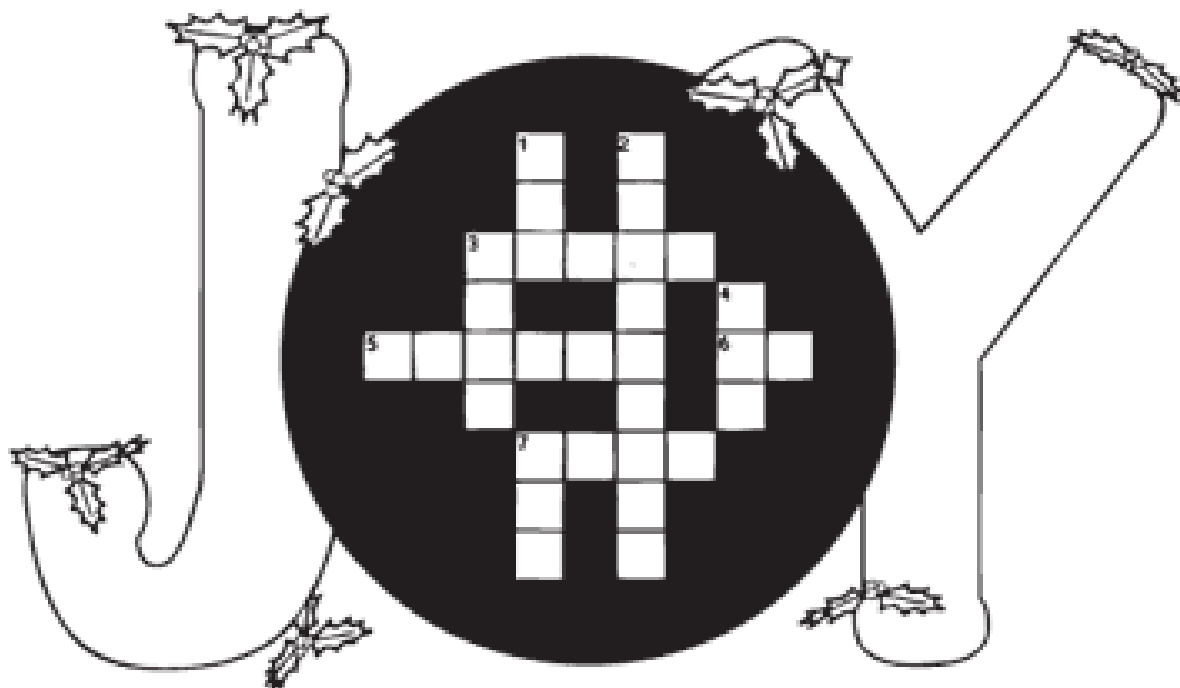


"... When the shepherds came they had a place to park their sheep."

Luke 2:1–12



The Birth of Jesus



Across

3. In verse 9 the shepherds saw an "_____ of the Lord."
5. "_____ also went up from . . . Nazareth" is in verse 4.
6. The word after "because" in verse 4 is _____.
7. "And there _____ shepherds" is from verse 8.

Down

1. "Room for them in the _____" is in verse 7.
2. "_____ were watching their flocks in verse 8.
3. The third word in verse 4 is _____.
4. "He is Christ _____ Lord" is in verse 11.
7. The fourth to the last word in verse 2 is _____.



Our Homebound Church Family



Marilyn Bixby
Wayne County Nursing Home
1529 Nye Road
Lyons, NY 14489
Birthday: March 7th

Don DeMarree
900 Cherry Ridge Blvd.
The Glen – Apt. 118
Webster, NY 14580
Birthday: April 17th

Louise Hermetet
Victor Views
1440 Rt. 444
Victor, NY 14564
Birthday: September 25th

Jennie Hubright
Solstice Senior Living
55 Ayrault Road Room 113
Fairport, NY 14450
Birthday: October 19th

Anne Hotchkiss
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Williamson, NY 14589
Birthday: September 21st

Alice Morgan
2301 Lake Road
Ontario, NY 14519
Birthday: March 27th

Ruth Naylor
St. John's Home
150 Highland Avenue
South 481A
Rochester, NY 14620
Birthday: September 29th

Dave Scheffinger
1016 Railway Crossing
Webster, NY 14580
Birthday: June 30th

Jo SomDeCerff
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Birthday: October 25th

Ray and Lorraine Walvoord
4281 Congdon Road
Williamson, NY 14589
Birthday – Ray: June 2nd
Birthday – Lorraine: October 21st

Financial Report

1/1/21 – 10/31/21

	Starting Balance	Income	Expenses	Balance
Operating Fund	0	118,314.24	127,567.40	-9,253.16
Benevolent Fund	0	19,749.87	14,993.65	4,756.22
Capital Improvement	28,318.00	404.14	392.25	28,329.89

Daily Scripture Readings

Wednesday, December 1	Luke 1:76-79	Sunday, December 19	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Thursday, December 2	Philippians 1:3-8	Monday, December 20	Isaiah 52:7-10
Friday, December 3	Philippians 1:9-11	Tuesday, December 21	Titus 2:11-14
Saturday, December 4	Luke 3:1-6	Wednesday, December 22	Psalms 96
		Thursday, December 23	Hebrews 1:1-4
Sunday, December 5	Second Sunday of Advent	Friday, December 24	Christmas Eve;
Monday, December 6	Zephaniah 3:14-16		Isaiah 9:2-7
Tuesday, December 7	Zephaniah 3:17-20	Saturday, December 25	Christmas Day;
Wednesday, December 8	Isaiah 12:2-6		Luke 2:1-20
Thursday, December 9	Philippians 4:4-7		
Friday, December 10	Luke 3:7-14	Sunday, December 26	First Sunday after Christmas
Saturday, December 11	Luke 3:15-18	Monday, December 27	I Samuel 2:18-20, 26
		Tuesday, December 28	Psalms 148
Sunday, December 12	Third Sunday of Advent	Wednesday, December 29	Colossians 3:12-17
Monday, December 13	Micah 5:2-5	Thursday, December 30	Luke 2:41-52
Tuesday, December 14	Psalms 80:1-3	Friday, December 31	Psalms 8
Wednesday, December 15	Psalms 80:4-7		
Thursday, December 16	Hebrews 10:5-10		
Friday, December 17	Luke 1:39-45		
Saturday, December 18	Luke 1:46-55		

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December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 11:00 Betty Wayman's
5 COMMUNION 8:40 Choir 10:00 Virtual Worship	6	7	8 7:00 Elders	9	10	11 9:00 Caring Hands
12 8:40 Choir 10:00 Worship 10:15 Children in Worship 7:00 Vespers Service at	13	14	15 7:00 Consistory	16 12:00 Caring Hands	17	18
19 8:40 Choir 10:00 Worship 10:15 Children in Worship	20	21 11:00 Williamson Fellowship of Churches	22	23	24 9:00 Christmas Eve Worship Service	25 
26 8:40 Choir 10:00 Worship	27	28	29	30 12:00 Caring Hands	31	