WEEKDAY WORDS

Homer Congregational United Church of Christ 12 drummers drumming...7 swans a-swimming...FIVE. GOLDEN. RINGS! ...and a partridge in a pear tree... Thursday, January 6, 2022

This is it! The end of the 12 days of Christmas. Today we read the last pages of *All I Really Want*. Today is Epiphany...cue the Wise people...this is their day. Matthew's Gospel is the one that tells the wise-guy story about astrologers who saw an unusual star that led them to, of all things, a stable where they found a baby who was God-in-diapers! What a story.

Today, be sure to take notice. If you need help – drop by church and look at the Moravian star, still shining down on the manger. Time moves quickly and the baby isn't there. The Christ Child has been born within you and me.

It is up to us now. That guiding star-light ricochets from the manger, through us, to the world. Today, let it shine...just as Isaiah said it would. Let that light erase the shadows. Let Christ-love overwhelm hatred. Let truth obliterate lies, big and small. On this day of Epiphany, let us live so that people can follow our light to, of all things, God's Shalom.

THIS SUNDAY

Faith Formation for all ages. The adults will study chapters 12 & 13. 9:30 Worship 10:30 We will witness the baptism of Roosevelt and receive new members. Read Isaiah 43:1-7 and remember God's promise: You are mine! Terry Pedersen and Linda Homer are the Deacon and Trustee of the day. **Bible Study upstairs** 11:45 **THIS WEEK** Tuesday Senior Fellowship 2:00 Join Barbara Rhudy in reflecting on New Year's resolutions, or to use the words of a spiritual director: "What are your intentions for the new year?" **NEXT SUNDAY** Faith Formation for all ages. The adults will study chapters 12 & 13. 9:30 Worship 10:30 Rev. Janice Michaels Marsi – guest preacher A retired pastor and former District Superintendent in the United Methodist

Church, Jan is one of PV's dearest friends. She is a painter, writer, master gardener, and singer. Jan begins an Epiphany series focused on "I Dream..."

ANNUAL MEETING IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

The reports are in...be sure to take a copy this Sunday. Amazing Grace...vividly described. God has blessed us. Wow!