

Spire Express

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Dear church friends,

As the new year dawns, we give thanks for God's coming among us as Emmanuel, God with us, always. I'm grateful for all who made the church's celebration of Christmas a joyful time!

Poet Jan Richardson bids us turn our faces toward the light, as we enter this new year, and remember the star shining at Epiphany:

I cannot tell you
how the light comes,
but that it does.
That it will.
That it works its way
into the deepest dark
that enfolds you,
though it may seem
long ages in coming
or arrive in a shape
you did not foresee.

And so
may we this day
turn ourselves toward the light.
May we lift our faces
to let it find us.

May we open more and more
to the blessed light
that comes.

Wishing you light and joy in this new year,

Audrey

Mission & Service Initiatives - from Pastor Brenna

We continue to provide monthly community dinners at the Rosenbaum Plaza and Alder House. These two complexes house and serve members of our community that are low-income or need supportive services to remain off the streets. The last two dinners we provided were extra festive! In November, we served a full Thanksgiving dinner with the help of Open Circle ladies who volunteered to cook four 22-pound birds. For Christmas, we provided a delicious ham dinner, enjoyed by all. Additionally, we look forward to continuing to support our community through Sunday cleanups and food drives. We're grateful for all these ways of loving and serving our neighbors near and far, and invite you to take part, whether in person or in prayer.

From the Stewardship Committee

We're grateful for the ways that you've helped the church keep its life and mission strong through your generous giving and faithful involvement. Thanks to those who've pledged support for the coming year, and if you've not had a chance to make a pledge as yet, we hope you'll consider doing so to keep the church's outreach strong through the year ahead. Many thanks!

Wishing you and yours a very Happy New Year!