

December 28, 2025

Our Vision—A beacon of God’s love radiating faith, hope, and joy... Everywhere!

The Altar Flowers today are given by Linda and Rich Regan In memory of my dear friend Cheryl Harris who passed 12/25/16.

**Many Thanks, Aldersgate Family,
Deep appreciation goes out to my Church family for their sympathy cards, support and heartwarming words in the loss of my brother Peter Emery.
Rebecca Biggar**

**NO CHURCH SCHOOL ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28
MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Hymn Sing, Sunday, December 28, 9:30 am (One Service)

King’s Sunday, January 4, 8:30 and 10:45 am

Epiphany Sunday



The Wise Men will visit our church school classes on Sunday, January 4, and will share the story of their journey to find the new king. We will also distribute cupcakes. Whoever picks the cupcake with a coin in it will be an honorary King for the Day!

Please join us in our special giving on “Kings’ Sunday” – January 4, 2026

This year we are supporting the Yambasu Agricultural Initiative as part of the UMC Global Ministries Agriculture and Food Ministry Program. On Epiphany, also known as “Kings’ Sunday” - January 4, we will bring our monetary gifts from the savings we have made and will offer them to support this Advent Mission Project.

Interested in Learning How to Record Worship?

We are looking to add to our friendly team of volunteers who live-stream and record our worship services. We take turns so everyone gets an opportunity to participate. We schedule the two-person crew weekly based on everyone’s availability. Training is provided. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Peter Smyton (617-893-9669).

What Would Jesus want for His Birthday?



Just as the Wise Ones traveled great distances to bring precious gifts to the child Jesus, so too, we want to give gifts this Holy season that would make the heart of Jesus glad.

Again, this year, we are following the principles of *The Advent Conspiracy*:

- * Worship Fully
- * Love all
- * Spend Less on things people do not need
- * Give more of ourselves, our time, our lives

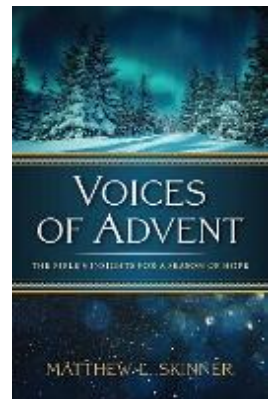
We are encouraging each other to save the money we would have spent on gifts that our loved ones really don’t need, and instead give a life-giving gift that truly matters.

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2025 Advent Study

Voices of Advent by Matthew Skinner

Christmas has come, but we are still meditating on the Hope of Advent in *Voices of Advent*, by **Matthew L. Skinner**. Skinner examines biblical texts to show how they influence our lives and Christmas traditions. Through voices from Jesus, John the Baptist, faithful believers, angels, and visionaries, *Voices of Advent* guides readers to find hope in their messages and experience Advent as both the beginning of the Christian year and an introduction to the story of Jesus. This study includes short video segments to watch together and discuss. **Join the conversation Sunday, January 4 at 9:45 AM or Thursday, January 8 at 10:00 AM in the Concord Room and on Zoom.** If you can’t make it to a group meeting, you can watch the videos on your own any time on Amplify Media. Call Betsy in the office for an access code. There will be **no class** December 25, December 28 or January 1.



Early Bird Bible Study

Early Bird will not meet this week. We will reconvene on Tuesday January 6, 2026. Celebrate the birth of the Christ Child!

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS



With one week left, our Aldersgate family wishes to extend to you
the opportunity
to participate in the giving of a Congregation Gift for the Staff:
Pastor John, Betsy, Rev Maylis, Lee, Deana and Mirna.



The Congregation Gift is a wonderful opportunity to share of ourselves and acknowledge
our love for their gift to us throughout the year.

If you would like to contribute you may do so by dropping your donation off at the
church, mailing it to the church and marking it with a “Staff Gift” note, or giving it to an
usher or any member of the SPRC (Dan Ward, Clewis Howe, Lee Pender, Steve Johnson,
Jay Turchinetz, Scott Henderson).

In Christian Love and Spirit,
The Staff Parish Relations Committee

EPIPHANY
Manifesting the Miraculous

WITH REBEKAH SIMON-PETER

ONLINE SPIRITUAL RETREAT
JANUARY 5, 12, 19, 2026
5:00 - 6:30PM MT

**Renew your spirit and deepen
your relationship to Epiphany.**

**Delve into what it truly means to live
a life open to the manifestation of Christ.**

**Explore the foundational principles
of the miracle mindset.**

**Learn the 5 Steps to
Co-creating Miracles with God.**

Registration includes
two visual
devotional tools:
A Miracle Journal and
deck of Miracle Cards!

Rebekah
Simon-Peter
Coaching and Consulting Inc.

Here is the link: <https://rebekahsimonpeter.com/epiphany-manifesting-the-miraculous>