

United Methodist Temple January 2019 Newsletter ~ Volume I



More than Watchers in the Night

There were shepherds who, telling stories in the night
Gave themselves to homemade music in the flick'ring
firelight.

They're a lonely crew, waiting longer than it seems
For the world to drift and slumber into borrowed,
empty dreams.

When the angels came, they could not believe the
sight;

But they weren't the first to wrestle there with terror in the night.
They rose straight away, and resolved to take the chance
That the angels had invited them to follow in the dance...

Lord, We long for you,
more than watchers in the night,
more than watchers in the night.

There were sages who understood the starry night
As they stared into the darkness toward a solitary light.
They're a lonely crew, waiting longer than it seems
For the world to drift and slumber into borrowed, empty dreams.
And then quietly, with an ancient, patient gaze
They would celebrate the portent of anticipated days.
They rose straight away, as they saw the birth foretold
And began their journey hence with frankincense, and myrrh, and gold.

Lord, We long for you,
more than watchers in the night,
more than watchers in the night.

And today we do still look deep into the night
For the one to come and consummate love's promise in the light
We're a hopeful crew, waiting longer than it seems
As the world will drift and slumber into borrowed, empty dreams.
But we linger here with the confidence of those
Who remember that they've met the one for whom their longing grows.
We rise straight away as the dreaming sleeper screams
And the night beyond the nightmare offers more to love than dreams.

Lord, We long for you,
more than watchers in the night,
more than watchers in the night.

-- *Seasons of Hope*, p75

May the light shine, and the dawn break for you in this season. Love, John

January Activities

1-6 Pot Luck Lunch
1-9 Choir rehearsal
1-13 Dine Aboards to ReeceCliff
1-14 Elizabeth Circle
1-15 United Methodist Men
1-16 Choir rehearsal
1-17 Kids Pack delivery
League of Women Voters
1-23 Choir rehearsal
1-24 Kids Pack packing & delivery



1-2 Doug & Chris Bowne
1-15 Dean & Ruby Parshley

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

1-5 Becky Beatty
1-6 Alice Wells
Lon Wolf
1-14 Betty Stevens
1-19 Bailey Benningfield
1-29 Stephanie Miklavcic
1-30 Paul Harrell

Dine Abouts

The Dine Abouts will be going to the ReeceCliff restaurant on Sunday, January 13 following worship. All women of the church are invited - single or "single for the day."
Contact Brenda Dorn (644-5250) or Frances Mundy (646-1300) by Friday, January 11th.

