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## PSEC Staff Send Best Wishes for Your 2020 !



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The staff of the PSEC office hopes that you and your loved ones experienced a blessed Christmas holiday. As we enter 2020, we send prayers that faith, hope, love and joy accompany you into the New Year!



The first of the 2020 Christian Education Workshops will take place on **Sunday, January 26th** from **2:30—4:30 pm** @ **Calvary UCC**, 640 Centre Ave., Reading.



**Topic: One Room School House—Model for Sunday School**

**Register at:** [psecchristed0126.eventbrite.com](https://psecchristed0126.eventbrite.com)

## The Essence of Epiphany

*11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.*

### Matthew 2:11-12

These words capture the essence of Epiphany—"going home by another road." Epiphanies are unexpected happenings or revelations that change our minds and our ways.

The beginning of Epiphany ends when the magi take another road home. All the gospel stories that follow over the next many Sundays in the Church season of epiphany are about people whose encounter with Jesus puts them on another road. The fishermen leave their nets; people leave their towns to hear Jesus preach on the mount; the disciples experience a transfigured Jesus and travel to Jerusalem.

Eventually, all of us take routes that we had never expected to travel, whether these involve changes in employment, health, relationships, retirement, death or divorce. When life forces us onto uncharted paths, we are challenged to hold onto what few practices of faith we might have or to experience anything that seems like holiness. The path is seldom easy, but within the real limitations of life, we may discover unexpected possibilities for work, life and love.

The spirit of Epiphany reminds us that God is a fellow adventurer on every road we travel. Awakened to divine companionship, every path can become a holy adventure with surprises and epiphanies around every corner. Now, let me be clear, I do not believe God is the source of downsizing, trauma, and tragedy; but God is the creative source of possibility.

In the season of Epiphany, God calls us to wake up to a revelation that stretches, surprises, and transfigures. Revelations can be found everywhere and in every situation, and they always call us to take another road.

- Rev. William P. Worley, PSE Conference Minister