

STARWORDS

In recent years, we have taken up the tradition of offering **STARWORDS** on the first Sunday in the year, or whenever we are celebrating Epiphany (a church season beginning January 6). At this time we remember the star that led the wise ones to Jesus, and all those who seek and find God in unexpected ways and places.

AS YOU PITCH YOUR OLD WORD (It's so 2020.") INTO THE BOWL for someone else to find, take a moment to consider how you experienced that word over the past year. Then, like the magi, go home, but not by the way you came! Now choose a new **STARWORD**.

When you have in your hand (or on your windowsill, dashboard, night stand) your **STARWORD** for 2021, it may not suggest much to you or about you at first. In fact, though it is yours, it may or may not be about you. Take the **STARWORD** as a gift, and keep your eyes open.

However, as time goes by, as the events of the year unfold, as the YOU of the year unfolds, you may still have drawn a blank as to how it may apply in your life. If so, perhaps you will consider, in turn, various forms of the word. For example, if your word is **INSPIRE**, it may not be calling on you to **INSPIRE**, but rather to seek **INSPIRATION**, or to notice and thank those who **INSPIRE** you. If your word is **TRUST**, think **TRUSTWORTHY**...the noun, the verb, the giving, the receiving.

Epiphany is the celebration of God's presence breaking through to shine as a light in the darkness. Receive your **STARWORD**. God may be giving you something...or telling you something. I wonder what that will be.

Rev. Linda