

Dean's Message for January, 2018



Here we are at the beginning of a new calendar year and just a few weeks into a new liturgical year. Before we know it, the season of Lent will be here. January 6 is the Feast of Epiphany and initiates the liturgical season of Epiphanytide. Popular Epiphany customs include Epiphany singing, chalking the door, winter swimming, parties with Three Kings Cake, as well as attending church services. It is also customary to remove your Christmas decorations on Epiphany Eve.

In many cultures, the eve of Epiphany is celebrated with Twelfth Night parties, and your events committee has planned a Twelfth Night Social (albeit a couple of days late) for you on January 8.



There will be treats, drinks, and maybe even wassail and a King's Cake. Twelfth Night parties traditionally include games and so we will have some musical (organ) trivia to challenge you.

Our church positions provide few opportunities for us to really get know our musical colleagues, so here is a great way to meet and socialize with those with common interests and frustrations! Besides, you need to relax after all of the preparation, rehearsals, and programs of the Advent and Christmas seasons!

Hope to see you on January 8th, 7:00 pm at First Congregational UCC, 1031 South Euclid Avenue, Sarasota. We will be meeting in the Chapel/choir room.

Dwane Grace, Dean