

God Rebalance and Reorder. THIS YEAR I'm reading Matthew. I'm in our cold basement (it's Pittsburgh, and this is the year of the much storied "polar vortex" early in the morning before the sun has even thought about coming up. The date: January 3. In today's story the angel warns Joseph to take his family to Egypt where they will be safe from Herod who is hunting for the baby Messiah. "Get up," the angel says, "take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt" (Matthew 2:13).

I have "gotten up." Six months earlier my family lived in North Carolina, but now we live in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. We "got up." I allow my mind to think about how our "getting up" differed from Joseph's and his family's. My family left out of obedience to the voice of vocation, the voice of God's Spirit that says, "This is where you need to be; this is what you need to be doing." We made the right move, though our lives didn't depend on it in the way it did for Joseph and his family.

But in a way, our lives did depend on it, and I can see my family in this story. The stress and imbalance of our life were crushing us. God used this move to rebalance us.

I often prayed the line from a prayer of Thomas Aquinas: "Put my life in good order, O my God." I've been praying that prayer for 15 years, and I now sense that God is answering it. My family and I got up and embraced a way of life that has more space for God to reorder it, and God is doing just that..

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Today's Question: Pray Thomas Aquinas's prayer: "Put my life in good order, O my God."

Today's Scripture: Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." —Isaiah 43:5-7, NRSV

This Week: Pray for joyous new beginnings.

Prayer.

For God's counsel and grace to lead us in obedience to His plans and purposes.
For the Lord's healing for those who are not well.

For Malaysia:

For continual building of bridges in the nation, and breaking down of racial divide and fear.

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Welcome to the Father's House

06 January 2019, Epiphany Sunday



Worship Gathering @ 10.00 am
 Do join us on Sundays for prayer @ 9.30 am,
 before Worship Service @ Refreshment Area.
 Children, Teens and Youth sessions resume.

Schedule for This Sunday, 06-1-2019

Epiphany Sunday

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Sivin Kit

Theme: Migrating Through Madness

Worship: Connie Asst Lead: Sia

Musicians: Keith, Yann, Komeil, Vicky, Elysia

Sound: Jason & Mynn **LCD:** Gareth & Ewan

Altar (White): Allie

Refreshments: Stephanie & Michelle

Treasurer: Anand, Benson

Greeters: Renu, Michelle

Worship Lead 13 Jan: Ee Lyn

Scripture Readers: Yvonne, Sue Ann

Readings for This Sunday, Jan 06:

Psalm: Psalm 96:10-13 [opt. Psalm 11:1-3]

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-23

Text Next Sunday, 13 Jan 2019:

Psalm: Psalm 2:7-8

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-17

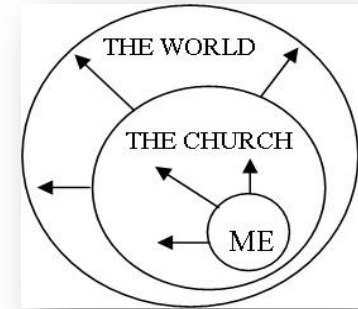
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Pastoral Oversight: Rev. Dr. Sivin Kit

- > Aardvark
- > BLC Garden Day
- > New groups.

Pastoral Oversight: Rev. Dr. Siew Woh

- > Women Encouraging Women (WEW): PIC - Sheh-Ren
- > Sunday Bible Reading Group: PIC - Ling Ling
- > Thursday Bible Study

Pastoral Oversight: Pr. Takeshi

- > Giving Tree: PIC - Larry Lee
- > Youth (13 years and above) - PIC Ezekiel
- > Youth (12 and below)

Children Ministry: Carmen Loke

To invite people into the Reign of **God**, encourage them to grow in the Body of **Christ**, equip them to be sent into the World in the power of the **Spirit**.
 "As the Father has sent me I am sending you" John 20:21

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Forward - Learning

Learning

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Dear Friends, we will like to invite you (if you are not already involved) to serve with us for BLC's corporate worship. If interested, please speak with the the following in the various areas:

Ee Lyn/Jason – for Musicians & Singers, Sound System & LCD;

Ee Lyn/Joyce Rama - for Greeters, Altar Deco, Scripture Readers, Holy Communion Prep;

Joyce/Michelle - for providing refreshments.

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Collection 30/12/2018

Mission 973

General 4277

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Others 550

Total 5800

Calendar 2018/19

17 Jan, Thurs: Unity Service @ Luther Lead Centre Mont Kiara.

Address: 7, Jalan Duta Kiara, Mont Kiara, 50480 KL.

26 Jan, Sat: Evangelism Through the Eyes of Jesus @ The Father's House, from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm, BLC. Organised by BLC and LHM.

Register by whatsapp with Adeline (012-2402811).

5-6 February 2019: Chinese New Year's Day

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January 2019

February 2019