

## STAR WORDS

*"I waited patiently for the Lord, He turned to me and heard my cry....*

*Psalm 40:1*

Yesterday during our Service for Epiphany, after everyone in the congregation came forward to get their star words, I reached in the basket to get mine.. and the Holy Spirit must have been at work ...as I drew the star word "patience!" WOW...I can't wait to see how that star 'guides' me through this new year.

Seriously, I can reflect back on my life and remember SO many times when I lost my patience. If I had just waited, things would have worked out so much better. When I first came back to New Wappetaw, a friend who knows me well, said "be patient Mike...take it slow, give it a year and things will work out well," and that is how I have TRIED to minister to you all the past year. I am so grateful for your patience with me and my many ideas and suggestions. And by God's grace, I think things have indeed "worked out well" in 2023. So... I'm "patiently" looking forward to our ministry here at New Wappetaw in 2024.

If you missed the service Sunday, we are keeping the basket with the stars in the narthex so it's not too late to get your star word. I have been receiving Epiphany star words for the last ten years or more and I can promise you, it is amazing how one word can help you discern special events and situations throughout the year.

Blessings in 2024,  
Mike