



# The TrumBulletin



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## A STAR

Recorded long ago before the Birth of Jesus, the Book of Numbers from The Old Testament, chapter 24 verse 17 says this: "I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel. He will crush the foreheads of Moab, the skulls of all the people of Sheth." There were in the East a group of men known as The Magi, these were very wise and knowledgeable men who followed the astronomical charts of the sky and were presented with the star of Bethlehem to guide them to the prophesied message of so long ago.

In the concept of the celestial stars and their placements and their stationary motions, it raises a question of great importance and that is that this star was more than just a star, as this star, in a sense spoke to the Magi and challenged them their knowledge of celestial prophecies recorded and what they sought after. This phenomenon defied all the laws of the universe and yet instructed them to come to understand the knowledge they had not yet discovered and to witness this great moment in time when The King of Kings was to be born. None of the speculations fully explain how the star "went ahead of" the Magi nor how it "stood over where the child was." Indeed, no known natural phenomenon would be able to stand over Bethlehem since all "natural" stars continually move due to the rotation of the earth. Of course God can use natural law to accomplish His will and from a biblical definition of natural law is the way that God normally upholds the universe and accomplishes His will, but God is not bound by the laws He created; He may (and does on occasion) temporarily suspend those laws when He has an important reason to do so.

First, the star alerted the Magi to the birth of Christ, Truly the Magi were probably the only ones who could see the star as it guided them moving ahead of them. In the case of Herod and The Magi, the star disappeared when visiting Herod but reappeared as they left, as it is recorded in Matthew 2:10 "When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy." The fact that the star led the Magi to Christ is evidence that the star was uniquely designed, made by God for a very special purpose. God can use extraordinary means for extraordinary purposes. Certainly, the birth of our Lord was deserving of honor in the heavens. It is fitting that God used a celestial object to announce the birth of Christ since the heavens declare the glory of God. "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork." (Psalm 19:1)

The Magi are important because their visit to the infant Jesus symbolizes the universal nature of the Christian message reaching beyond the Jewish people to all humanity. As learned, foreign visitors, they were the first to pay homage to Jesus and brought symbolic gifts that represented his kingship, divinity, and eventual sacrifice. The Magi are also seen as an example of a sincere search for truth and humility. "A star will come out of Jacob."

~ Joe Nuzzo

## NEWS & NOTES

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| <b>Jan. 6 9:30 am</b><br>Tuesday Ladies Bible Study<br><b>Jan. 10- 10-12 pm</b><br>Saturday Ladies Bible Study @ the Saracino home | <b>Dec. 27 10am- 12:30 pm</b><br>Families with Young Children Christmas Breakfast |  | <b><i>Welcome visitors-please share a record of you visit by filling out the Welcome card or using the app on the laminated card, both located on the pew in front of you,</i></b> |
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## *Prayer Requests*

\*Pray for **Desrine** who continues to have back pain.  
 \*Pray for all those traveling this holiday season.  
 \*Pray for baby **Eli and family**, he was born prematurely on Friday weighing 3.5 lbs. Mom and baby are doing well , friends of Kristen's)  
 \*Pray for **Jessica** (Bruce & Paula's D-I-L) recently diagnosed with gestational diabetes, she is due Feb. 3rd.  
 \*Pray for **John Cooper** (former Trumbull COC ) who recently had a stroke.  
 \*Pray for Jay's **Uncle Skip** and family, his wife passed away recently.  
 \*Pray for **Karen Springer's mother** who is now on hospice care. Prayers for all the family.  
 \*Pray for **Greg Cerminara** who is recovering from knee surgery.  
 \*Pray for **Anthony Katz** who is recovering from eye surgery and other medical issues.  
 \*Pray for **Audrey Parks** (Nadine's mother) who is dealing with intense back pain. Also for her cousin, **Oliver**, whose wife passed away and for his 3 children and family. Also for Kimberly's friend **Tia**, who had a seizure.  
 \*Pray for **Nuris** who is in a lot of pain.  
 \*Pray for Debbie Christy's niece, **Kia Marsha** recently diagnosed with breast cancer and is recovering from surgery.  
 \*Pray for Joanne and Bob's grandson, **Leo, post bone marrow transplant.** Prayers for the whole family also.  
 \*Pray for **Mary Lou** as she is dealing with back problems and for **Ron Sr.** for his procedure

\*Pray for those dealing with cancer and chemo treatments-  
**Judith Gomez, Cohen** (Ron's friend), **Tom Byer**  
**\*Prayers for all those who have lost loved ones this past year.**  
 \*Pray for **families, relatives, friends and people we are reaching out to**, that they may turn to the Lord. Special prayers **for our church leaders.**  
 Prayers for all families caring for their elderly or sick loved ones: Allie Saracino-Cherie, Bob and Joanne Discala-Virginia, Gina Porto  
**\*Pray for those suffering from long term illnesses:** Deserine Forbes, Emille Jones, Mike Ross, Ted & Toni Bonadio, Kevin Early, Nadine Keller, Greg & Linda Cerminara, Pat Yaglowksi. Meegan and Irene, Nuris Gomez, Karen O, Anthony Katz, Jasmyn Malagutti, Daniel Ruiz., Zak Pappas Fernandes, Jim Walkup's brother (Sam), Lance Flood, Zach Saracino, Joshua Ruiz, Brody Streety & all children with diabetes.  
**\*Opportunities** to serve: any men willing to participate in worship service in other capacities for the church, please contact Bruce Post. Anyone interested in leading and/or helping with the building or church house maintenance please contact Bruce Pancoast.

Please bring nonperishable food items for the **Spooner House** - a list of all items needed is on back table: Jelly/Jam/Peanut Butter, Cereal/Oatmeal, Canned Meats: Chicken, Tuna, Corned Beef Hash, Canned Ravioli/Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit/Applesauce, Crackers/Snacks, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Ramen, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Baked beans/Pork and Beans, Canned/Dried Beans (i.e. Black, Chick Pea, Cannellini, Kidney, Pinto), Rice/Rice-A-Roni, Soup/Stew/Chili, Instant/Canned Potatoes/Yams. Bring these food items to the building to be delivered to the Spooner House. Please make sure that items do not have expired dates. Thank you,

### **Elders:**

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**Ray Fernandes:** 203-502-8871

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### **Wednesday Night Bible Study**

7:00 pm via zoom

Bible class Sun. 10 am, worship service 11am

Online bible class and worship service go to our website:

**trumbullchurchofchrist.org**

**Week of 12/21/25**

**Song Leader: Kevon Turner**

**Lord's Table: Ray Fernandes**

**Closing Prayer/Announcements: Wiley Mullins**

**Usher: Maurie Samaha**

**Week of 12/14-12/20/25**

**Derin Wilson:** 203-360-1695

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