Star Words Explanier, by Rev. Shana Johnson, Illinois South Conference Minister

In our Epiphany worship service, we will incorporate “star words.” The idea is simple, but its meaning and impact can be profound. As part of our Epiphany celebration, we remember the star the magi saw and followed. The magi trusted the star would guide them on a Spirit filled journey to the Christ child. In this Epiphany season and throughout this next year we would like to invite you on a Spirit filled journey to draw you closer to the Divine guide by your star word. You could think of your star word like an intention, an invitation or even a challenge.

A couple of ideas are to print out words and choose which word draws your attention, print out words and write numbers on the back of the words and choose your favorite number, or maybe pray about a word and see what comes to mind first. There really is no wrong way to do it. But you might find it helpful to look at and share the “Option for Star Words” instructions attached written and used with permission by Sanctified Art.

Once you have chosen Your star word. Place it somewhere you will see it every day. Pray about the word. Think about what it might mean for you. And look for the ways Your word expands in meaning for you throughout the new year.

Here’s an example: