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From Generation to Generation

Rev. Benjamin Broadbent, Lead Minister

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed.

For the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is God's name.

God's mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

– Luke 1:48b – 50

This year during Advent, we will be focusing on the human characters whose lives tell of the events leading up to Christ's birth. We began on November 27 as we considered the strange genealogy found at the opening of Matthew's version. Each name in the genealogy holds a story that helps unfold the way to Christ's story. Over the following weeks we will meet an angel, Gabriel, who whispers the words, "Do not be afraid," to a scared pregnant teenager. We will meet a man whose wife has been unfaithful to him, but who never the-less chooses mercy after being interrupted in a dream by the same words, "Do not be afraid."



From generation to generation, we are admonished, "Do not be afraid," even as the scripture tells us that "God's mercy is for those who fear him." How can both of these statements be true? Fear is not a bad thing, per se. Fear helps us pay attention, helps us survive. But when fear is misplaced, it can paralyze us or cause us to act out of a small, defensive version of ourselves. To fear God in the way of Mary's song quoted above, is to be in genuine awe of an awesome presence, a Character beyond our human capacity to fully imagine, and yet an intimate presence that is closer than our own breath, a presence that invades our dreams and beckons us to a fuller life.

This Advent, we build upon our fall theme, "A Future with Hope." Last year we were a "Church in the Wild," wandering, isolated, despondent. Now we are being gathered back together. We have walked through a dry and disorienting desert, but we have learned some things. We have cherished community. We have learned new survival skills. We have come face to face with ourselves. We have considered what really matters. Our stories, like those of the names in Matthew's opening list, are all important, are all a part of the big story we share, the story of God's huge love made flesh through Christ's birth. This is a time to be in awe of that story, to be amazed by that huge love, and to remind each other of what angels told every character when they were tempted to cower in fear: "Do not be afraid."

DECEMBER 2022 WORSHIP

2022 Advent Theme: "From Generation to Generation"

We worship in the sanctuary every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Services live streamed on our church's YouTube channel & Facebook page Weekly bulletin and announcements available at www.uccseb.org

December 4 – 2nd Sunday in Advent: Peace

Today we gather for Intergenerational Worship, light the second Advent candle of "Peace," and celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The Advent Children's Choir sings and Rev. Benjamin Broadbent, Lead Minister, preaches a sermon on Luke 1:26-38 and Isaiah 11:1-10 entitled "God Meets Us in Our Fear."

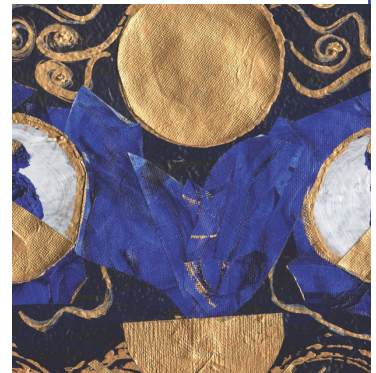


December 11 - 3rd Sunday in Advent: Joy

Traditionally, today is known as "Gaudete Sunday," and we light the Advent Candle of "Joy." Our Handbell Ensemble shares worship music and Pastor Benjamin preaches a sermon on Matthew 1:18-25 and Isaiah 35:1-10 entitled "We Can Choose a Better Way."

December 18 – 4th Sunday in Advent: Love

On this final Sunday in Advent, we light the candle of "Love." The Chancel Choir offers worship music and Pastor Benjamin preaches a sermon on Luke 1:39-58 entitled "We See God in Each Other."



December 20 – Longest Night

This contemplative service held in Faith Chapel and led by Pastor Rachel is an opportunity to deepen down into the darkness of the season, to acknowledge grief and uncertainty, and to experience the peaceful assurance of God's abiding presence.



December 24 – Christmas Eve

- 4:00 – Child-Friendly Service with Interactive Lessons & Carols**
- 6:00 – All-Ages Service of Lessons & Carols with Handbell Ensemble**
- 8:30 – Traditional Service of Lessons & Carols with Chancel Choir**

December 25 – Christmas Day

Today Pastor Rachel leads a "Come As You Are" casual service to sing carols, sip cocoa, light the candles once more, and hear another aspect of the Christmas Story.

Coming in January... 1st Sunday after Christmas Day, Día de los Reyes, Feast of the Epiphany, Baptism of Christ Sunday, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Weekend, New Members join, Annual Meeting of the Congregation



A HUGE YOUTH THANK YOU FOR ALL THOSE WHO ATTENDED OUR SOCK HOP AND SOCK DONATION DRIVE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022.

It was a fun evening with dancing, dancing instructions and contests, burgers and fries and most importantly a much needed "FUN-RAISER." We collected 239 pairs of socks in donations!!! (The hampers are still in the church narthex if you would still like to donate.) It was such a fun, successful event. The youth would like to see this event happen annually.





A Care Note from Pastor Rachel

Dear Friends,

As we move into the season of Advent and Christmas, we leave the “great green growing season” behind, and shift into purples and blues, and growing light in darkness. It is a time when we come together as a community to celebrate the incarnation, that God is with us, born into this harsh world as a vulnerable baby.

It makes me pause to think about what it means to be a Christian community at this time and in this place. How is new life being born in each of us and in our church, in this season?

Here are a few ways we are metaphorically putting hay down in the manger, to create a soft-landing place for the Christ-child:

- People in our church community are caring for each other, bringing soup and sending cards, talking on doorsteps, and making space for each other’s grief.
- There is a general sense that worship feels “alive” and engaging, with beautiful music, preaching that touches our lives, and prayers that sustain.
- More and more children are showing up in worship and more adults are engaged in programming—creating a truly intergenerational community.
- Mentors and Confirmands are getting to know each other and supporting healthy relationships across generations.
- Volunteers are caring for our grounds, making lunches for the homeless, collecting donations for Sam Jones homeless shelter, writing care cards, leading programs like book groups and Wondering Circle, celebrating generosity of our donating members with special snacks and live music, and so much more.

All of these are ways we as a church community are coming together, preparing the way for God’s in-dwelling love to be born anew this Christmas.

My prayer is that, despite the rushing secular demands of the season, God might find ways to slow us down and give us pause— even for just a moment. It might only be a breath. That within a holy pause, we might consider how our own lives can be a soft landing-place for the Christ-child. Because each day God is there, making a way out of no way in our lives. There are the smallest of tiny moments when Christ is born afresh, in us. All we need are hearts to see. Because if God can be born in a barn to teenage refugees over two thousand years ago, then surely God can make a way within each of us.

May God’s Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love shine within you this season,

Pastor Rachel

THANK YOU

- * A whole truck load of thanks to **Roger Wilson and Larry Stallings** who tirelessly, week, after week, after week, break down and put away all the tables in Memorial Hall.
- * Gratitude and Generosity team for their efforts in this year's pledge drive
- * **Sara Margulis** for coordinating Witnessing Stewards to speak in worship.
- * **Allie Hole** for setting up online giving.
- * **Terri Harper and Bobbie Johanson** for putting together pledge packets.
- * **Terri Harper** for organizing the Gratitude luncheon celebration.
- * **Sara Margulis, Gary Bachelor, Elena Dillon, Victoria Mayster, Allie and Ryan Hole** for their heartfelt comments as Witnessing Stewards.
- * **Sandy Rosen** for accepting the role of Liturgist Coordinator.
- * To all who made the Sock Hop a success. **Kathy Matthies, Beth Larssen, Bobbie Johanson, Pastor Rachel, Althea, Brian Wetzel**, the enthusiastic youth group, and parents, especially **Elizabeth Thomas and Daniela Kingwell**.
- * **Pastor Rachel and Kathy Matthies** for an amazing first annual Intergenerational Pumpkin Luncheon.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

DEC 1 ALINA KINGWILL PETERSON
 DEC 3 JENNIFER BREDESEN
 DEC 6 VICTORIA NELSON
 DEC 10 VIRGINIA EMBRY
 DEC 12 DAVID PETERSON
 DEC 14 RUBY WOOD
 DEC 16 CRAIG ALLENDER
 DEC 19 JACK DUNLAP
 DEC 19 SHAWN NICHOLS
 DEC 20 RICHARD ZIMMER
 DEC 24 SUZANNE ALBIN
 DEC 24 MARYJANE GROTTING
 DEC 27 NICOLE WHITEHORN
 DEC 28 MAT KELLER
 DEC 29 CHRISTINE FIELD
 DEC 31 JONATHAN ANGULO

DEC 2 JEAN POLLEY
 DEC 4 GEORGE DRENNON
 DEC 7 ALVIN HUKINS
 DEC 11 JIM JENKINS
 DEC 13 ELIZABETH THOMAS
 DEC 14 MARQUESA DURAIRAJ
 DEC 16 JOSEPHINE HOLE
 DEC 19 PATRICIA RANEY
 DEC 19 CHRIS MALONE
 DEC 21 LORILEE DESANTIS
 DEC 24 BRUCE MATSON
 DEC 27 PAULA MATZINGER
 DEC 27 DYLAN LAMM
 DEC 28 JOSIE MALONE
 DEC 30 JOANNA CALDWELL

DEC 3 ED SMITH
 DEC 5 DEANNA EURITT
 DEC 7 EMMA STEYN
 DEC 11 AMELIA CASSELLS
 DEC 13 JUDY BREDESEN
 DEC 15 DANIELA PETERSON



THANK YOU'S cont..

- * **Roger Wilson, Bruce Matson, Joanne Matson and Larry Stalling** for installing a new faucet in Fellowship Hall kitchen.
- * **Bobbie Johanson, Kathy Matthies** for being the Trustworthy Adult Presence (TAP)s during Confirmation this Fall.
- * **Bernie Hovden and Elena Dillon** for playing clarinet during Kinship Time on Gratitude Sunday.
- * Kinship Time Hosts (**Scott McGinnis & Jen Bredeesen, Norma & Garth Watson, Gloria & Tony Given, Kathy Matthies**) for providing coffee, tea, and snacks so we can nosh and get to know each other after worship each week.

Honor a Loved One or Special Event

Our Flower Team can provide an arrangement which you can dedicate to a person or an event.

Here's how it works:

- Using the chart in the church narthex, sign your name on an available date.
- Give to the church office, or put in the offering plate, a check for \$50-\$75 payable to "Community Church" with "Chancel Flowers" in the memo line.
- 1-2 weeks prior to the date you selected, the church office will contact you for dedication information and a member of the Flower Team will contact you about the arrangement itself.
- Following the Sunday service, you may either take the arrangement home or request that it be delivered to a homebound member.

The Flower Team has lost a few of our volunteers. If you love to arrange flowers (no expertise required), or just love flowers and how they make worship beautiful, contact **Kathy Matthies** at kathleenmatthies57@gmail.com or 707-758-3970. The

commitment would be about 4-5 Sundays throughout the year.



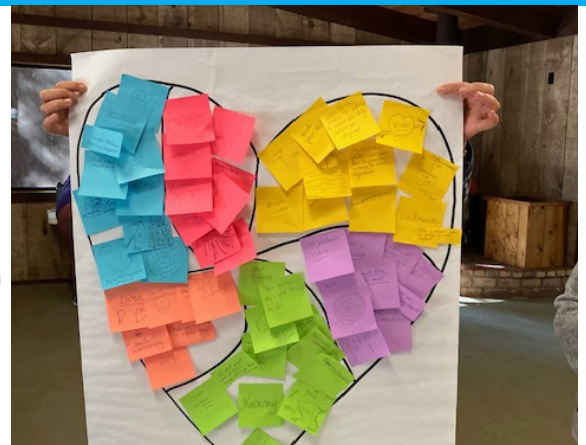
WOMEN'S RETREAT

by Joanne Feige

The Women's Retreat was held at the beautiful Westminster Woods on the weekend of October 7-9, with 28 attendees. We had the privilege of **Rev. Dr. Bethany Nelson** facilitated the weekend with the theme, "Drawn In...Living the Creative Life with God."

During the sessions, we were treated to guitar music often followed by small group discussions. Group participants were changed each session to allow participants to become acquainted with one another. Of course, there was free time scheduled in the late afternoon. We were able to take hikes, read, nap, do art work, play games, chat and engage in a myriad of other activities. There were two evenings of cards, board games and puzzles.

On Sunday morning after breakfast, we had an inspiring communion worship service. We are looking forward to the next retreat which is already in the planning stages. **Rev. Elena Larssen** has agreed to be our facilitator.



Alternative Gifts
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Alternative Gift Catalogs

Alternative Gift Catalogs will be available after church on November 27 in the courtyard or can be picked up in the entryway or the church office. When you make a purchase from the Alternative Gift catalog, you receive a gift card to present, with an insert explaining the alternative gift you have purchased. Through your Alternative Gift purchase you can honor your gift recipient by giving someone in desperate need; a birthing kit (\$28), Organic seeds for a woman farmer (\$6), 30 books for a library (\$20). Projects are available in 17 countries including the United States. Choose from a multitude of wonderful and helpful projects from established charities. Return your order to the church office or give it to **Joyce Cox**. Your cards and inserts will be waiting for you on the counter in the office the following Sunday. Pick up a catalog and let your imagination go!

Meet Althea, Community Church's Keyboardist

by Rachel Allen

Althea was born in 1948 in Hollywood, California's tinsel town. Destined for the performing arts, her father played tenor sax, and her grandmother (also named Althea) taught her to play piano at age four. As a young girl, her family moved to Menlo Park in Northern California. There, her father, a golfer, struck up a friendship on the links with **Tennessee Ernie Ford**, a 1950's TV personality and famous singer of "16 Tons." **Althea** fondly remembers playing piano at age 10 for an admiring **Mr. Ford** during her family's get-togethers.

By the time she was in high school, **Althea's** family had moved to the East Coast, and she was attending high school in New Jersey. During her sophomore year she befriended **Diane**, a senior, who was a member of a local production company. The Company performed weekends, traveling to popular venues, and **Althea** was invited to play for the troupe. The money was so good, she reminisces, "she never looked back," and began her professional career as a musician.

Her music has taken her to many colorful places, and by age 21 she had moved to Alaska. There she found work at Juneau's famous 'Red Dog Saloon,' opened during the mining era. Tour boats (and later cruise ships) have been visiting the Saloon for refreshment for decades. **Althea** played jazz and ragtime piano there for 17 years to locals and tourists, following in the footsteps of "**Ragtime Hattie**" the Saloon's original entertainer. During her time in Alaska, she also worked as the music teacher at Juneau-Douglas High School.

By 2007 **Althea** returned to California to be closer to family: a daughter, and also a niece and nephew that she raised for her brother after he died at an early age. During this time, she began playing piano for several different church denominations, including a beloved Black Methodist church in Berkeley.

Althea began working for Community Church in 2017 and was attracted to the Church's progressive philosophy and welcoming attitudes to people from all backgrounds. **Althea** selects the prelude, interludes and postludes, and occasionally special songs such as the recent arrangement, "God Don't Hate," a stirring song performed with lyrics on signage.

In addition to her lifelong Christian faith, **Althea** is also drawn to the Divine in other traditions and is inspired by Hinduism. She has attended the Siddha yoga Ashram in Oakland. She is fluent in many musical genres and eras, but the music closest to her heart is music that speaks to the spirit: Hindu chanting and African American gospel tunes. Thank you, **Althea**, for sharing your substantial piano skills and unique performing background with our congregation.



Calling on all bakers and snack makers!

Our **Kinship Hour** after church is in dire need of supplies of cookies, breads, fruit, and savory brunch bites to serve. If you can help and donate please contact **Kathy Matthies** at kathleenmatthies57@gmail.com.

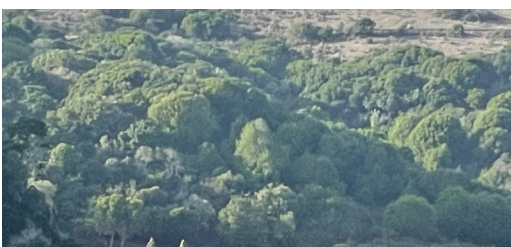
MEN'S RETREAT RECAP By Stuart Mitchell

This year's men's retreat at St. Columbas retreat center in Inverness was another big success! Led by **Pastor Benjamin**, the focus was looking at the Psalms, as outlined by **Walter Brueggemann** in his book, *The Spirituality of the Psalms*. There he discusses three phases of the Psalms including Orientation, Disorientation, and Reorientation. **Pastor Benjamin** guided us through different reflective exercises including journaling, sharing with the group, and listening to popular music tunes that point to different stages of orientation.

We shared a lot of laughter and camaraderie, enjoyed the beautiful weather, played music, immersed ourselves in the spirit of the historic retreat center, and had a beautiful hike to Tomales Bay. We all shared in the cooking and cleaning and enjoyed amazingly delicious meals! Several of us stayed to participate in the Episcopal church service in the chapel and there we met a local historian who was doing research on the retreat center.

Coincidentally, one of our retreat members named **Mat Keller** lived in this large home back in the 1940s and he was able to share many interesting details with the historian as we walked around together looking at the entire property.

It was a rewarding and memorable retreat for all of us and many of us wanted to stay several days longer! Thank you to all of those who assisted with the retreat, especially **Warren Brisban** and **Benjamin Broadbent**.



Disconnect

A Psalm of Disorientation composed by Bob Curtis

God, you know me. You care for me and this world. You care for me even when I am at my worst. Even when we fail horribly again and again and again.

Why do you allow so many to suffer? Why do you empower asses (I know I can be one of them)? Why do you let your people be so easily deceived, manipulated, and cheated? Why do you let the truth be so hard to acknowledge? Why do you let your people be content with the crumbs of life in a bountiful world?

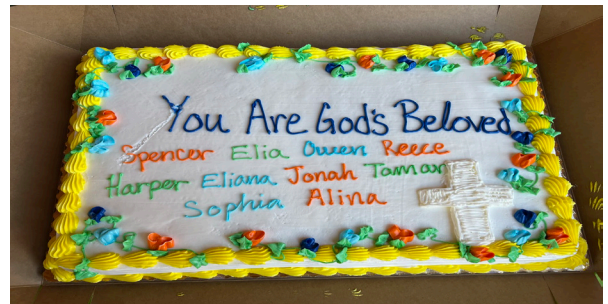
You say you care for the least among us. You say that the wicked shall be held to account. You want good things for us. You say you want us to be transformed and to transform. You say you love us and will never leave us.

Change the hearts of our leaders and people. Change and soften my own heart. Open our eyes so that we can see you even within the mess.

Where are you hiding? Where is the justice, truth, and love? Where are you in all of this darkness and turmoil? Why?



Congratulations to the all those who completed confirmation! Your church family wish you blessings on your continued faith journey.





Christmas Poinsettia Dedication

Dedicate a poinsettia to honor a loved one at Christmas. According to a 17th century Legend from Mexico, an impoverished child named Pepita had no gift to present to the Christ Child on Christmas Eve. Worried and ashamed, her cousin encouraged her, saying, "even the humblest gift, presented in love, is acceptable in God's eyes." Not knowing what else to do, on her way to church that evening, she gathered a bouquet of weeds and laid them at the foot of the Nativity scene. Suddenly her bouquet burst into blooming Flor del Noche Buena, Flowers of the Holy Night. And so, with humility and grace, we present poinsettias, "Flowers of the Holy Night," to honor loved ones in the sanctuary at Christmas. This year, lovely white poinsettias will arrive and grace the chancel on the third Sunday of Advent, December 11, and will be a blessing of the space through the Christmas Eve services.

To dedicate a poinsettia, please fill out the form below, and return it to the church office by December 11th, including a check made out to "Community Church of Sebastopol," each plant is \$15.00. Multiple dedications may be made for one plant—please use one form for each plant you wish to order.

You may pick up your poinsettia after the 8:30pm worship service on Christmas Eve to bring home and enjoy. Or you may donate your plant to be delivered to a homebound church member during the Christmastide Season. Please indicate your preference on the form.

If you would like to help deliver poinsettias to our homebound members, please contact **Pastor Rachel** pastorrachel@uccseb.org.

Please return this form, with a check made payable to "Community Church Sebastopol," "Poinsettia" in the memo line, to the church office by December 4th.

Dedication to be printed in the bulletin on December 18th:

In Honor of _____
(Name of person or event)

In Memory of _____
(Name of person or event)

Dedicated by _____
(Your name / name of person making the dedication)

Please use a separate form for each poinsettia. Cost: \$15.00 per plant.

Check One:

- ☐ I will pick up my poinsettia after the 8:30 am worship service on Christmas Eve
☐ I will not pick up my poinsettia, please share it with someone who is homebound
☐ I would like to deliver a poinsettia to a homebound church member

Christmas Gift Bags for Sam Jones Hall

Our aim this year is to do 100 Christmas Gift Bags for the residents of Sam Jones Hall! This is a joint outreach of the Community Church, Stone Creek Zen Center, and Sequoia School. You are invited to fill a reusable shopping bag with the items on the list below. Gift bags and lists will be available for you in the Narthex during Advent, beginning Sunday, November 27. It is important to get everything on the list. Please use regular size items, not travel size. It saves a LOT of money to shop at Dollar Tree. Towels and men's socks are reasonable at Ross, Walmart, or Costco. Be sure to add a note or card with your greeting. You can just sign with your first name and Community Church, if you want. Place your filled bag under the Christmas Tree in the Narthex no later than December 18. There will be ribbons on the stand by the tree. Please tie one to the handles of your bag to indicate who it is for. If you are unable to shop, but would like to help, you can send a check to the Church office marked "Christmas Gift Bags". Bag for a man costs \$35, and for a woman \$40.



We mostly need bags for Women because the school is doing 40 men's bags.

List for a Man

- Deodorant
- Pocket Comb
- Hand Sanitizer
- Chap Stick
- Large bar of soap
- Shaving Cream
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Deck of Cards
- Pack of Tissues
- 2 Candy Bars
- Nail Clippers
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Mug (Microwaveable)
- Shower Towel
- Warm Socks
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Good quality disposable razors

List for a Woman

- Deodorant
- 2 Candy Bars
- Mug (Microwavable)
- Chap Stick
- Large bar of soap
- Net Scrubby
- Pack of Tissues
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Shower Towel
- Warm Socks
- Nail Clippers
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Hair Ties
- Tweezers
- Coloring Book/Pens or Pencils
- Good quality disposable razors
- Brush and Mirror

Please include a card or note of good wishes to the recipient of your gift!

Events in December at Community Church

December 1	Women's Care Card Ministry, 3 pm, Fellowship Hall Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary
December 3	Velocity Handbell Concert, 2 pm, Sanctuary
December 4	2nd Sunday of Advent: Peace, Worship Service, 10:30 am, Sanctuary Advent Book Club, 9:30 am, Chapel Kinship Time, 11:30 am, Bell Tower Courtyard Children's Choir Rehearsal, 11:35 am, Choir Room Associate Pastor PPRT, Noon, Fireside Room Leadership Council Dream Team, Noon, Media Room
December 6	Grounds Team, 9 am, Church Campus Shower Outreach Program, 10 am, Memorial Hall Facilities Committee, 10 am, Fountain Courtyard Pastor-Parish Relations Team 4 pm, Fireside Room Men's Discussion Group, 6 pm, Fireside Room
December 7	Staff Team, 10 am, Fireside Room Women's Bible Study, 10 am, Room 6 Handbell Ensemble, 4 pm, Sanctuary
December 8	Chancel Choir Researsal, 6:30 pm, Choir Room
December 9	Second Saturday Lunch, 11:30 am, Fellowship Hall
December 11	3rd Sunday of Advent: Joy, Worship Service, 10:30 am, Sanctuary Advent Book Club, 9:30 am, Chapel Wondering Circle, 11 am, Room 5 Kinship Time, 11:30 am, Bell Tower Courtyard Children's Choir Rehearsal, 11:35 am, Choir Room Personnel Committee, Noon, Fireside Room Intergenerational Gym, 3:45 pm, Memorial Hall Gym
December 13	Grounds Team, 9 am, Church Campus Shower Outreach Program, 10 am, Memorial Hall Outreach Committee, 7 pm, Fireside Room
December 14	Staff Team, 10 am, Fireside Room Women's Bible Study, 10 am, Room 6 Handbell Ensemble, 4 pm, Sanctuary Leadership Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Media Room
December 15	Salt & Light Newsletter Deadline Chancel Choir Researsal, 6:30 pm, Choir Room
December 17	Glenda Elvy Memorial Service and Reception, 1 pm, Sanctuary
December 18	4th Sunday of Advent: Love, Worship Service, 10:30 am, Sanctuary Advent Book Club, 9:30 am, Chapel Wondering Circle, 11 am, Room 5 Kinship Time, 11:30 am, Bell Tower Courtyard Children's Choir Rehearsal, 11:35 am, Choir Room Youth Group, Noon, Youth Lounge Caroling, 5 pm, Fellowship Hall
December 19	Prayer Shawl Group, 10 am, Fireside Room
December 20	Grounds Team, 9 am, Church Campus Shower Outreach Program, 10 am, Memorial Hall
December 21	Staff Team, 10 am, Fireside Room Handbell Ensemble, 4 pm, Sanctuary Longest Night Worship Service, 6 pm, Chapel
December 22	Chancel Choir Researsal, 6:30 pm, Choir Room
December 24	Child-Friendly Pagent Service, 4 pm, Sanctuary Family-Friendly Lessons & Carols Service, 6 pm, Sanctuary Traditional-Lessons & Carols Service, 8:30 pm, Sanctuary

Events Continued

December 25	Cozy Christmas Day Worship, 10:30 am, Sanctuary
December 26	Office Closed, Observance of Christmas Holiday
December 27	Grounds Team, 9 am, Church Campus Shower Outreach Program, 10 am, Memorial Hall
December 28	Staff Team, 10 am, Fireside Room Women's Bible Study, 10 am, Room 6 Handbell Ensemble, 4 pm, Sanctuary
December 29	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm, Choir room

CHRISTMAS CAROLING



If you love singing Christmas Carols, this is the event for you! There's no sign-up, simply come as you are (dress warmly!) Sheet music with words to all the songs will be provided.

What to Bring: Enthusiasm and a dish to share

Carolers will split into two groups: those who walk to sing to our neighbors around the church, and those who drive to some of our elder-members. Then the group will reconvene in the Fellowship Hall at 6:15 pm for a post-caroling potluck. Contact: **Andy DelMonte**: delmontemusic.com.



2022 CALENDAR

December		
Sunday, December 18 *NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME	Assemble Blessing Bags for Sam Jones Homeless Shelter. Then a Christmas Party & White Elephant Gifting* Bring a "White Elephant" gift to exchange with each other and holiday treats to share if you wish. Merry Christmas!	12-2:30pm Fellowship Hall & Youth Lounge (Lunch will be provided at the start of our time together)

January 2023 - Happy New Year!!

Meeting or Events for January are still being determined with youth, leaders, pastor and parents. Stay tuned and look for an email and calendar being sent to home.

* What is a "White Elephant Gift"?

A white elephant gift exchange is a party game where amusing and impractical gifts are exchanged during festivities. The goal of a white elephant gift exchange is to entertain partygoers rather than to gain a genuinely valuable or highly sought-after item.

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