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Dear Family of God,

Have you started listening to Christmas music yet? Decorating?
Planning the menu for the feast? Buying or making gifts for loved ones?

Advent is a season of preparation. Our liturgies help us prepare our spirits for the coming of Jesus, the in-breaking of light for a world in darkness. We typically spend the weeks leading up to Christmas remembering our need for Jesus and focusing our hearts on him. This year will be a bit different, though.

Most of us have had our worlds rocked by the stuff of the last few years. The pandemic, economic volatility, climate crises, and war have destabilized us all. Advent is typically a season for waiting, anticipating, and preparing for the coming of the Christ-child.

Haven't we waited long enough, though, for something that will lift our spirits? This series is designed to do just that, in a way that is accessible to people at every point along the journey called faith. Those new to faith and those who grew up in the church will find this series to be full of good tidings, good music, and great stories. Here's what this year's Advent series – "Comfort and Joy" – will offer:

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday Dec 13 2:30-4 at church

Tired of sitting home alone? Ready for some companionship and productive work? Join our prayer shawl group! We meet the second Tuesday of each month. Dec 13 2:30-4 we will be working and visiting in the church lounges. Yarn, needles and teachers are available for free. See examples of shawls to give away hanging in the hallway. Bring a friend; come join in!



Office Hours

Regular Office Hours

8:30 am – 12:30 pm Monday thru Friday
315.789.6550

*Merry Christmas! Happy New Year from
Your Church Staff*

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A Family Promise Christmas!

Each child in the Family Promise program will receive 7 gifts.

Our church selected a 4-year-old boy and his wish list follows:

1. Shirt - size 4T
2. Pants - 4T
3. PJs - 4T
4. Underwear - 3T
5. Coat - child's size M
6. Shoes - toddler size 10
7. A toy, not to exceed \$50 - (contributions accepted toward this!)

He likes dinosaurs, the color orange and anything Ghost Busters!

We plan to give his Mom a gift card and/or nice toiletries.

Please deliver gifts to the box on the desk in the lounges NLT 12/7.

Contact Faye (fstowell@hws.edu) or Pat (315-789-2550) if you wish to help so we avoid duplicates. We are willing to shop and wrap if needed.

The Pastor's Corner (con't)

- December 4: "Feast" – A service of with Holy Communion, followed by a pot-luck lunch. Plan on staying after worship, bringing a dish to share, and enjoying a holiday meal with your church family.
- December 11: "Generations" – A celebration of the many generations among us and the beautiful and unique ways in which we celebrate the season.
- December 18: "Sing" – A service of lessons and carols
- December 21: "Comfort" – A service of hope and healing for those who are grieving.
- December 24: "Rejoice!" – A traditional candlelight service with Communion.
- December 25: "Family" – A cozy, casual Christmas worship and brunch in the lounge.
- January 1 – Rev. Dave Bergner will be preaching.

Can't wait to see you there.

In Holy Love,
Pastor Emily

November Leadership Team

The Leadership Team met on November 12 following the annual Charge Conference.

We devoted most of our time to discussing a signature ministry that will generate income for our church. A pair of consultants visited earlier in the month to further discuss the economics of setting up a daycare center, and we looked at three sites in Geneva as possible locations in addition to considering our church building. Deciding about a ministry will help drive a decision about where it should be housed. The Leadership Team will have a separate meeting in December to further discuss ministry options.

We reviewed a report from the Maintenance Team about the current state of the building. Gutter down spouts that drained into a crawl space, causing rot, have been redirected to drain outside the building. We received a bid from the current elevator maintenance company that is large enough to persuade us to seek bids from other vendors. Trees behind the church that are affecting the foundation will be removed or trimmed in the next couple of weeks, so the parking lot will be closed for a couple of days. The steel vent pipes that hung on the side of the building have been removed and the clock drive shafts have been lubricated. The team will address a couple of issues with the first-floor men's room toilet. Most concerning is the amount of loose masonry that has had to be removed from the side of the building and the holes and cracks that are revealed. They have been filled with spray foam as a temporary fix but a more permanent, probably costly, solution needs to be found. Many thanks to the Maintenance Team, especially Tim Ten Eyck, for staying on top of these issues.



The FUMC Men's Coffee Group meets the first Wednesday of the month. 10:00 AM. Place to be determined.

For information and/or to get on the reminder lists, contact Cal text or call 585-967-9425 or the church office.

Thank You!

Dear Followers of Christ:

On behalf of thousands of people in the Malek area of South Sudan, I thank you for your recent contribution of \$500 for the Southern Sudan Health Projects

Please know that your continued support of this project makes a difference in about 1,000 lives every month. The funds you have contributed will join with other gifts to pay the salaries of 8 Home Health Promoters.

I believe you are all an important part of what God is doing with God's people in that part of the world.

Thank you,
In God's Love,
Rev. Bradford Hunt



Christmas Poinsettia Order

This year, our church is offering to provide poinsettias for our December 18 and Christmas Eve worship services. If you indicate on the sheet below, we will order the poinsettias for you and have them delivered to church. Then you can take your poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve Service, December 24th. This is an easy way, we believe, for you to share the beauty of the floral arrangement during the holidays and also, to recognize or memorialize a loved one with a poinsettia. A list of donors will be indicated in those bulletins.

PLEASE DO NOT SEPARATE THIS FORM

Six blossom poinsettia with foil and bow.

Deadline: December 11th

Please order _____ poinsettia(s) at \$14.00 each for the First United Methodist Church in

() Memory of: _____

OR

() Recognition of: _____

Given by *(Name) _____

*Give name as you wish it to appear in bulletin.

() Check attached**

() Cash attached



Payable to the 1st United Methodist Church.
PLEASE MAKE A SEPARATE CHECK FOR THIS.

November Leadership Team (con't)

While watching the current real estate market in Geneva, some of us have wondered how much our building is worth. We contracted with Sperano Appraisals, Inc., who submitted a comprehensive (78 pages) appraisal to us. They valued the building at \$285,000.

The financial report for October continued to show that our budget is tracking closely to our income. The Living Memorial Fund total is back above \$1 million after dropping with the stock market earlier. Pledge income through October was at 98% of the \$101,538 budget; 2nd mile giving is \$690 for a budget of \$180 (thank you!) and donations are at 93% of the \$18,615. budget. We deeply appreciate your stewardship.

We will review the 2023 draft budget at our December meeting.

If you have questions about this summary, don't hesitate to ask any of us.

Ellen Mitchell, chairwoman; Pastor Emily, Carole Huether, Cal Adams, Kaitlyn McLaughlin, Aidan Parsons, Cornelia Johnson and Faye Stowell



Schedules

Ushers Schedule for December:

- Dec. 4 Cal Adams and Cheryl TenEyck
- Dec. 11 Kent Maurer and Aiden Parsons
- Dec. 18 Tim TenEyck and Rodney Lennon
- Dec. 25 Service in the Lounges
- Jan. 1 Cal Adams and Cheryl TenEyck

Fellowship at 9:45 Receptions for December:

(Beverages only)

- December 4 – Jeff Stanton and Ted Mitchell
- December 11 – Pat Schiller
- December 18 – Available (Call the office if you are able)
- December 25 – Service in the Lounges
- January 1 – Jeff Stanton

Scripture Readers:

- December 4 – Ellen Mitchell
- December 11 – Charlie Russell
- December 18 – Tricia Maurer
- December 25 – Bonnie Riley
- January 1 – Kaitlyn McLaughlin

Advent Candle Lighters:

- December 4 – The Gilotti Family
- December 11 – The Huether Family
- December 18 – The Huyge Family
- December 24 – Ellen Mitchell

Advent Devotionals Available

An Advent devotional is available to pick up at the church by the back door. Readings will begin on the first Sunday of Advent, November 27. If you cannot pick one up and would like one mailed to you, please contact the church office.

Advent Study

You are invited to join an Advent Study: The Gift of the Nutcracker led by Pastor Emily on Mondays, November 28, December 5, 12, 19 at 7 pm at the Geneva United Methodist Church.

"The Nutcracker" is a delightful and whimsical Christmas classic that children and adults look forward to every year. First performed in 1892, the music, dance, and story of this classic hold a special place in our cultural Christmas celebrations.

In the Gift of the Nutcracker, author Matt Rawle, explores the story to help us understand God's greatest gift of the Christ child, and the kingdom Christ came to establish.

You can sign up by calling or emailing the church office.

