

Cross Currents

Newsletter for October 2021



Stewardship Season 2021



On Sunday, October 10, we will begin our Stewardship Season 2021 emphasis: Our Church in changing times, ready to grow where God leads. "Perhaps you are here for just such a time as this." - Esther 4:14.

Stewardship is the process for caring for all that God has given us. During worship we'll talk about the ways God has drawn us together as a church family out of a multitude of backgrounds and life situations, to be a witness for compassion, grace, and love at Church of the Cross.

Rock Sumner will be guiding us in our stewardship emphasis this year. Everyone will receive a letter from him announcing our theme with a stewardship pledge card. Our hope is that you will continue to join us for worship on October 17, 24, and 31, as we look more closely at our church's rich heritage and our key outreach ministries and missions.

You may have noticed the continued reference to a stewardship emphasis and not a stewardship campaign or Sunday. Too often the fall stewardship event is focused completely on financial giving when stewardship actually encompasses much more than our gifts of money. This should be a time to focus on discipleship and commitment to not only pledging our financial resources to the ministries that God is calling us to do, but to consider our participation and involvement in them. Thus, we will try to move from the culture of Stewardship Sunday into a Stewardship Season for 2021. Our emphasis will continue for the last four Sundays in October.

Each member is encouraged to complete their stewardship card during this emphasis time in October and prayerfully consider ways in which each of us may make a commitment to be better stewards throughout the year.

Thank you to everyone who has maintained their financial contributions in the absence of our regular worship services in our sanctuary. Thank you for your continued participation as we gathered together as a scattered congregation during the COVID-19 pandemic. Together, we've learned to live through change.

October 17 — Single Service at 11:10 a.m. Outdoors

Read more in the special insert!

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It's October Again

Just for fun, I looked back to see the subjects of my October Cross Current articles from the past few years:

- 2019 Our Russia Team is headed out again
- 2018 A new Associate Pastor Search Committee is elected!
- 2017 PDA efforts after hurricanes in the Gulf
- 2016 Mission Speaker from Cuba
- 2015 Stewardship in a time of ISIS

For many reasons, I love the month of October. It seems to be a time of getting to work and reaching out. Summer vacation is past, school is underway, but winter is coming soon, so it's time to get to work with the tasks at hand.

This October, our church activities are back, and we are carefully trying to re-engage and re-connect. In our own ways, each of us if trying our best to figure out what it means to live through this stage of the pandemic. We're not back to normal yet, and I suspect that our "new" normal won't look exactly like the old one. (Will Zoom meetings become a standard feature of every meeting from now on?)

Our Capital Campaign has reached our projected goal, and we will celebrate this milestone together on October 17 (see the special insert). How innocent we were when the Campaign kicked off...right before COVID hit. Your faithfulness, generosity, and dedication over the past 19 months have been truly inspiring. Stay tuned for constant updates as we move into the area of selecting our Construction Manager, with more detailed plans to follow.

October is also the month of our Stewardship Season, where we plan and budget for the year to come. This October, we plan to hear from some of our local mission partners. Their efforts throughout the pandemic have also been inspiring, and it

will do our hearts good to hear their stories and see where our mission dollars have been going.

Our presbytery recently welcomed a new pastor, and I got to preach at his Installation Service. I told the story of a young pastor who was called to a small rural church in Ohio. She noticed that their church nursery had become a storeroom, since it had been years since their church had a baby in their midst. She asked if it would be okay to clean up the nursery. With the help of two elders, they emptied it out, repainted it, and bought furniture from garage sales. For a few months, the nursery sat empty. Then, in the spring, a young family visited the church. The parents were delighted with the nursery. The young mother said it looked like they had prepared it just for her daughter, and the elder said, "As a matter of fact, we did. We were waiting for you."

They were waiting—but they'd fixed up the nursery. That's hope. Hope is more than wishful thinking, or pasting on a thin smile. Real Hope does something about it, even though you might have to wait.

That's one reason I'm so proud of Church of the Cross - we hope for things, and then we do something about it, instead of just waiting around.

I see this happening all across our church. You'll see it in every page of this newsletter, as we carefully come back, even in these uncertain times.

May God continue to bless our efforts as we work together to do his will and reach out to those around us.

Your pastor and friend,

Marshall Zieman



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Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Are you tired? Are you weary? Come! Come to worship and feel renewed in the presence of God and these cherished friends. I don't think I realized how much the newscasts, the frustration over COVID-19, the political climate, and the anger rampant on social media has been getting to us. Day by day it seems as though the negative energy is winning, challenging us at every turn. As I was contemplating that stress and fatigue, I heard the hymn Beneath the Cross of Jesus. It came over me. The tune and the words were a gentle reminder of the hope that is in Christ. The hymn lyrics read, "Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land; a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide



heat, and the burden of the day." It is this refreshing reminder that Jesus died for our sins-- for all of these burdens on our day that give us stress and uncertainty.

This hymn is what I needed this day. It reminded me of the blessings around us. Even though our hope is in Christ, it is often challenged by the noise outside. It is energy that can pull our attention away from God's call on our lives as Christians. It is energy that can make us feel useless. It is in this valley that we are urged to trust in Christ and just be present with what is good and true. As the hymnist writes, "I take, O cross, thy shadow

for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine that then sunshine of Christ's face; to know no gain or loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross." This hymn is a reminder of the comfort that we find in our faith and in the presence of those around us who also seek peace and solace. This is the promise that we find here at Church of the Cross, and it is the light that brightens each day.

Friends, if you are able, come to worship and let the Good News shape your week. If you are not yet ready, watch us online. The 9:00 service is now a live stream, so you can worship at home along with your friends here in the sanctuary. If you can't make 9:00, you can tune into a recorded service later in the day. As you come, sit at the cross of Jesus and feel the prayers of our church body, sing the hymns of promise, hear the Word of the Lord, and feel renewed in the promise of Christ Jesus.



Grace and peace,

Christine

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Deacons

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TreasurerTammy Holdren

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Home Meals Coordinator Kathy Moore

Prayer Shawls/Stones Information
Anna Sumner

PieceMakers Karen Morey Debbie McMullen



If you or a loved one are facing a situation where you need spiritual or emotional support, contact Pastor Christine for more information about our Cross Care Connections program. You may also complete the online form on our website to request a Cross Care Connections provider.



Vesper Concerts Presents . . .

This Little Light: A Residency with Theodicy Jazz Collective, October 9-10

Vesper Concerts is collaborating with Theodicy Jazz Collective, the Hastings College Choir, and PCOC's own Resound Choral Ensemble in a weekend residency October 9-10, providing both the musicians and the audience with an opportunity to experience sacred music and liturgy in a fresh, new way.

In a concert on Saturday evening, October 9, at 7:00 p.m., all three groups will present Theodicy's original setting of the Latin mass, the *Canterbury Jazz Mass*. On Sunday morning, October 11, they will collaborate again to provide liturgical music for both morning worship services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:10 a.m.

The Theodicy Jazz Collective was formed at Oberlin Conservatory in 2006 and grew during residency at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music from 2008 to 2012. The band creates and leads services for a multitude of churches and cathedrals from Los Angeles to London, Minnesota to Mississippi, and offers lectures and workshops at high schools and colleges including Oxford, Cambridge, and Yale Universities.

Incorporating sounds from the traditions of jazz and gospel music and rhythms from Latin America and Africa, the music is a constant pray-





er, sometimes a shout of joy, sometimes a call to action, sometimes a cry for hope. Theodicy has provided music for conferences and in communities such as the National Council of Churches, the Washington National Cathedral, The House of Bishops and General Convention of the Episcopal Church, and Canterbury Cathedral.

Visit www.vesperconcerts.org for more information.

Kristi Treu, Director of Music Executive Director of Vesper Concerts



Organist: Dana Sloan, M.M.

Worship & Music Committee Moderator: Mike Shannon



October 17 2nd Grade Bible Presentation October 31 Trunk or Treat 3:00 p.m. December 5 Children's Christmas Pageant

A Note from Heather Berry

Senior High Car Wash

We couldn't have asked for a better day to have a car wash. It was hot and sunny, and the spray of cold water from the hose felt great! The car wash is one of the youth's favorite fundraisers, and once again it did not disappoint! Thanks to all who were

brave enough to let the youth wash their cars and to those who didn't want a car wash but donated funds anyway! We collected \$757.16 which will go towards the SHF mission trip next June.







2nd Grade Bible Presentation



All second graders will receive their Deep Blue Kids Bibles during worship on October 17 at 11:10 a.m. The Christian Education Committee invites the congregation to join the second graders and their families for this memorable occasion. If you have a second grader and are unable to attend worship on October 17, please let Heather know so other arrangements can be made.

Children's Worship Kits

Thanks to Eileen Wright, our children have new worship kit bags! Eileen graciously agreed to pur-

chase fabric and sew worship kit bags for our children. They are beautiful and will be well loved, I'm sure! Thanks Eileen! Look for them in the Narthex soon.



Trunk or Treat is back!

Join us out on the back lawn on Sunday, October 31 at 3 p.m. for fun and games and trunk or treating. This year's event will be held entirely outside. Be sure to wear your costume and bring a bucket for your treats. This year we are asking everyone in the congregation to participate by hosting a trunk. All you have to do is decide on a theme, decorate your vehicle, dress up (it's fun!), and provide treats to hand out to the children. It's that easy and so much fun! You can Google "trunk or treat ideas" for inspiration. Help us make this the best Trunk or Treat ever for our church family! If you plan to host a trunk, please let Heather know.

Heather Berry Director of Christian Education





CE Committee Moderator: Josh Versaw

JHF Leaders: Carla & Jon Fritz, Julie Evers, & Jeremy Cunningham

SHF Leaders: Dawn & Brad Gibson, Ethan Bennett. Susan Price





The View from My Office

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With Pastor Christine's help, an image from the mid-sixties design concept of an educational unit and carillon tower was discovered. It is remarkable that a dream of what our church could become from more than five decades ago would surface in a current dream from of what our church could become today.

They dreamt of an educational unit, and we dreamt of a Welcome Center that includes a classroom and a hearth room, both of which could be used for additional Christian education areas. They dreamt of a carillon tower, and we dreamt of a call to worship tower. Each design encompasses ideas for a more apparent entry into our facility.

I say, "they dreamt" and "we dreamt" but that's not entirely true. Certainly, we have lost a few charter members in the past couple of years that were part of the original dream to build a church. But many of those original families also had children that grew up in this church and are members today. And obviously, we have one charter member still on our rolls, Bryce Crawford. He was on hand at the groundbreaking for Fellowship Hall as the Chairman of the Trustees. I've also seen photographs of Betty Mack and Lou Harrison on groundbreaking day.

day.

In this same scrapbook, we also noticed a plan to connect the north and south parking lots along the east side of our property and add additional parking. I thought a trip down memory lane might be an interesting adventure this fall.

Rock Sumner Business Administrator

Finance Committee Moderator: Ken Kluck

Building and Grounds Committee Moderator: John Stalnaker

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Member Life Events



Everly Rose Lorentzen, daughter of Dillon and Kimberly Lorentzen, baptized on September 19, 2021.



Brayden Chip and Olivia Eleanor Downes, born on September 22, 2021. Parents are Jimmy and Jessica Downes.

OCTOBER Birthdays

- 1 Lida Koukol, Betty Woodhull, Mary Johnson, Andrew Jones
- 2 Karen Metzger, Eileen Wright, Sarah Harrison, Piper Mooney, Cadence Frtiz, Spencer Evers, Roger Utman
- 3 Susan Jones, Liz Huliska
- 4 Tom Searson, Christian Fritz, Brem Bremers
- 5 Larry Keating, Bobbi Dyer
- 6 Loren Penkava, John Stalnaker, Sam Rennick
- 7 Polly Wyatt, Melissa Rock
- 8 Brad Gibson
- 9 Susan Emmert
- 10 Donna Wilhite, Adam Luke
- 11 Donna Adams, Rachel Foehlinger
- 12 Brody McGuire
- 13 Mike Morey, Robert Wyatt, Amen Sekle
- 14 Bruce Hendrickson, Carrigan Innes
- 15 Kathleen Cain, Lori Pirnie, Teresa Thorson
- 16 Kenneth Penney, Barb Stuedemann
- 17 Velma Juarez
- 18 Reagan McNeel, Jennifer Spann, Tammie Will, Jenn Hawthorne, Lindsey Woods
- 19 Sue Jenkins, Eliza Lewis
- 20 Linda Rathman, Philip Holubeck, Stanton Weyand
- 21 Nancy Buda, Landon Polzin
- 22 Linda Miller
- 23 Don Miller, Tina Morgan, Barrett Ballou, Hallie Ballou, Karen Saunders
- 24 Callen Moore, Barbara Wolpa, Dave Woods
- 25 Laura Jones, Mason Downes
- 26 Bridget Ayika
- 27 Pat Vint
- 28 Deb Schmadeke, Avery Fuller
- 29 Sally Hansen, Karen Schumacher, Becky Zieman
- 30 Doug Larson
- 31 Laura Falcone

Membership Committee Moderator:

Nancy Utman

Congregational Life Committee Moderators:

Susan Price/Kristin Jacobi

Reminder

Call the church office when you or a family member is hospitalized. 402-333-7466

Prayer Team

Contact Julie Buehler, or Judy Arms

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

49ers

Judy Sundberg Donna Turner

Friday Night Gourmet

Curt Field & Launie Lambert

Presbyterian Women

Diane Kratz

Presbyterian Men

Jon Boomgaarden

PCOC Book Group

June Fettig

Music & Movement

Betty Baddley

Tai Chi

Paula Allen

Active Minds

Earlene Uhrig



OSS Lunch Volunteers Needed



PCOC serves a taco and nacho lunch at the Omaha Street School on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Our next lunch is on October 14, and we are looking for more volunteers.

You can help in the following ways:

- Serve meals at the Omaha Street School following the OSS COVID protocol. Volunteers serve the food from the kitchen, and the students are on the other side of a plastic barrier. No students are allowed in the kitchen. Servers arrive at 11:00 a.m. and are usually finished by 12:45 p.m.
- Volunteer to cook 3-4 pounds of taco meat, put it in a crockpot, and get it to Tina Morgan and the serving crew. OSS does not have an oven in their kitchen, so we must bring all the food warm and ready to serve. Mission committee has a budget for the lunches, so you can be reimbursed for the expense.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Tina Morgan.

Grocery Receipts

Just a reminder that the HyVee receipt program discontinued was effective September 1.



All HyVee receipts received after that date will be discarded. The receipt box at the Information desk is for Family Faire receipts, as that program is continuing to support OSS.

Thanks for your understanding!



Siena Francis House Servers Needed October 10 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Sign up using the link on the church website. Questions? Contact Keith Allen.



Mission Committee Moderator:

Karen Metzger

HHM Annual October Fundraiser

The Heartland Hope Mission annual fundraiser is on October 7 at their South Omaha headquarters at 2021 'U' St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. This fun-filled evening includes a silent auction, dinner, and reception creatively planned around the Monopoly game theme.

If interested in attending this meaningful event, please contact John Bennett. The PCOC table only has 10 seats, and they go fast.

For more information about this event or Heartland Hope Mission, visit their website at http:// heartlandhopemission.org/. Thank you supporting Heartland Hope Mission!



Food Items:

Cereal Pasta **Canned Soup** Canned Vegetables Canned Fruit Canned Meat Mac & Cheese

Peanut Butter

Drop your items off inside Circle Drive doors of the church anytime!

Hygiene Items:

Baby Diapers (most needed size 4-6) **Baby Wipes** Full-Size Shampoo Full-Size Body Wash **Toilet Paper** Toothpaste



PCOC Agape for All

PCOC Agape for All is an invitation for us to learn how we can expand our hearts and minds - with new perspectives and relationships. For more information, contact Patty Ritchie or Kathy Moore.

Sign Up for Agape for All October Activities

"Sweet Potato Pie"

A Meal and Message with Preston Love! Sunday, October 24 — 12:15 – 2:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Enjoy a delicious lunch (and pie!), catered by Big Mama's Kitchen (\$15 requested donation). We will get further acquainted with Preston Love, learn more about his Youth Civil Rights Tour and the organization he has started, 4urban.org. Complete the online registration form, stop by the Information Desk, or call the church office to register before October 17 on the church website at https://churchofthecrossomaha.org/agape/. Or, stop at the Information Desk or call the church office.

Get acquainted with North Omaha – Past & Present Saturday, October 30 — 11:00 a.m.to 2 p.m.

Brother Love will provide an historical tour of North Omaha, with perspectives on the economic, cultural, and civil rights background of this integral part of our city. We will meet in the parking lot behind the Revive Center at 2401 Lake Street (West side of the building). If you'd like to carpool from the church, contact Kathy Moore.

Our tour will include:

- an interactive video tour of North Omaha from Preston's Office space;
- a tour of 3 North Omaha locations in our own cars:
- a 45-minute visit to the Great Plains Black History Museum;
- we will conclude at the Revive Center for lunch and further conversation with Preston and Willie Barney who will talk about the current work of the Empowerment Network.

Each person will pay for a pre-ordered \$15.00 lunch so please register on the church website at https://

churchofthecrossomaha.org/agape/. Or, stop at the Information Desk or call the church office.

What's Cookin'

Weekly Cornerstone Conversations hosted by Haley Allen, Ann Pearson and Patty Ritchie from 6:00–6:40 p.m. on October 6, 13, 20, & 27 during Wednesday dinners in Fellowship Hall. Drop in any time for updates and sharing of new Agape for All ideas! (Must be registered for Cornerstone dinner.)

BURM Conference October 28-30



The Annual Conference of the Belarus, Ukraine, Russia Mission (BURM) Network will be virtual again this year, offering a special opportunity for attendees to participate without the expense of travel. This network, formerly called the Russia Mission Network, is an organization of Presbyterian churches who have connections to churches in Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine.

Church of the Cross has been a member of the network since our partnership with Gnozdovo began in 2009, and members who have attended the annual conference have found it a great resource for learning, networking, and sharing best practices.

This year's conference on Zoom is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, October 28-29 and 10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Saturday, October 30. The agenda will include speakers and breakouts that focus on three key topics:

- Connecting With One Another
- Belarus, including Migration Issues
- Trauma of Children in Migration

Watch for the registration link in Friday emails, and sign up to attend the conference. It will be worth your time!



Greeters Needed

The Congregational Life Committee is in need of volunteers to greet! So, if you are wanting to put a smile on everyone's face coming to church, this is for you! Join us in welcoming everyone to our amazing church service. You can sign up at the Information Desk. Thank you in advance for using your talents to spread some joy!

Presbyterian Men Supported 1st Cornerstone

Presbyterian Men grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, set up, served and cleaned up for the first Wednesday Cornerstone on September 15. It was a great start to this church program. The men who volunteered and helped were Mike Howland, Bill

Ritchie, Don Miller, Loren Penkava, Gary Fitch, Darrell Stuedemann, Tim Johnson, Dan Scanlan, John Bennett, Ken Nisley, Rock Sumner, Dave Berry, and Jon Boomgaarden. Thanks guys for contributing your time and energy!



Hello 49ers!

I am well aware that we all are ready to get back to normal and resume our monthly lunches with a speaker, BUT I am also well aware of some of the problems we are currently facing.

Donna Turner and I are very concerned regarding the safety of all of our attendees and of potential speakers.

In this regard, with the potential of an increase in COVID cases this fall, we have decided that we will postpone any return of our monthly gatherings until at least November, 2021. Prior to that time, we shall take a look at how things are going then and determine how we want to proceed. We miss all of your smiling faces and your spreading of happiness, and we want everyone to remain safe during this time.

Stay tuned later for any announcement regarding our happy return of our gathering.

~ Judy Sundberg and Donna Turner



Calling All PieceMakers!

While stuck at home during the past year, the members of PieceMakers have continued to make and deliver baby quilts to newborns in our congregation all during the pandemic. Now the group has decided to begin meeting again to return to the fellowship we share in creating quilts together.

Piecemakers meets from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Room 11 of the church. We welcome all skill levels, from beginners to master quilters. There are jobs for everyone. Drop-ins are always welcome. If you are curious, come check us out!

October Plans for Active Minds

Active Minds will be playing Mahjongg and Crown 5 for the month of October. All vaccinated members and friends are invited to join us. Tuesday afternoons from 1-4 p.m., in the Great Room of the lower level. We will teach you to play, and we have very patient teachers.



Feel free to join us after Tuesday Bible Study.

PCOC Book Group

Wednesday, October 20 5:15 – 6:30 p.m.



Join us on Zoom or in the lower level Gathering Space (for folks who have been vaccinated and are ready to meet in person). Park in the north lot and enter thru the doors under the canopy. We will be discussing "One Long River of Song" by Brian Doyle. The Zoom link will be in your Friday email from church.



Remembrance Day Service

A silent thought. . . A quiet prayer. . . for a person in God's care.



Cross Care is reaching out to members and family members of those who have endured a loss during the COVID-19 Pandemic. For some of us, we may not have been able to travel or gather together for the funeral of a loved one. For others, a funeral may not have been held in a sanctuary but in the funeral home or only a graveside service with limited guests. Cross Care For others, we may not have been able to visit with a loved one or a close friend while they were hospitalized. While for others, it may be a loss of our daily routine as we once knew and understood it.

Most everyone has experienced a loss, realized the pain of loneliness, or undergone a change in personal health this past year and a half. You are welcomed and encouraged to join your church family on Sunday, November 7 at 4 p.m. for a Remembrance Day Service. Our hope is to surround each member who is experiencing this disconnectedness with our open arms of love, affection, with prayer and music.

A cookie, punch, and coffee reception will follow the service for a time of continued fellowship and visiting. Our Cross Care Team looks forward to welcoming you for this gathering.

If there is someone important to you who could be lifted up in prayer this day, please contact Pastor Christine Dempsey, christine@pcoc.us or 402-333-7466.

DEACON UPDATES



Welcome New Deacons!

The Board of Deacons would like to welcome Don Metzger and Brenda Graumann who accepted the call to fulfill the remaining terms for two of our departing Deacons. Both Don and Brenda were installed in September. Welcome!

Successful Deacon's Fall Blood Drive

Thank you to the congregation for turning out and making the Blood Drive a success. In total, 23 pints were donated! Thanks also to our committee, the Deacons, our church staff, the Boy Scouts, and the Red Cross for making this possible.:

~ Co-Chairs Mary Ott and Darrell Stuedemann

Prayer Stones

Over the past year the Deacons have been distributing Prayer Stones as part of our caregiving ministry. Our very own Doug Larson has tumbled rocks into beautiful prayer stones with vibrant colors, each one unique in its own way. The prayer stones are given with a small card that explains the biblical references of prayer stones. This is just one of the many ways that Deacons are fulfilling our caregiving mission.

> Stones and Rocks are mentioned many times in the Bible - from Moses striking the rock for water, to Paul referring to Jesus as the spiritual rock of the church. Today stones are often understood as a symbol of stability, strength and endurance. They can also help us to pray. Drop this stone in your pocket or bag or somewhere in your room. When you see or feel it offer a quick prayer for vourself or someone.

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Next Cross Currents Deadline is: Third Friday of the month October 15, 2021



Advent Workshop – Save the Date!

Mark your calendars! This year's Advent Workshop is planned for Sunday, November 21, 2021. This year will be a "grab and go" event. Families can sign up for their craft kits and take them home to complete together. Materials and step-by-step directions will be provided.



While we won't be crafting together this year, you can still create wonderful treasures at home with loved ones. Watch for sign-up sheets as we approach the advent season.

~ Christian Education Committee

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If you have a church website update, need a Zoom meeting invite, or have another communications need, please call or email. You can also find Gayle in the church office on Tuesday mornings.