

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) Advent Books:

The 2021 Advent Devotional Books are available in the Narthex. Please pick up your families copy. We extend a warm thank you to all those who wrote a devotion this year....Advent Book Committee

2) Christmas Cantata and Christmas Dinner

Join us **NEXT Sunday, December 12th** at 11am as our Chancel Choir presents our Annual Christmas Cantata. All are invited to worship and celebrate with us. The Annual Christmas Dinner will follow.

3) Parents of Children's Choir Members:

Children will be singing at the morning service on **Sunday, December 19, 2021**. If your children will be singing, please have them present at **6:00pm** for the Wednesday night rehearsals.

4) Advent Bible School:

Advent Bible School will continue for the next 3 Wednesdays (**Dec. 8, Dec. 15 and Dec. 22, 2021**) at **6:30 pm**.

5) Called Business Meeting:

There will be a called Business Meeting on **Wednesday, December 15, 2021** at **6:30pm** for the 2022 Budget Considerations. Nominating Committee recommendations will also be presented.

6) Birthday Cards for Katherine Hall:

We are invited to participate in celebrating Katherine Hall's birthday. On January 4, 2022 she will be **105 years young!!** One way we can celebrate is to give her 105 birthday cards! We are asking **each individual church member** (adults, youth and children) to give Katherine a birthday card. If you would like to celebrate this wonderful blessing, please bring your card to the **church office by December 26**. There will be a box for you to deposit your card in. **Postage is not needed**. Pastor Bud will deliver the cards to Katherine for her birthday.

7) Congratulations:

Congratulations to Bill & Gloria Breeden on the birth of their great granddaughter, Holland.

2nd Sunday in Advent

Barry Milligan: Today is the second Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting. We wait for God to send divine love and light into our dark world.

Barry Milligan & Congregation (*Unison*): How does this happen?

Barry Milligan: God's light comes through Jesus, who became a human being just like you and me, so that he could show us the way back to God's divine love and light.

Barry Milligan & Congregation (*Unison*): "Merciful God, give us grace to heed the warnings of the prophets and forsake our sins, so that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer."

Barry Milligan: A reading from the prophet Malachi: "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts," (**Malachi 3:1**).

Barry Milligan & Congregation (*Unison*): We continue to wait for the coming of Jesus. Last Sunday, we began in the dark, then lit one candle. Today, on the second Sunday of Advent, we light the candles of HOPE and PEACE.

Deacon Family Member Alishia Dodd (Lighting the Candles)
(Lighting 1 PINK CANDLE and 1 PURPLE CANDLE)

Barry Milligan: Every week in Advent, we light another candle. Each candle that we light reminds us that the Light of the World will soon come to us in the human form of the baby Jesus.

Barry Milligan & Congregation (*Unison*): The Way of the Lord is being prepared in our hearts. May every valley be filled and every mountain and hill be made low. May the crooked paths be made straight and the rough ways smooth. When our Lord comes, may all of us then see the salvation of God.