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✧FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK✧

Dear Friends,

How is it with your soul? The end of the year often draws us to a self-examining mindset. John Wesley, founder of Methodism, was known for asking this question. Christian mindfulness is often underutilized and underappreciated. We tend to either focus on witnessing to others about Jesus or serving others for Christ. In a season filled with lists and activities, what would it look like if we took time to be mindful of the fitness of our soul? It is important to 'contemplate' or be mindful of our personal feelings and spiritual wellbeing. We recently finished a series in worship that centered around "contemplative action". Although it seemed to be to be a kind of oxymoron, without a doubt, our best actions will come out of a more contemplative approach. When we look deeper and are mindful of God's presence in and around us, we will undoubtedly be more effective in our actions.

As we enter Advent on November 27th, our focus will be on *Reflecting the Sacred*. This flows nicely out of our recent series as it begs us to find the sacred or holy in this season and connect to it in such a way that we can meaningfully reflect it to others. I hope you will find a way to participate in worship and mid-week study (if that's possible for you). As I have shifted my preaching style to invite verbal responses from people, I have been intrigued by the responses shared! There are always a few that I expect, but most often there are a few in which people help me to see the scripture or subject in a new light. Hopefully, it has been equally beneficial to others in worship. Each of us experiences life and our Creator in different ways. When we share these unique experiences, our concept of God becomes broader and deeper.

Simply being contemplative on our own, reading scripture and praying, will enhance our faith and awareness of God. For our faith to grow more fully, we need to interact with others while being mindful of the Spirit's presence, allowing God to heal, expand, and form our souls. Then we will find ourselves empowered to do the work to which God calls us, serving others with the light and love of Christ, and being able to declare that it is well with our souls.

Our Christmas worship schedule is different this year! Remember that Christmas Eve worship will be held on Saturday, December 24th at 4pm at Faith UM Church (1616 Blue Ave.). Despite the change in time, it will be a traditional worship service, hopefully with more people able to attend. We will hold worship on Christmas Morning at our usual 9am time at First UM Church (857

PRAYER REQUESTS

Baby Christian and Family	Laura Peck
Bernice Osborne	Marilyn Inman
Bev Wolford	Marlene Farley
Betty Miller	Pastor Joy Wigal
Bradley Adams	Saundra Boyd
David Inman	Steve DeGarmo
Dennis Cebulsky	Steve Inman
Diana Bohn Family	Suzanne Collins
Ellen Kelton	Terry Pickens
Heidi	Thea & Mark Crawmer
Jane Thorne	Tim & Sherry Dickerson
Janice Moore	Veronica
Jill Shrock	Vicky Wolfe
Jim Tignor	Zola Duncan & Family
JoAnne Peadon	
Juanita Mohler	Medical Faith
Karen Norman	Shut-in:
Karen Wilson	Kathleen McCutcheon
Kevin Bushong	

✳️DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS✳️

December 7—Kris Crawmer

December 9—Lily Howard

December 21—Don Wolford

December 22—Betty Miller

December 23—Brian Wolfe

December 23—Linda Hennessey

December 25—Randy Schreiber

December 26—Jordee Sue Harper

✳️THINKING OF YOU✳️

Please pray for comfort for Gail McGreevy and family as they navigate the passing of her mother Maxine Morgan on November 19, 2022.

✳️ADVENT STUDY✳️

Join us for our Advent Book study in the Faith UMC Chapel each Wednesday at 1:00pm starting November 30th. The study is titled *Reflecting the Sacred*, and we will be discussing a daily devotional book for Advent entitled *Preparing for Christmas: Daily Meditations for Advent* by Richard Rohr.

Putnam Ave.). That morning, we will celebrate the birth of Jesus with music, worship, fellowship and some food. We will be offering the daily devotional book for Advent entitled *Preparing for Christmas: Daily Meditations for Advent* by Richard Rohr. Our mid-week study will meet to talk about these devotions on Wednesdays at 10am at First UMC and at 1pm at Faith UMC. Please contact the church office if you would like a copy of the book, either to participate in the study or simply for personal use.

Thank you for enriching my journey with Christ! I look forward to being with you in the upcoming weeks as we celebrate the Birth of Christ.

Merry Christmas,

Pastor Joy

✳️KLOTHES FOR KIDS✳️

Dear Pastor Joy,

Thank you to you and your congregation for participating in the Clothes for Kids Program. The donation of clothes you provided are very appreciated by our building staff and administration. There are many situations that arise that the office staff is grateful to have these clothing items available to help students in need.

Also, it would be wrong of me not to mention your congregation's representatives who sit on this committee. The district is thankful for them and the time they spend on such a worthwhile project. They keep the program running smoothly!

Sincerely, Kevin Appleman, E.D. of Operations

PHONE IN WORSHIP

Sunday Worship occurs every Sunday
from 10:15 to 11:45 AM
Join by phone: 1-408-418-9388
Access code: 132 203 0362

EVENTIDE CIRCLE

The next Eventide meeting will be Thursday, December 1st at 1 pm at the church.
Program: Roberta Covert
Devotions: Barb Tignor
Response Moment: Vickie Finlay
Hostess: Roberta Covert

CHURCH BOILER

The time has come to finally replace our 60+ year old boiler system. Thanks to all of your efforts in the past few years, we have saved up approximately 50% of the money needed . Faith, we need to raise the other \$50K . Please prayerfully consider donating something weekly and designating it for the Capital Fund. Thank you in advance.
God is good all the time and all the time God is good!

Thanks,
Cindy



LEADERSHIP MEETING

Leadership Board will meet 6:00 pm, Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

NOVEMBER LITURGISTS & GREETERS

Date	Liturgist	Greeters
Dec. 4	Barb T.	Don & Roberta C. & Susie D.
Dec. 11	Roberta C.	Chris & Heather D.
Dec. 18	Gail M.	Mark & Thea C. & Vickie F.
Dec. 24	Marsha K.	Floyd & Pat T.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP!

Please mark your December calendars. The Christmas Eve Service will be held at 4:00 pm this year with your families and the First UMC family invited to join us.



2023 UWF BOOK CLUB NEWS

Anyone wanting to help select the four books we will be reading next year, please join us on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the lounge. We would love to have your input! To see the entire list of books for 2023 visit the UWF website: <https://uwfaith.org/resources/reading-program/>.