

December can get pretty crazy and hectic. There are holiday concerts, parties, shopping, cookie baking, decorating and so many other responsibilities that keep our calendars full. Naturally it can be challenging to find the time and space to really reflect on the season of Advent; the busy can distract us from the things that really matter during Christmas time.

### So, this season here's an opportunity for a time of quiet advent worship.

On Tuesday, Dec. 10, from 7-8pm we will be holding a time of reflection and praise centered on the themes of Advent. It will feature simple worship songs, space for quiet prayer, contemplation activities and short teachings about advent. Following our worship we will have a brief, relaxed hangout time with cookies and cocoa in the café.

If you are looking for something simple to help you prepare your heart for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, I hope you can spend a short time with us next Tuesday. All ages welcome! Invite a friend!

What: Advent Worship Experience

When: 7-8pm, Tuesday, December 10

Where: FPC Sanctuary and Café

What: worship, prayer, reflection, cookies



Ladies! This Friday, December 6 let's gather together at the church at 6:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share and a wrapped Christmas item to exchange.

## A QUICK NOTE FROM PASTOR JOS ABOUT SCAM AND SPAM MESSAGES:

Thank you to everyone who notifies me and/or the office when you receive a suspicious message sent in my name.
While we aren't sure why this

keeps happening, we do know that it is a common occurrence for scammers to try and trick church members this way. Here are a couple things to keep in mind:

- I would never and will never message anyone individually to ask for money, a favor, gift cards etc. If you receive a message in my name asking for quick help with something, be assured: that is not me!
- I will not message you from an unknown number. If you get a message claiming to be from me but it's not from my actual phone number (314-749-1315) you can be sure that is not me.
- If we ever needed to ask for special donations or for a financial favor, we would do that through official church channels and in a public way. You never need to worry about getting a request from me individually!
- The best thing you can do when you receive a message like this is to REPORT the message as spam to your carrier and then to BLOCK the number permanently. Almost all phone messaging apps easily provide for both of these options!

# PRAYER

Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.
The prayer needs listed in **BOLD** are new to the list.

#### **Praises**

#### Military Service:

- Shannah Swinehart Army National Guard
- Christa Nelson Navy
- Rusty King Army
- Ryan Chabak stationed in Arizona
- Isaiah Styer stationed at Camp Lejeune in NC
- Gaven Bee stationed in Dayton, OH

#### **Prayer Needs**

#### **Health Concerns:**

- Roger Stroud continued healing
- Jenny Miller's Uncle Joe
- Rachel healing
- Tanya Chupp continued healing
- Dale & Tonya
- Edna Wade's sister back pain
- Julie health concerns
- Paula Shrader broken hip
- Pastor Albert continued healing from accident
- Wendy Scott health concerns
- Jane Heilman

#### **Battling Cancer**

- Susan Halliday battling cancer
- Janet Lee lung cancer diagnosis
- Mary Hardesty entering hospice
- Waldo cont'd prayers for remainder of chemo
- Landon Sommers Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- David
- Keylee leukemia
- Dale James

#### Condolences

• The family of Judy Pinnick

The Deacons encourage you to send cards or notes of encouragement to those in the church family experiencing prayer needs.

FUN FACT - Did you know, the first known Christmas tree in the White House was placed upstairs in the Second Floor Oval Room (then used as a family parlor library) in 1889, during the Benjamin Harrison administration.

There is a Congregational Meeting this Sunday, December 8 following worship. We will be voting on our church officers for 2024. Nominated as Elder: Beth Miller, Earl Rhamy and Mike Rhamy, Nominated for Deacon: Connie Herman and Jenny Miller.

#### **VOLUNTEERS FOR DECEMBER 1**

**Greeters** Butch & Marcy Speelman

**Duane Wood** 

**Ushers** Brent St. John & Keith Hewitt

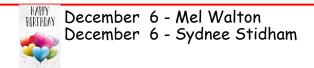
Café Shirley Swinehart

Nursery (Worship) Connie Herman

Nursery (2nd Hour) Wendy McKelvey

Kidz Jam Beth Miller
Kids 2nd Hour Beth Miller
Elder Assist John Scott
Safety Team Nick Miller

Advent Readers Don & Joyce Rhamy





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