

# THE BROADCASTER

November 23, 2022

## Pastor's Piece

We are in Thanksgiving season and it's a season we remember all the blessings that we have in our life and give thanks to God for those blessings. We are so thankful to God because God values us. God values us more than anything in the world. King David once praised God saying, "Who are human beings that you are mindful of them and you care for them: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas." King David knew that God valued human beings so much and thus, he gave thanks and praise to God.

The God who takes care of flowers and birds also takes care of his children with much more compassion and mercy. So often we are amazed with the beauty of nature. We see God's hands in nature. When we believe that God clothes a tree with beautiful color, we should believe that the same God clothes us with more beauty and splendor. When we believe that God feeds the birds in the sky, we should believe that the same God feeds us every day. Before we have Thanksgiving dinner with family and friends, we should go out and look around at the trees and birds and say to God, "Thank you God for taking care of all your creation. They are beautiful but I believe that you value me more than flowers, trees, or birds. Thank you, God, for everything you have done in my life"

As children of God, we should live our life with more faith and confidence because God has higher expectations for us than we might think. When we just sit down and complain and worry about our life – what we will eat or drink, or worry about our bodies – what we will wear, God says to us, "Oh you of little faith! Do not worry! I know that you need them." God wants us to seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and to believe that all the things we need will be given to us as well.

During this Thanksgiving season I hope and pray that we remember that God values us so much and even gave his Son, Jesus to us. Let us be thankful for everything and rejoice always not because we have food, clothes, and shelters but because God gives us true value of life. Amen.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ji



# OUR PRAYERS FOR

## Those Within the Church

**Roseann and Madeline Cade and family, Jerri Hoffine, Hazel Moore,  
Phyllis Neaderhiser, Olivia Wilbur, Bev Winter**

## Our Leaders

Law Enforcement Officers in our community and in the nation, the persecuted Christians around the world.  
God's Guidance and Strength for President Biden, Our Troops and their Families

## Our Military

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| † Michael Barbett – Darryl & Val Wall's son-in-law              | † CPL Jay McDaniel  |
| † CPL Cody Blair – Judy Lann's grandson                         | † Erik Nott & family – Doug & Gay Vannaman's son-in-law     |
| † Dennis Burns Jr (DJ) – Dennis Burns Sr & Lisa Soetebier's son | † MSGT Leah Oakleaf – Walt & Janet Southards' granddaughter |
| † Lt. Col. Adam Coffman – Gladys Coffman's grandson             | † SGT Steven Pearce – Walt & Janet Southards' nephew        |
| † Kristopher Dewitt – Mary Stout's grandson                     | † Erik Ralsten  |
| † Chance Greenhoff – Army                                       | † CPL Bethany Reeves McDaniel                               |
| † James Harris (MP) – Bill & Joy Page's grandson                | † AIC Bradley Southards – Walt & Janet Southards' grandson  |
| † Austin Kroeger  |   |

## Thank You...

Thanks can't begin to tell you our appreciation of prayers, love, food, and calls of concern we have received. I'm getting there slowly and appreciate your patience. I don't know how people cope without a church family.

Olivia and Tony Wilbur

My church and community family have been so caring for my health. Even with the second round of knee surgery. The prayers, visits, texts, calls, and wonderful food all so appreciated. Pastor Ji in his busy schedule has made calls and brought communion elements by. A few bumps in the road works on my patience! The Insight Class has been a joy, meeting here for class! Hebrews 12:1-3 Therefore; since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame and sit down at the right hand of the throne of God consider him who endured such opposition from sinners so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

June Marcy

I want to thank this congregation for the calls, cards, donations, and most of all prayers for my family. I can't tell you all how much you made me feel like a part of a very loving and warm family.

Sincerely, Jerri Hoffine and Family



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| 2 Judy Long       | 2 Garrett Reeves   | 3 Fred Underwood  |
| 3 Vera Koehn      | 3 Sharon Weishaar  | 4 DeWayne Morgan  |
| 5 Tim Schultz     | 5 Lynn Williams    | 5 Carolyn Eastman |
| 11 Dick Bartel    | 13 Melissa Hackett | 15 Sondra Lampe   |
| 16 Rachel Diehl   | 17 Eric Scriven    | 19 Roman Gage     |
| 23 Craig Scribner | 23 Jana Hogan      | 23 Kristi Seacat  |
| 24 Arnold Stoner  | 24 Wayne Sawyer    | 25 Elsie Crickard |
| 27 Carolyn Stanek | 27 Gene Taldo      | 28 Ed Seidl       |
| 30 Bruce Chappell | 30 Sheri Smith     | 31 Jaxon Salas    |



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| 4 Ben & Sammi Blumanhourst    | 4 Jerry & Loraine Browning |
| 4 Ted & Jeannie Kellums       | 13 Phil & Ellen Hubenett   |
| 17 Roy & Linda McFarland      | 21 Bryson & Janine Voth    |
| 27 Austin & Jennah Southards  | 28 Scott & Michelle Holle  |
| 28 Jimmy & Lisa Santiago      | 28 Bill & Susan Stratton   |
| 28 Doug & Gay Vannaman        | 29 Mike & Phoebe McCormick |
| 30 Gordon & Margaret Williams |                            |



The Children's Christmas Play,  
*A Shepherd's Story,*

is **Sunday, December 4**  
 at 10:00 a.m. in the WCC.



**WEEKLY:**

| SUNDAYS                        | MONDAYS                       | TUESDAYS | WEDNESDAYS                  | THURSDAYS | FRIDAYS                     |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| Traditional<br>Worship 9:00a   | Soul Trainers<br>10:00a WCC   |          | Soul Trainers<br>10:00a WCC |           | Soul Trainers<br>10:00a WCC |
| Sunday School<br>10:00a        | Progressive<br>Class 7:00p FS |          | JOY Group<br>9:30a FS       |           |                             |
| Contemporary<br>Worship 11:00a |                               |          | Chancel Choir<br>5:00p SAN  |           |                             |
| UMYF MS & HS<br>5:00p WCC      |                               |          | WOW ZONE!<br>6:00p          |           |                             |

**SPECIAL:**

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| <p>Children’s Christmas Play<br/>Sunday, December 4<br/>10:00 a.m. WCC</p>     | <p>Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever<br/>Friday, December 9<br/>11:00 a.m. WCC</p>      | <p>Book Club<br/>Wednesday, December 14<br/>6:00 p.m. FS</p>                                |
| <p>Lunch &amp; Learn / Mystery Trip<br/>Thursday, December 15</p>              | <p>NO WOW ZONE! CLASSES<br/>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21<br/>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28</p> | <p>Christmas Eve Worship Services<br/>Saturday, December 24<br/>4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.</p> |
| <p><b>Christmas Day Worship<br/>Services ONLINE ONLY<br/>at 10:00 a.m.</b></p> | <p>NO UMYF<br/>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25<br/>SUNDAY, JANUARY 1</p>                      | <p>Church Office Closed<br/>Monday, December 26</p>   |

**The Church Office will be open mornings only (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, December 27, Wednesday, December 28, Thursday, December 29, and Friday, December 30.**

Watch for Shepherd Simon's ADVENTures this Advent season. Every day in December, Shepherd Simon will be somewhere in the church as he makes his way to the manger. We'll share his ADVENTures on our Facebook page and in the bulletin.

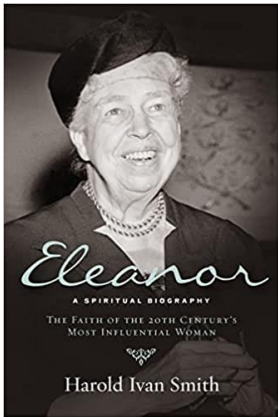


**Journey to the Nativity** – Each year, Paul Ward helps the three wisemen travel toward the nativity to give their gifts to baby Jesus. On the Sundays of Advent, make sure you notice their progression.

If you would like to mail Christmas cards to some of our homebound members, you can contact the church office for a mailing list.



December's Book Club choice is *Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography* by Harold Ivan Smith. More than 50 years after her death, Eleanor Roosevelt is remembered as a formidable first lady and tireless social activist. Often overlooked, however, is her deep and inclusive spirituality. Her personal faith was shaped by reading the New Testament in her youth, giving her a Jesus-centered spirituality that fueled her commitment to civil rights, women's rights, and the rights of all "little people" marginalized in American society. She took seriously Jesus's words and despite her life of privilege, she made the needs of those on the margins her priority. *Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography* provides insight into one of America's most famous women, particularly the spiritual influences that made her so active in social justice issues. We will meet **Wednesday, December 14** at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.



December's Lunch and Learn is a Mystery Trip. Meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. on **Thursday, December 15**. Contact the office to get your name on the list!





# Ways to Give this Holiday Season

This year we will again support From the Ground Up, formerly VC Cares for Kids. From the Ground Up has asked us to provide monetary gifts that will then be used to purchase food vouchers from Leeker's Family Foods. The giving tree is set-up just outside the office. You can take an envelope off the tree, place your monetary gift inside, and then place the envelope in the collection tin beside the tree. The tin will be emptied daily and placed in the safe. Please make checks payable to FUMCVC and write From the Ground Up in the memo. Gifts are due to the church by **Sunday, December 4.**



UMYF December's mission giving is toilet paper (*4-packs*) and paper towels (*individually wrapped*) for the Valley Center Ministerial Alliance Holiday Boxes. FUMCVC has been asked to supply 75 4-packs of toilet paper and 75 individually wrapped rolls of paper towels. Items can be brought to the church before **Monday, December 12.**

FUMCVC will partner with the Valley Center Preschool and collect items for a Mitten Tree. The Mitten Tree will be located in the Preschool hallway. Items can be brought any time before **Sunday, December 18.** They will be taken to the Lord's Diner for Christmas Eve distribution.



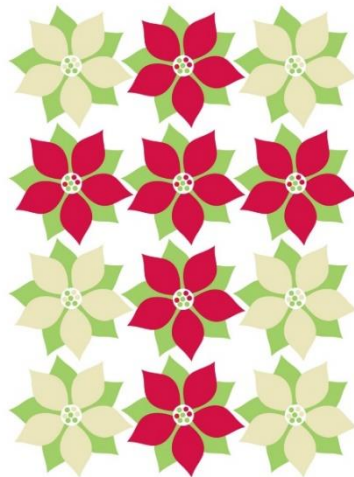
## Advent: Coming of the Lord



On Sunday, November 27, we will begin a new sermon series called "Advent: Coming of the Lord." Because of the "hustle and bustle" of the season people often forget what we really experience and celebrate in this season. We will spend time together to meditate on how we can prepare our hearts and minds to receive Jesus Christ who came to be our Savior and hope. Join us this Advent as we celebrate and experience the true miracle of Christmas, the birth of Jesus. *"A Savior has just been born in David's town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master. This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger."* Luke 2:12 (MSG)

# Christmas Bible Reading Plan

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|--------|-------------------|--------|--------------------|
| Day 1  | Isaiah 40:3-5     | Day 13 | 2 Corinthians 9:15 |
| Day 2  | Isaiah 40:9-11    | Day 14 | John 1:1-8         |
| Day 3  | Isaiah 52:7-10    | Day 15 | John 1:9-18        |
| Day 4  | Isaiah 7:10-14    | Day 16 | Matthew 1:18-25    |
| Day 5  | Isaiah 11:1-5     | Day 17 | Luke 1:5-13        |
| Day 6  | Isaiah 9:6-7      | Day 18 | Luke 1:14-17       |
| Day 7  | Jeremiah 33:14-16 | Day 19 | Luke 1:18-25       |
| Day 8  | Micah 5:2         | Day 20 | Luke 1:26-38       |
| Day 9  | Zechariah 6:12-13 | Day 21 | Luke 1:39-45       |
| Day 10 | Psalms 89:1-4     | Day 22 | Luke 1:46-56       |
| Day 11 | John 3:16         | Day 23 | Luke 1:57-66       |
| Day 12 | Galatians 4:4-5   | Day 24 | Luke 1:67-80       |
| Day 25 | Luke 2:1-20       |        |                    |





## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT AND HOLY COMMUNION  
Worship Services will be Saturday, December 24

Contemporary Worship at 4:30 P.M.

& Traditional Worship at 7:00 P.M.

Christmas Day Worship

will be Online Only at 10:00 A.M.

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