

The Union News

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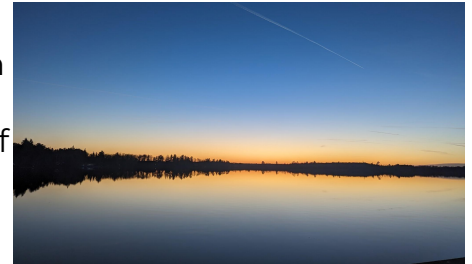
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DECEMBER 2023

Notes from Rev. Torri Vande Zande

All God's Creatures

Advent is the season of waiting and preparing for Christmas. It is in many ways a time of darkness as we wait expectantly for the Light of the World. It is during this time we tell the stories of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and of course Jesus' birth. It is a tradition.



This Advent season Union will be doing something a bit untraditional. Our theme is "All God's Creatures." We will be learning how different types of animals prepare for the dark season of winter. We will be talking about the turtle, the fox, and the loon to name just a few. We will journey with them as they prepare themselves for a season where they need to function differently. They need to slow down and become more intentional about caring for themselves.

I will be using a book called, "All Creation Waits" by Gayle Boss. It is a delightful little book that looks at one animal each day of Advent. One of my favorite animals in the book (which is no surprise to those who know me) is the fox. The author paints an image of a fox prancing through the snow in search of food.

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Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM

Communion: First Sunday of Every Month

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Torri Vande Zande
Office Administrator	Linda Ottman
Secretary / Tech	Sabbastian Wilson-Webb
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	Kathleen Millberg
	Barb Nish
	Dick Kimmel
	Sabbastian Wilson-Webb

CHURCH COUNCIL

Moderators	Marilyn McKnight & Steve Erickson
Vice Moderator	Gunder Austin
Clerk	Karen Holle
Board of Financial Stewardship	Don Hoppe
Ministry Teams:	
Congregational Life	Joni Kumpula
Facilities	Mike Bohanon & Kerry Swenson
Personnel	Connie Schmitt
Worship	Heidi Hoppe
Men's Fellowship	Stan Kumpula
Women's Fellowship	Joni Kumpula
Adult Learning	Linnea Dietrich
Tech Team	Mike Schmitt
Online Sales	Cindy Gulbrandson
Justice Ministry Team	Sue Kimmel

ADVENT

Community Advent Services

Holden Evening Prayer
Wednesdays 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

- Nov. 29th - Union UCC
- Dec. 6th - St. Paul's Lutheran
- Dec. 13th - Union UCC
- Dec. 20th - St. Paul's Lutheran

Union UCC - 401 Lake Ave E Hackensack
 St. Paul's Lutheran - 220 3rd St Hackensack

Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 24th
at 4:00pm



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- December 10: Grace Noonan, Nathan Kalli
- December 14: Charles Green
- December 15: Verlee Cline
- December 16: Kathy Adams
- December 17: Angie (Tauber) Danielson
- December 21: Lois Bohanon, Alan Christianson
- December 23: Dick Anderson
- December 27: Gordon Ford
- December 28: Kathy Green
- December 31: Mike Gulbrandson

Happy Birthday!



Karen Holle, Linda Ottman, and Sabbastian Wilson-Webb, Editors

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Their summer menu is no longer available, so the fox needs to adjust its hunting skills if it wants to find the nourishment it needs to survive the winter.



Many of us have seen the adaptive skills of a winter fox. She trots in the snow, then suddenly she stops, tilts her head to the left, then to the right. She is listening. She is listening for the sound of movement beneath the snow. She then (as if the Earth's magnetic field shows her True North), turns. She watches for the shadow beneath the snow to move, and when it does she is locked in.

Then she takes a breath, rears up onto her hind legs, launches herself in the air, and plunges face first into the snow! For a moment she looks headless, but then she wiggles up out of the mound with nourishment for her body.

As we enter Advent, I see how we are like the fox. Many of us need to stop, and tilt our ears to listen to God's still small voice. We may need to adjust our position to get a new view of what God is doing beneath the surface. And if we do that, we might have the courage to spring ourselves upward and plant ourselves in the middle of what God is doing. And when we wiggle up out of this Advent season, may we be encouraged by God's ability to nourish us and meet our daily needs.

May we find ourselves in all God's creatures this Advent season.

Peace,

Pastor Torri

ADULT LEARNING

Linnea Dietrich

Lighted Windows — Advent Reflections for a World in Waiting

During this season the 'windows' of our human experience can change from rows of faceless panes, perhaps grimy with dirt, into lighted windows that open up to new possibilities and coax us into a place where rejoicing just might be possible! The journey mapped out in this book is an invitation to look into some of those lighted windows, and discover a few reflections of what we wait for, and long for; reflections of God's guidance, God's call to trust and live by the Spirit's guidance.

This book offers a great Advent study for those with 10-15 minutes a day to spend with the reading, the scriptural passage, and to read and reflect on the prayer included for each day. The story/short essay provided is 2-3 pages in length, easy to read, and involves a reflection by the author about that day's topic. In our busy world, the study is very doable in a short amount of time each day, and if you get behind a day or two it won't be overwhelming to catch up. All in all, a nice study for the Advent season, and a little push each day to encourage us to stay with a little daily Bible reading as the Advent season progresses.

We will begin on Wednesday, November 29, at 3:45 in the music room in the lower level of UCC. If interested, please get a book from the church office for \$5 and reach out to Linnea Dietrich for your first week's assignment.



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 16, 2023

PRESENT: Don Hoppe, Mike Schmitt, Mike Bohanon, Linnea Dietrich, Mary Parrish, Gunder Austin, Stan Kumpula, Connie Schmitt, Joni Kumpula, Steve Erickson, Karen Holle, (Sue Kimmel, Pastor Torri, Heidi Hoppe, Marilyn Erickson by zoom)

Steve Erickson called the meeting to order. Pastor Torri offered a convening prayer.

The agenda was approved – Connie/Linnea. Minutes were approved. Linnea/Don

Pastor's Monthly Report: Pastor Torri emphasized several parts of her monthly report. The theme for Advent will be “All God’s Creatures.” We will look at how animals prepare themselves for winter and will compare that to how humans act and interact during this same period. People will be encouraged to bring animal figurines and pictures to decorate the church for the Advent season.

New members will be joining the church on December 3. Hurrah!!

An extensive schedule for the Advent and Christmas season was discussed. This will be available elsewhere in the newsletter.

Facilities: Don reported that the bill for the water pipe work came in and totaled \$14,700 which is \$2,000 more than the original quote from a year ago. Kerry will work on getting the bill reduced when he returns from vacation.

Mike Schmitt reported that the Sanctuary lights by the altar have been fixed and that he is working on a way to light the altar with color during Advent. LED lights have been installed in the Library, and the Friendship Hall is partially completed.

Mike Bohanon reported that there is a wall in the Friendship Hall that is bowing out and will require fixing. The Fire Marshal is requiring that the fan stay on in the kitchen if the gas stove is in use or if the pilot lights are on. At this time the pilot lights are being turned off when the stove is not needed. The Fire Marshal also wants all of our smoke detectors to be replaced with smoke/carbon monoxide detectors. Also fire retardant foam needs to be sprayed near the main electrical panel in the server room.

Personnel: Connie reported that she and Chris Swenson have met with church employees and will be revising job descriptions in the near future. Connie and Chris are also updating the Personnel Board’s description of duties in the policy and procedures manual.

Financial Stewardship: Don reviewed his October income and expense report with Council. Total income for the month was \$8,263, and expenses were \$10,919 leaving a final balance for the year of \$26,552. The Stewardship Campaign is going well with 46 pledges received as of November 15. The total pledged is currently \$111,270 or 89% of our goal. The 2024 budget is being worked on and will be presented at the semi-annual meeting in January 2024.

The day that the church received a \$14,000 bill for work on the water line to the church, Don also received 2 unexpected donations from community members who do not belong to the church. The total of the two donations was \$14,000! **Motion: To accept these donations to our church of \$10,000 to MRI and \$4,000 to the Operating Fund. Marilyn/Gunder**

Ministry Team Reports:

Congregational Life: Minutes from the October 26 meeting were distributed. The new directory is almost ready to print. It will be sent out to everyone who has left for the year as a PDF. Two additional members are needed for this team: one who could be the chairperson for the team and one who could be a point person to organize helpers and cleanup crews for Wednesday night meals.

Woock-Ness Project Update: Joni reported that Bruce Carlson has offered \$180,000 for the purchase of the Woock-Ness Property from the church. **Motion: Council accepts the offer from Bruce Carlson to buy the Woock-Ness Forest Land for \$180,000, \$120,000 for the land and \$60,000 as a donation to Bequests and Special Gifts. Joni/Linnea/passed**

Worship: Last month we averaged 36 people each week at church, 9 families online, and 9 individuals at the Birchview site. All pianos have been tuned up and have had their humidifying systems cleaned. Sheila Hunter will preach December 31 when Torri is on vacation.

Adult Learning: Lectio Divina continues weekly with 6-8 people participating. During Advent 12 people will be participating in the Lighted Windows program. If you are interested in this please talk to Linnea Dietrich.

Women's Fellowship: Joni reported that a small group of women enjoyed the last meeting with lunch in Nisswa followed by shopping. On December 3 the Women's Fellowship will have their cookie sale, and the Christmas luncheon for the congregation will be December 14. The Women's Fellowship will cover the cost for this meal. There will be bell choir music and hymn singing at this event.

Men's Fellowship: The men worked on the church property during their last meeting. They will be packing food boxes to give to local families for Thanksgiving next week.

Justice Ministry Team: The JMT will assist on Sundays with the Birchview Gardens church service. The team considers this a form of community outreach.

Leech Lake Culture Alliance will be meeting in January – no date at this time.

Book Study continues every Tuesday at 6:30 in the church library or zoom. We are reading the book, Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians but Were Afraid to Ask by Anton Treuer.

The Justice Ministry Team will be sending a letter to Gov Walz and Lt Gov Flanagan thanking them for the recent visit to Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School. We will be requesting their help to clean up PFAs in water at the BUG School through a letter writing campaign.

Special thank you to Richard Vanden Eykel for his article on the history of same-sex marriage. We send you great thanks for sharing your personal story.

Fundraising: Steve shared two documents with us: Building Request Form/Rental Agreement and Union UCC Clean Up List. His team has worked to simplify our rates for organizations that want to have events in our building. Please look over these forms and let Steve know if you have concerns. We also looked at a draft rental agreement between the church and the child care operator, Ashley Hunter. The Executive Committee will meet after the holiday to get this agreement in its final form. Discussion ensued about ensuring security for the children in the building. A Security Committee made up of Mike Bohanon, Gary Dietrich, Gunder Austin, and Steve Erickson will look at this issue.

Gunder suggested that we advertise the availability of space in church for events such as weddings, funerals, and family reunions. The Brainerd UCC has information on their website regarding the cost of renting space at their church. We will take a look at the possibility of doing something similar.

Tech team: Mike Schmitt noted that the Tech team has been focusing on the Sanctuary sound system and would like to address the sound system in the Friendship Hall next. He also mentioned that the main soundboard in the Sanctuary is wearing out. He hopes that money earned at the Tech Sale will cover the cost of new equipment. Saturday, December 16 there will be another Tech sale.

Outreach: The Christmas Fund is our mission for December. Karen will write the article for this mission.

Moderator Moment: Marilyn gave a heartfelt “moderator’s moment” today. “We have a lot to be thankful for. We are cooperative and we are growing in relationships. People find the good in each other. We are a community church – people in the community know who we are.” Last year we received a \$32,000 gift from a person in the community who is not part of this church. Just this week, we received \$14,000 in gifts from others in the community.

New Business:

Establish a pastor/parish ministry team: Karen reported that the Executive Committee met last week to talk about the duties of a pastor/parish team and why it is important to establish a new team at this time. Work will continue on this project.

Imagination grants: The MN Conference is offering “imagination grants” for churches who want to imagine new ways to “be” church in their communities. We discussed asking for money for several possible projects including the JMT’s Community Clean-up next year and perhaps for a local El Camino project.

Old Business:

Child Care Pod: Work on the child care pod is progressing well. By late December or early January we expect the business to be open to community children.

Meeting adjourned. Joni/Gunder. No Meeting in December. Next meeting January 18, 2024. Notes by Karen Holle, Clerk

THROUGH KODA'S EYES

Hi! My name is Koda, and I am "The Church Dog"! It is December, and Christmas is coming soon! But before we celebrate Christmas, we need to go through Advent. I was told by my human that Advent is a season of waiting. When I hear the word "wait," I usually have to stop what I want to do and just sit there until my human says I can go again. It's so dumb. I do not like waiting.

I like to do things right away! For example, I like to get treats immediately! I do not like to wait for them! I like to jump out of the car and run to the church doors immediately! I do not like to wait for my human to say I can go.

I will give you another example! My human has a car that has a hatch, so I jump in the car through the hatch. One day this past summer, I was excited because we were going for a ride! I love rides! So my human opened the hatch door... And then she made me wait until the hatch door was all the way up before she gave me the command to jump in. Well, I did not want to wait! I wanted to jump in the car right away!

Even though my human's finger was extended out (which is the sign for "wait"), I ignored it and I jumped! I jumped fast and I jumped high! And then BONK! I cracked my head on the hatch door! My little body was knocked to the ground! I had no idea what hit me! I got up and looked at my human, and she still had her finger up. I should have waited. This is a bad example.

Maybe waiting is not such a bad idea. Maybe if I waited I would have not hit my head on the hatch? Maybe waiting is a good thing? And maybe having a waiting season before Christmas is a good thing too?

What I mean is, I was so excited about going for a ride in the car, that I forgot that getting ready to go for a ride in the car is also very important. I like getting my coat on and hooking up my leash. I like saying goodbye to Bandit (the cat) and running out the door. All those things lead up to the car ride! So why do I need to hurry? The car ride will come, but the preparation part makes the car ride so much more fun and meaningful.

And maybe that is what Advent is to humans. It is a time to prepare for the ride of Christmas!

So I wish you all a good Advent season. Remember to "Wait"! And try not to bump your head on things if you jump too early.

That's how I see it through my eyes!

Have a barky day!

Koda "The Church Dog"



WOOCK-NESS MEMORIAL FOREST NEWS!

At its November meeting, the Church Council unanimously and enthusiastically approved acceptance of long-time Union members Bruce and Jean Carlson's generous offer to make a gift to Union Church through the purchase of the Woock-Ness property. This transaction has been germinating for the past three years while Bruce and Jean worked with the Minnesota Land Trust to place the entire 106-acre parcel under a permanent conservation easement. The sale makes \$180,000 available to Union Church, with some of the money designated for the endowment fund and some placed in unrestricted funds.

The result is that this gift preserves the original intent of the Woock-Ness family, protecting the land from development, while at the same time greatly adding to Union Church's endowment fund.

But the larger result of all of this is to once again demonstrate the creativity of our Creator.

BOARD OF FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Operating Income and Expenses

Giving Income — October	\$6,643.00	Year to Date Giving	\$107,422.00
Pre-Paid 2024 Pledge	\$200.00	Pre-Paid 2024 Pledge	\$2,600.00
Other Income* — October	\$1,419.75	YTD Other Income *	\$50,683.80
Total Income	\$8,262.75	YTD Total Income	\$160,705.80

Expenses — October	\$10,918.88	Year to Date Expenses	\$141,282.45
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Balance — October	\$-2,656.13	Balance — Year to Date	\$19,423.35
		Prepaid & Carryover	\$6,959.87

Final Balance **\$26,552.25**

* Other income includes Treasure Sale, Community Meal, fundraisers, building use, donations, and all other income sources except interest and dividends generated from restricted funds and specified donations or grants not going into operating funds.

Checking available:	\$ 56,782.06
Total Assets	\$ 295,501.00

Summary

Both income and expenses were low in October.

At this point our position of revenue vs. expenses continues to be fine, especially if looked at on an annual basis and compared to our approved budget, and we hope to have a moderate carryover for the 2024 budget.

2024 Stewardship Campaign: As of November 20, we have received 46 pledges, 42 are current pledging units (with a 5.9% increase) and 4 are new. Total pledged is \$111,270 or 89% of the \$125,000 goal.

Reminder letters about pledging for 2024 and a Giving Statement through October concerning status of 2023 pledges were sent out.

Strong completion of 2023 pledges and additional 2024 pledges are needed as we plan for next year.

There is a large bill for the lowering and insulating of the water line coming into the church, necessary because of occasional freeze-ups. The city water line also had that problem, and both lines were fixed in November. In early November a \$10,000 donation was received that will be used to help defray the churches' portion of the cost.

JUSTICE MINISTRY TEAM

The Justice Ministry Team discussed the importance of community outreach especially during the winter months. Birchview Gardens Assisted Living is our sister church and a vital community partner. We have decided to partner with Birchview Gardens for church services, social events, and holiday planning.

Book Study continues every Tuesday at 6:30pm in the church library or zoom. We are reading the book, Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians but Were Afraid to Ask by Anton Treuer.

Taking care of our water resources is an important part of our JMT mission. We have been receiving training through the Rural Organizing Project on proactive actions we can take at the local level. There is an upcoming ROP training on Jan 18, Caucus and Resolution Training, 6:30-8:30 via Zoom.

NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

We have had an exceptionally warm and sunny fall, and days are getting noticeably shorter as we head for the winter solstice. The summer birds have migrated through, and we're seeing the "usual suspects" at the feeders - crows, jays, woodpeckers, chickadees, nuthatches, and finches.

Advent, the season of waiting for the arrival of the Christ Child, has begun, and we're partnering with St. Paul's again this year. We are doing the Holden Evening Prayer, and new this year, it will be led by a joint choir. And although the services will alternate between Union and St. Paul's, the dinners will remain at Union each Wednesday evening. If you are unable to join us each week, be sure to tune in since the services will be streamed each week.

Our Christmas Eve service will be held at 4:00 as usual, but since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, something special is being planned for the Sunday morning service. More information will be available as the day draws near.

Take care, and have a wonderful Christmas with friends and family.

Worship Ministry Team: Heidi Hoppe, Caryl Allan, Gunder Austin, Sheryl Kaubisch, Gracee Rudkin, and Mary Parrish.



Celebrating the Past: Formation of Faith in Action

Myra Damm, Historian

I called Marty Mann a few years ago regarding the formation of Faith In Action, how it became a reality as she and Michael Small were instrumental in getting this organization started, and this was what she wrote. Her letter is four pages long, so I will do this in two parts.

The Initiative Foundation had a presentation in Walker regarding grant money available for the purpose of forming a faith-based organization to serve the people of Cass County. Area counties were also invited. After attending this meeting, we were excited to see the possibilities it presented.

We were a county with no public transportation, no medical facility, and many people from the southern part of the state who were spending more time in our county with plans to soon retire in the area.

We presented our findings to the Church Council and made phone calls to get more information on the next steps. We learned the Initiative Foundation was provided funds by the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation to award grants to establish a Faith in Action chapter for counties in Central Minnesota. Award of such a grant was a competitive process that included an application and narrative.

A grant was submitted, but the award went to Crow Wing Power. Another submission the next year was then awarded to our county. Then the work began.

(Part two next month!)

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Merry Christmas! Wow it's December already. Hope you're ready because our women have been working and have good things planned. December 3rd is our annual **Christmas Cookie Bake Sale**. Bring your cookies with 6 cookies on a paper plate covered with plastic wrap. We will sell them for \$2.00. It's always fun and an easy money maker. See Joni if you have any questions.

Thursday, December 14th is our annual **Congregational Christmas Thank You Luncheon**. This is a rootin tootin fun holiday party for all Union's members and friends! Lunch is catered by the new Big Dipper and we ladies. We will eat, ring bells, and sing carols and party. Reservations are requested either by calling church or signing up in the hallway. This is a no charge lunch to say thank you to all for being and contributing to Union. We do love our people! We truly hope everyone can join us!

We at Women's Fellowship hope you all have a wonderful and joyous season filled with love and hope.

See you at the Christmas Cookie Bake Sale and the Thank You Luncheon,
Joni and Caryl



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We met on November 14th and accomplished most of the outside cleanup by mowing the grass and blowing and raking leaves. The sand containers and shovels were placed at the two entrance doors. Then on November 20th, 5 members filled the 36 Thanksgiving food boxes at the Share & Care. Thanks to Don Hoppe for collecting most of the food boxes over the past few months.

For December, we are planning to put up the two Christmas trees in the sanctuary and the tall tree in the Friendship Hall after the Sunday service & coffee in the Friendship Hall on December 10th, approximately around 11 am. We would appreciate assistance from members attending that day.

We could have our regular meeting on the second Tuesday, December 12th at 9 am for fellowship if there is any interest. I will email any updates to let everyone know the plans.

It seems to me that this year went very quickly, and we can finish with our Christmas celebrations. See Women's Fellowship for the annual luncheon on December 14th.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all that we won't see until next year,
Stan Kumpula

CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR

This year Christmas falls on a Sunday. To give our Tech Team and Worship Team a break, we will be doing something a bit different on Sunday, December 24th!

9:30 am Pancake Breakfast in the Friendship Hall with time for sharing the highlights of this past year.

1:00 pm Birchview Church - We will be showing "The Holden Evening Prayer" with them and giving them their Christmas presents! All are welcome to join us!

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service - A time for singing our favorite Christmas songs and telling the story of Jesus' birth!

On Christmas Day everyone is invited to a **"Potluck Christmas Dinner"** in the Friendship Hall.

11:30 am Gather in the Friendship Hall for a time of good friends, good food, and great fun! We will spend the day together chatting, watching Christmas movies, and playing games. Please let Pastor Torri know if you will be attending.

1:30 - 2:30 pm We will be taking a break in our day to visit Birchview Church and watch the Christmas Eve Service with them. Some of them will not be gathering with their families, so we want to make sure we include them in our time together.

2:30 pm Continue our gathering in the Friendship Hall until we get sick of each other. Then we go home.



TECH SALE

We will be holding a Tech Sale, with several refurbished computers, TVs, and more, on Saturday, December 16th, from 9:00 am—1:00 pm! Great gift ideas!

COMMUNITY MEALS IN DECEMBER



Every Wednesday 5:00 - 6:30 pm Friendship Hall
All meals will have a veggie side, salad and a dessert



Community Meal Menu

- December 6th** — Hot Dog Bar
- December 13th** — Chicken Enchilada Casserole
- December 20th** — Taco Bar
- December 27th** — No Meal


Wednesday Night Events in December

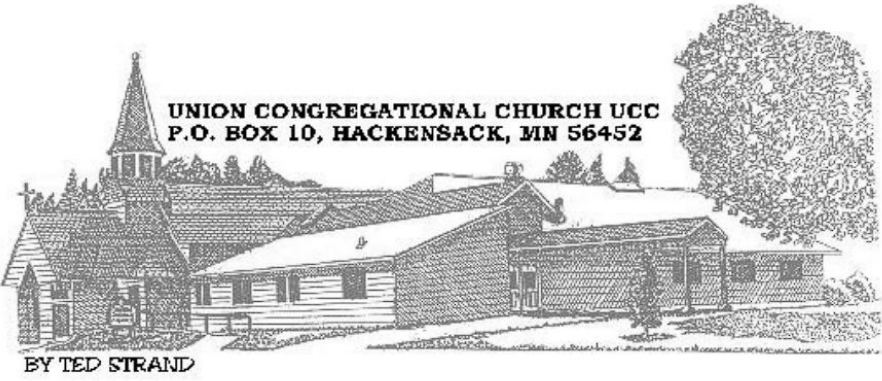
- Advent Services weekly**
- No Game Night in December**
- Dick's Acoustic Jam — December 20th**
5:00-7:00 pm in the Friendship Hall
- Movie Nights taking a break for winter**

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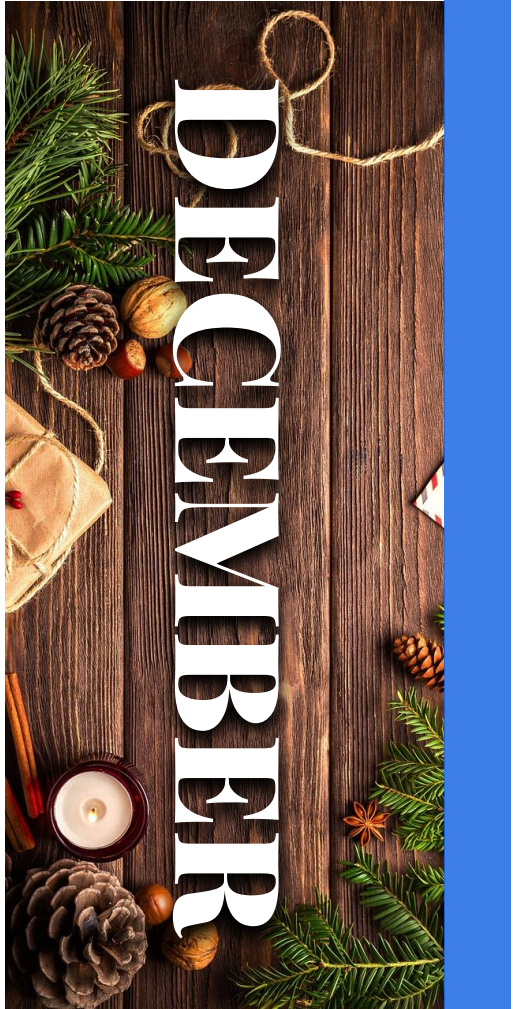
* Community event

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	1 FRIDAY	2 SATURDAY
3 9:00-11:00 am Christmas Cookie Bake Sale 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee Hour 1:00 pm Birchview Church	4 1:30 pm Bone Builders* 6:00 pm AA Open Meeting*	5 9:00 am Tech Team Meeting	6 10:00 am Fit2Move in Friendship Hall 3:45 pm Lighted Windows 5:00-5:30 pm Advent Service 5:00-6:30 pm Community Meal	7 12:00 pm Fiber Arts at Joni's* 4:30 Justice Ministry Team Zoom Meeting	8 Office Closed 1:30 pm Bone Builders*	9
10 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee Hour 1:00 pm Birchview Church	11 1:30 pm Bone Builders* 6:00 pm AA Open Meeting*	12 9:00 am Men's Fellowship in Friendship Hall	13 10:00 am Fit2Move in Friendship Hall 3:45 pm Lighted Windows 5:00-5:30 pm Advent Service 5:00-6:30 pm Community Meal 5:00 pm Dick's Acoustic Jam	14 12:00 pm Women's Fellowship - Congregational Christmas Luncheon	15 Office Closed 1:30 pm Bone Builders*	16 9:00am Tech Sale
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24 Christmas Eve 9:30 am Pancake Breakfast at UCC 1:00 pm Birchview Church 4:00 pm Christmas Eve service	25 Christmas Day 11:30 a.m. Christmas Potluck at UCC 1:30 Birchview Church 	26 Office closed	27 Office closed	28 Office closed	29 Office Closed 1:30 pm Bone Builders*	30
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2023

Christmas is almost here!
Christmas Eve Service
Dec. 24th 4:00 pm



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