

RECOGNIZING GOD'S VOICE

GOING DEEPER GUIDES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE RESOURCE CENTER

THE JOURNEY

JOIN US AS WE READ THROUGH THE BIBLE THIS YEAR

TIPS FOR THE JOURNEY: HOW TO READ AND INTERACT WITH GOD

- PRAY. REMEMBER GOD IS WITH YOU, AND ASK HIM TO TEACH YOU TODAY.
- READ. OPEN YOUR BIBLE TO THE PASSAGE, OR LISTEN TO AN AUDIO VERSION.
- GRASP. HOW WOULD YOU BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE THE PASSAGE IN YOUR OWN WORDS?
- THINK. WHAT DOES IT REVEAL ABOUT WHO GOD IS, WHO YOU ARE, OR HOW TO LIVE?
- RESPOND. WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SAY TO GOD, OR DO WITH GOD IN RESPONSE?

MONDAY: EXODUS 39-40

FRIDAY: JOSHUA 3-4

TUESDAY: REVIEW AND PRAISE

SATURDAY: LUKE 1-2

WEDNESDAY: BIBLE GUIDE 3

SUNDAY: PSALM 63

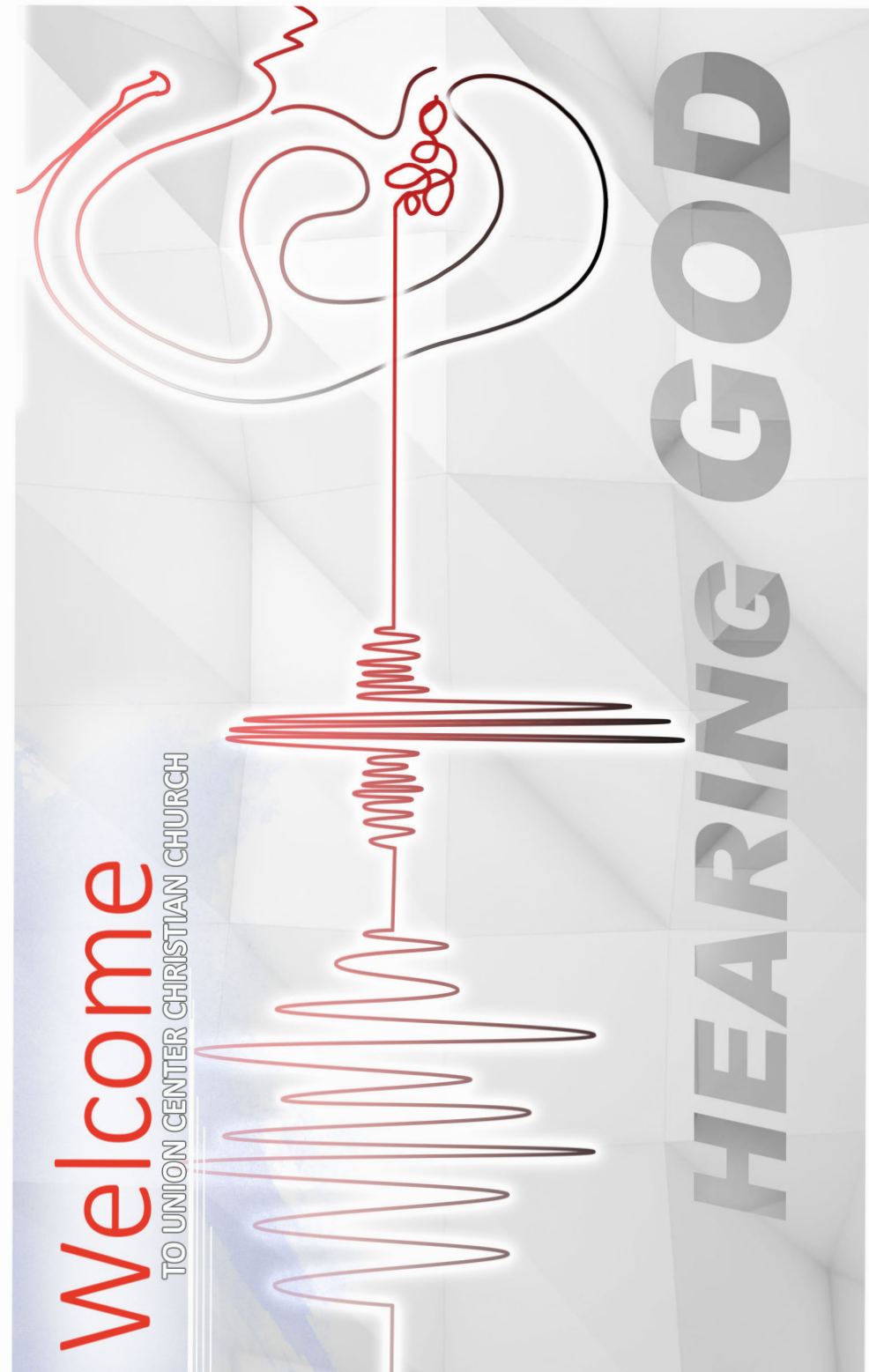
THURSDAY: JOSHUA 1-2



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GENERAL INFORMATION

WELCOME GUESTS

IF YOU ARE A NEW GUEST TO UNION CENTER, WE WELCOME YOU! WE HAVE A SMALL GIFT FOR YOU AT THE RESOURCE CENTER.

LIBRARY CORNER

OUR CHRISTMAS BOOKS AND VIDEOS ARE DISPLAYED ON TOP OF THE FIRST BOOKCASE AS YOU WALK INTO THE LIBRARY.

WE ALSO HAVE NEW VIDEOS, INCLUDING: "I CAN ONLY IMAGINE," (BOTH THE VIDEO WITH GREAT SPECIAL FEATURES AND A TEACHING VIDEO BY BART MILLARD) "PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST," "GOD'S NOT DEAD, I & II," "THE SHACK," AND "WAR ROOM." THESE ARE LOCATED ON THE TOP SHELF OF THE BOOKCASE AT THE END OF THE LIBRARY DESK.

PLEASE ENJOY THESE MATERIALS — AFTER CHECKING THEM OUT — INSTRUCTIONS ON TOP OF LIBRARY DESK.

CONTACT ELIZABETH RUTTER AT 607-206-1734.

WIDOW'S FELLOWSHIP

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 12PM, OLIVE GARDEN IN VESTAL

ALL WIDOWS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US. BUY YOUR OWN LUNCH.

RSVP TO PHYLLIS, 607.797.3032

CHRISTMAS COOKIE FELLOWSHIP

DECEMBER 24, 5 PM

AS PART OF OUR EFFORTS TO BE FAMILY AT UNION CENTER, WE WILL BE HOSTING A CHRISTMAS COOKIE FELLOWSHIP IN MAIN STREET FROM 5-6 PM ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, BUT THAT TAKES COOKIES! THEREFORE, WE ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF CHRISTMAS COOKIES OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES. ALL COOKIES MAY DROPPED OFF AT THE INFORMATION DESK ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23.

CARE AND COMPASSION

PASTORAL CARE

CONDOLENCES TO THE LANGTON FAMILY ON THE LOSS OF JAY'S FATHER.

HOSPITALIZATION

IF YOU HAVE A DEATH OR HOSPITALIZATION IN YOUR FAMILY, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

CONTACT: CHURCH OFFICE, 754.8222, AFTER HOURS, 484.2412

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEED PRAYER? DROP A NOTE IN THE OFFERING PLATE, E-MAIL, OR CALL THE OFFICE.

CONTACT: INFO@UNIONCENTER.ORG OR 754.8222

HANDYMAN MINISTRY

THIS MINISTRY PROVIDES HELP WITH SIMPLE HOME REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE TO THOSE IN NEED.

CONTACT: UNIONCENTER.ORG/MEETING-YOUR-NEEDS/

SERVICE & OUTREACH

CHRISTMAS SHOPPE

OPEN EVERY SUNDAY IN DECEMBER THROUGH CHRISTMAS, 134

PICK UP ITEMS YOU MAY BE IN NEED OF FOR CHRISTMAS. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR ANYTHING IN THE SHOPPE.

AFTER THE EARLY CHURCH MODEL OF SHARING ALL THINGS (ACTS 2), JOIN WITH 55 ALIVE IN THIS EXPERIENCE OF GENEROSITY. BRING WHAT YOU HAVE, SO THAT OTHERS DO NOT HAVE NEED. WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF ITEMS SUCH AS TOYS, APPLIANCES, CLOTHING (ESPECIALLY CHILDREN'S). ALL ITEMS MUST BE "LIKE NEW," CLEAN, IN WORKING ORDER AND NO STAINS ON THE CLOTHING. DROP OFF ITEMS IN ROOM 134. CONTACT: MARY BETH, 607.692.7856

WORSHIP & TECHNICAL ARTS TEAM

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO POINT OTHERS TO GOD THROUGH THE USE OF INSTRUMENTS (ELECTRIC GUITAR, KEYS, BASS, DRUMS) AND ALL TECHNICAL SKILLS (LIGHTS/VIDEO, AUDIO, SLIDES.)

CONTACT: MARGARET, MSMITH@UNIONCENTER.ORG

ADVENT

"THE GREAT PROCLAMATION "THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND MADE HIS DWELLING AMONG US" (JOHN 1:14) ASSURES US THAT GOD HAS ENTERED INTO HUMAN HISTORY THROUGH THE INCARNATION OF THE SON. THE SEASON OF ADVENT, A SEASON OF WAITING, IS DESIGNED TO CULTIVATE OUR AWARENESS OF GOD'S ACTIONS - PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE. IN ADVENT WE HEAR THE PROPHECIES OF THE MESSIAH'S COMING AS ADDRESSED TO US - PEOPLE WHO WAIT FOR THE SECOND COMING. IN ADVENT WE HEIGHTEN OUR ANTICIPATION FOR THE ULTIMATE FULFILLMENT OF ALL OLD TESTAMENT PROMISES, WHEN THE WOLF WILL LIE DOWN WITH THE LAMB, DEATH WILL BE SWALLOWED UP, AND EVERY TEAR WILL BE WIPED AWAY. IN THIS WAY ADVENT HIGHLIGHTS FOR US THE LARGER STORY OF GOD'S REDEMPTIVE PLAN.

A DELIBERATE TENSION MUST BE BUILT INTO OUR PRACTICE OF THE ADVENT SEASON. CHRIST HAS COME, AND YET NOT ALL THINGS HAVE REACHED COMPLETION. WHILE WE REMEMBER ISRAEL'S WAITING AND HOPING AND WE GIVE THANKS FOR CHRIST'S BIRTH, WE ALSO ANTICIPATE HIS SECOND COMING AT THE END OF TIME. FOR THIS REASON ADVENT BEGAN AS A PENITENTIAL SEASON, A TIME FOR DISCIPLINE AND INTENTIONAL REPENTANCE IN THE CONFIDENT EXPECTATION AND HOPE OF CHRIST'S COMING AGAIN." (QUOTATION TAKEN FROM THE WORSHIP SOURCEBOOK, 2004)

DURING ADVENT, MANY CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS INCLUDE THE USE OF GREENERY AS A PART OF HELPING US CREATE THIS TENSION OF NOW GOD HAS MOVED BUT HE HAS NOT YET COMPLETED HIS REDEMPTIVE WORK. VARIOUS TYPES OF GREENERY ARE USED TO REPRESENT ASPECTS OF GOD'S CHARACTER AND WORK. CEDAR IS USED TO REPRESENT ROYALTY, FIR AND PINE TO REPRESENT EVERLASTING LIFE, THE HOLLY SYMBOLIZES JESUS' DEATH, AND THE IVY REPRESENTS RESURRECTION. THE VARIOUS GREENERY THEREFORE SYMBOLIZES THE COMPLETED WORK OF CHRIST, A VISUAL REMINDER OF WHAT GOD HAS DONE EVEN AS WE WAIT FOR THE COMPLETION OF THIS WORK.

LOOKING AHEAD

TODAY

DECEMBER 9, 2018

SERVICE TIMES: 9 & 10:45 AM (NURSERY AVAILABLE)

9 AM, SHEPHERD'S TOWN, TODDLER - 5TH GRADE

11:15 AM, TODDLER - 5TH GRADE RELEASED TO SHEPHERD'S TOWN

6 PM, ELEVATE YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER

FOLLOWING EACH SERVICE: CHRISTMAS SHOPPE OPEN

PRAYER ROOM

OPEN ON SUNDAY MORNINGS, AND DURING OFFICE HOURS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. (M-TH. 9-4PM)

MONDAY

6:30 PM, RE:GEN

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

2 PM, BONE SAVERS, 131C

THURSDAYS

6:30 PM, MEN'S GROUP

DECEMBER 13

12 PM, WIDOW'S FELLOWSHIP, OLIVE GARDEN IN VESTAL

DECEMBER 24

5 PM, CHRISTMAS COOKIE FELLOWSHIP

6 PM, CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

GIVING REPORT

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$15,962

GIVING: \$15,044

CUMULATIVE SURPLUS: \$11,211

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GIVING.