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From Pastor Bruce

A Little Child Shall Lead

Speaking on the birth of the Christ Child, the prophet Isaiah said, "The wolf shall dwell with the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them."

In preparing to celebrate such a special birth we realize that facts and figures don't help us much in this season of angels and miracles. This is the time of love beyond reason; of hope without boundaries. Instead of speaking in prose, Christmas is for poetry. Every December I remember the words of Madeline L'Engle:

This is the irrational season
when love blooms bright and wild.
Had Mary been filled with reason
there'd have been no room for the child.

He came in a time when the key words were politics and economics. He came when there was a great desire for military might and a military leader. He came in a time not so very different from our own. The baby came and then they remembered Isaiah, "The wolf shall dwell with the lamb . . . and a little child shall lead them."

Carl Sandburg said, "A baby is God's opinion that the world should go on." This baby is God's promise that it will - if we will follow. Jesus is the one child who can free all of God's children from their suffering and sin. He is the one who makes his way along the murky path of human existence and emerges shining, even more brightly than the star that takes us to him - if we will follow.

Follow him through the joy and excitement of the holidays; follow through the drudgery and chill of winter. Follow through the freshness of spring, the oppressive heat of summer and autumn, with all the crispness and that it brings. Each journey begins with the first step, and this is the time to begin. Which way to go? "And a little child shall lead them..."

Boy Scout Troop 51 On the Job

On November 2nd, the Boy Scouts of Troop 51 removed the old deck boards from the handicap ramp, made necessary repairs and installed new deck boards. These repairs will extend the life of the ramp another 20 years. Not only does this help the church but also help the scouts complete their Eagle Badge requirements.

Also, Boy Scout Troop 51 will be selling Christmas trees in Gellar's parking lot. The tree sales are the only fundraiser Troop 51 does all year, and it helps fund their activities and kids who might not otherwise be able to participate.





The Food Pantry is open!
Mondays 10am-12pm



From your Life Deacon, Deborah LaBreck

God promises never to withhold good things from you.

Gift of



If you want to honor or memorialize someone and aren't sure what to do, why not consider a Gift of Love. A Gift of Love is a donation made in someone's name, to the church. A letter is sent to the giver (these gifts are tax deductible) and an acknowledgement is sent to the honoree (or the family in the case of a memorial). If you are interested, please pick up a form in the narthex or contact the office.



We continue to have church in person and virtually on Sunday's at 10am. Come on in! Or check us out on Facebook via Second Church Virtual Services! If you have been watching, see you on Sunday! You can also watch the services on PACTV. Thursday at 8am and Sunday at 6pm. (Comcast channel 13 or Verizon channel 43)



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Birthdays

If you don't see your birthday or anniversary, please contact the office.

December 2 - Joshua Johnson

December 7 - Roy Zahreciyan

December 11 - Scott Elliott and Dale Irving

January 3 - Dana Savery

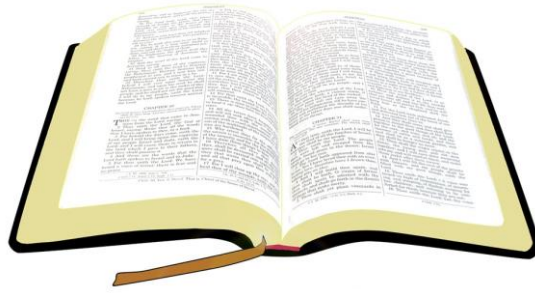
January 7 - Jane Costa-Elliott

*Happy
Anniversary*

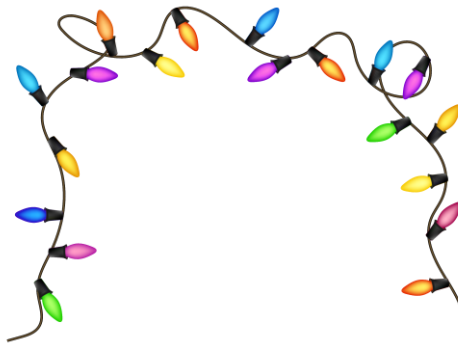
December 23 - Alan & Dorothy Williamson

Did you know - or ever think about?

Submitted by Ruthanne Gellar



Did you know that the word "winter" is mentioned 17 times in the Bible?



Did you know that Thomas Edison's partner, Edward H Johnson, put together the first string of Christmas tree lights in 1882?



Did you know that Robert L May, creator of Rudolph the Red Nosed reindeer, considered names such as Rollo and Reginald before deciding on Rudolph?



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10am Church Service 7pm AA	2 10am Food Pantry	3 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA	4	5 5pm Wreath Decorating 7pm AA	6 7pm AA	7 9am Church Fair
8 10am Church Service 11am Congregational Meeting 7pm AA	9 10am Food Pantry	10 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA	11 10am Bible Study 6pm TOPS 7pm AA	12 7pm Trustees 7pm AA	13 7pm AA	14 9am AA
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22 10am Church Service 7pm AA	23 10am Food Pantry	24 4pm Christmas Eve Service 7pm AA	25 Christmas Day 	26 7pm AA	27 7pm AA	28 9am AA
29 10am Church Service 7pm AA	30 10am Food Pantry	31 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA				