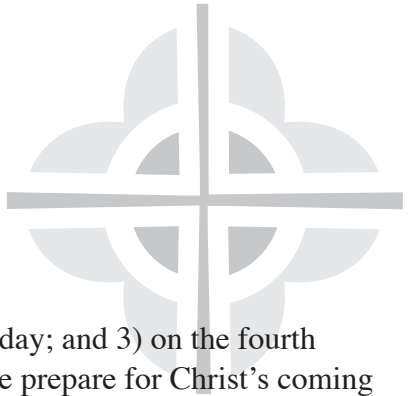


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Happy New Year by Pastor Mark Solyst

The season of Advent begins on December 1 and 2 and marks the beginning of the Church Year. The banners in the parking lot and the altar paraments change to blue. During worship, we will put away the Hymn of Praise and use the Advent Kyrie that Dr. Gary Walth composed. "Kyrie Eleison" means "Lord, have mercy." We also light an additional Advent Candle during each of the four Sundays in Advent.

Advent means coming and refers to the four Sundays before Christmas when we remember our Lord's coming to us. God comes to us in three distinct ways: 1) on the first Sunday, December 2, we celebrate Christ's return at the end of time; 2) on the second and third Sundays, December 9 and 16, we hear John the Baptism proclaim "Prepare the way of the Lord," as we open our hearts

and lives to Christ every day; and 3) on the fourth Sunday, December 23, we prepare for Christ's coming as a baby at Bethlehem.

Saturday worship during the season of Advent will be held in the South Hall and will feature candle light, soft music and a sermon series that will be different from Sunday morning. Everyone knows the Christmas story from Luke 2: "In those days, a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled ..." However, we seldom pay much attention to the first chapter of Luke where the evangelist prepares his readers for the amazing account of Jesus birth. My sermons during these Saturday Advent services will focus on the "Prequel," Luke's preparation for the birth of the Messiah as recorded in the Gospel's first chapter.

General Fund Report - October 2018

RECEIPTS	CURRENT MONTH			YEAR-TO-DATE		
	Actual	Budget	2017 Actual	Actual	Budget	2017 Actual
Envelope Offerings	49,659	39,150	38,185	336,307	375,000	318,220
Simply Giving Plan	23,818	23,700	22,121	251,035	243,834	222,479
Other General	-697	1,762	-1,756	14,004	16,500	16,235
General Fund Total	72,780	64,612	58,550	601,346	635,334	556,934
Benevolence	25		756	2,039		2,007
TOTAL	72,805	64,612	59,306	603,385	635,334	558,941
Communion Fund	1,044			5,772		
Memorials	5			17,003		
Hungry Jar	579			5,658		
DISBURSEMENTS						
Benevolence	8,050	5,013	4,786	65,037	69,620	62,982
Stability Triangle	52,376	45,926	43,984	492,574	524,270	463,031
Five Big Rocks	6,781	5,663	5,694	42,539	53,630	32,472
TOTAL	67,207	56,602	54,464	600,150	647,520	558,485
Gain (Loss)	5,598		4,842	3,235		456
Communion Fund	2,097			15,825		
Hungry Jar	997			5,248		

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

DECEMBER

No dinner or regular confirmation classes
in December – electives only!

Office Closed: Dec 24 & 25, 31 & Jan 1

									1 8:30a Church Work Day 9:00a Altar Ministry 5p Worship
2 8:30/10:45a Worship 9:30a Educ./Coffee Hour 12:00p PR Mission Trip 5:30p WWG Group 6:30p HS Youth Group	3	4 Come for Supper & Hillview Day 6:30a Men's Faith Forum 8:45a Quilters	5 1200p WWG Group 3:30p Property Comm. Programming – see website for schedule	6 7:00a Fayze's 9:30a Seekers 1:30p Library Committee 6:30p Apostle Paul Class	7	8 5:00p Worship			
9 Burritos 8:30/10:45a Worship 9:30a Educ./Coffee Hour	10	11 8:45a Quilters 4:00p Internship Comm. 5:30p Fellowship Council 6:00p Evangelism Council	12 5:30p Youth Steering Programming – see website for schedule	13 7:00a Fayze's 9:30a Seekers 6:30p Apostle Paul Class	14 6:30p PACK	15 5:00p Sunday School Christmas Program 6:00p Advent Fellowship			
16 8:30/10:45a Worship 9:30a Coffee Hour 6:30p HS Youth Group	17	18 6:30a Men's Faith Forum 8:45a Quilters 6:00p Marketing Team 6:30p Spiritual Direction	19 Programming – see website for schedule	20 Mini-Voice Deadline 7:00a Fayze's 9:30a Seekers 5:30p Interfaith Partners	21	22 5:00p Worship			
23 9:30a Worship	24 3:00p Worship 5:00p Worship 10:00p Worship	25 9:30a Worship	26	27 7:00a Fayze's	28	29 5:00p Worship			
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