

## WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, December 22, 2022

**REMINDER: MASKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE.**

### SUNDAY WRAP-UP – ADVENT 4

At 9:30, Faith Formation was alive with activity as our children learned about the traditions around Hannukah. Barbara & Rev. Laurel Harte-Westover brought a demo menorah to teach the children. There were dreidels and jelly donuts, and *everyone* received a present! Thank you Barbara, Laurel, Alex, and everyone who bought the socks to give as presents.

At 10:30, Jenna McConnell's family lit the candle of LOVE. Our choir, Andrea and Joe brought extraordinary gifts of music, telling good news from ancient to contemporary times. The Burtsons hosted a special coffee hour.

At 3:00, seven of us, ranging in age from 9 – 82, went Christmas Caroling. Special thanks to Jack Bertram and Clara Faulkenbury for helping deliver poinsettias and messages of love to Jane Edlund, Jaff & Nadyne Harris, Don & Gloria Lawson, and Anna McConnell. Alex Faulkenbury had hot chocolate ready as we returned to church.

Finally, at 4:30, 16 people gathered on the green for the lighting of the 1<sup>st</sup> candle on the menorah. We ended singing "Shalom chaverim" which means "deep peace, my friends." Join us for a brief service, on the green each day at 4:30, through December 25.

### TONIGHT

At 6:30 we will gather for a service called **Blue Christmas**. Amid the holidays, we pause to acknowledge the range of emotions experienced at Christmas. Bathed in candlelight, we will listen, we will pray, we will sit together in God's presence. The ancient poets who wrote the Psalms provide the honesty we need as we prepare for the arrival of the one called Emmanuel – God with us.

### CHRISTMAS EVE

At 4:00, bring the kids for a **Birthday Party for Jesus**. Our Michael the Mouse and the wise Owl return, introducing a new friend - Chaha the Chickadee. Before you leave, be sure to take a special treat provided by our Deacons.

At 7:00, we will gather for **Lessons and Carols** to hear the story of Jesus's birth and sing the carols we love. Maddie Kusznr and her family will light the Christ Candle on the Advent Wreath. Prelude music, provided by Jacob Dentes, Joe Ford, Andrea Herzog, Pastor Vicki, Jeanine Rose, Phil Rumsey, and Jim Ulrich begins by 6:45. Six helpings of Good News, followed by candle lighting, complete our celebration on this night that brings great joy to ALL people.

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Thanks to the gift of technology, we invite you to *stay home* on Christmas morning as you join us in worship. Special music includes David Rutherford, Anelia Corbin & David Rutherford, and the Finger Lakes Sax Quartet. A link will go live on Christmas morning. God bless us, everyone!

### NEW YEARS DAY

Sleep in a little, then join us at 11 AM for our first Communion Service in 2023. Alex and Clara Faulkenbury are hosting coffee hour after worship.