

## **WEEKDAY WORDS**

Thursday, December 21, 2023

### **TONIGHT**

Tonight we gather at 6:30 for a **Blue Christmas** service. We won't "fix" the situations that bring you here, but we can offer support for all who feel pain in the midst of this Christmas season.

### **COOKIE DROPOFF BY SATURDAY**

As we prepare for Christmas Eve, please drop off 2 dozen of your family's traditional cookie **by noon on Saturday**. Be sure to label your gift with the name of the cookie and your family name.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

The waiting is over! Join us at 10:30 AM for a family-friendly celebration of Jesus' birth. Rebecca Clark and her family will light the Christ Candle on our Advent Wreath. Michael the Mouse and his friend will visit during worship. We will sing the songs of Christmas and give thanks to God for coming to live among humanity. Stick around afterward for a special cupcake coffee hour hosted by the Worship & Music team.

The waiting is over! Tell your friends and neighbors to join us at 7 PM for a very special service of Lessons, Carols, and Candlelight. Our Deacons will greet you at the door as you come to celebrate the mystery of the Word made flesh. Cindy Stout and Nancy Stockholm will light the Christ Candle on the Advent Wreath. Bev Berry, the Dentes family, David Ford, Gary McCaslin, and Jim & Kathy McKenna will read the lessons that tell the sacred story. Jack Carr, Andrea Herzog, Jeanine Rose, and our choir, directed by Joseph Ford, bring us musical gifts. At the end of the service, we will encircle the pews, light our candles and sing Silent Night. Afterward, folks from the Worship & Music team will host a "Family-Tradition Cookies" coffee hour.

If you donated toward the poinsettias, feel free to take one following the 7 PM service, with our thanks!

### **EXPRESSIONS OF GENEROSITY**

This Sunday we will receive the last of the UCC's special offerings – this one called the Christmas Fund. It provides relief for clergy and laity who serve God in various capacities within the Church. Envelopes are in the pews.

If you need envelopes for 2024, please add your name to the list on the resource table in the entryway at the kitchen.

This is the final call for your pledge cards toward our ministry in 2024. Thank you!

### **FROM THE CHURCH STAFF**

(Alex, Andrea, Anne, Brian, Buzz, Joe, Mark & Tracy, Ron, Stef, and Pastor Vicki)  
Thank you for your cards, gifts, and expressions of love during this season.

*Merry Christmas to all!*