

## WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, December 12, 2024

### THIS SATURDAY

It's the day for our **Kids' Christmas Shopping!** We've got all kinds of donations so kids can do their very own Christmas Shopping – FOR FREE! We've got some grandmas and aunts who will help our kids choose gifts, and then our youth will help them wrap the presents. We think it will take about **30 minutes** to pick things out for the grown-ups and then wrap them. We have enough things for grandparents' gifts, too! As the kids depart, we have a treat-in-a-bag for them to take along with the wrapped presents!

### THIS SUNDAY

At 9:30, our kids will gather in the sanctuary to prepare for the Christmas Pageant. Meanwhile, our adults will continue discussing *A Place Called Home* - chapters 10-12.

When we worship at 10:30, some adults will light the Advent candle of Joy. We will sing and pray and then we'll hear the Christmas Story as only our kids can tell it. Stick around afterward for Coffee Hour, hosted by Katrina Andersen. If you cannot attend worship in person, find our worship service live stream on Facebook, YouTube or at [www.homercc.com](http://www.homercc.com)

### NEXT WEEK

Tuesday Trustees will meet at 6:30

Thursday Blue Christmas Service at 6:30 PM.  
NOTE: When asked to describe the Blue Christmas service, someone confessed that they thought it was just for people who were grieving. But after attending, they wanted you to know that it was a holy, comforting, quiet experience – for everyone. Let your friends and neighbors know they are welcome. This year we are joined by Rev. Jennifer Mannis and our siblings-in-faith from Grace and Holy Spirit Church.

Next Sunday

9:30 Faith Formation's Christmas Party

10:30 HCC's choir presents their Christmas cantata "Bethlehem's Child".

Coffee hour will be hosted by Acey and Claire Menard-Seiffert.

This is the day we receive the final UCC special offering called *The Christmas Fund*. Our gifts support clergy and lay employees of the wider UCC.

### CHRISTMAS WEEK

Tuesday, Dec. 24 4 PM Family Friendly Birthday Party for Jesus  
Michael the Mouse will visit our celebration of Jesus' birthday. Stick around for birthday cupcakes afterward.

Tuesday, Dec. 24 7 PM Lessons, Carols, and Candlelight  
On this holy night, the scriptures will guide our worship as we hear the story of Jesus' birth. Our choir and other musicians will bring words to music. At the end, join our circle of candlelight as we proclaim JOY for our world.

Wed., Dec. 25 Merry Christmas!

Aware of the diversity within our community, at 4:30, some of us will gather at the Menorah on the green to light the first candle of Hannukah. For eight evenings, we'll gather for about 15 minutes as we continue to light the candles on the Menorah.

Sunday, Dec. 29 Brunch Church at 10:30 AM  
As we worship, we will baptize Morgan Menard-Seiffert.  
Bring a dish to share as we continue to celebrate Christmas.

### **DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS**

As January approaches, note that reports for our Annual Meeting booklets are due by **Friday, January 3**. Please use font: Georgia size: 12. Send your report to the office on or before January 3. The booklets must be published two weeks prior to Annual Meeting.

### **ORIGINAL ARTWORK BY OUR YOUTH**

Some animals that might appear at a manger to celebrate the birth of Emmanuel

