



# The Herald

## GOOD SAMARITAN

United Methodist Church

December 2023

# From the Pastor

### Important Dates December

Choir practice Saturdays at 9:30AM  
Sundays-9AM Sunday School  
10AM Worship Services

\*Food Pantry open every Thursday-6:30 to 8:30PM

\*Dec. 3rd-1st Sunday of Advent-10AM- Christmas party 11:30-Fellowship Hall  
\*Dec 10th-2nd Sunday of Advent-10AM-\*Simbang Gabi Service 4PM

\*Dec. 17th-3rd Sunday of Advent (Christmas Cantata)  
\*Dec. 24th-4th Sunday of Advent-10AM(Lessons & Carols)  
\*Traditional Christmas Eve Service 7PM

\*Dec. 5th -Tuesday, Trustees Meetings 7PM  
\*Dec. 13th-Wednesday, United Women in Faith meeting 6PM  
\*Dec., 16th -Saturday, Worship Team meeting  
\*Church Council/Finance Meeting-Dec., 26th 6:30PM

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Dear Friends of Good Samaritan UMC,

I hope you all had a wonderful and meaningful Thanksgiving Day with your family and friends. I thanked God for his unfailing love and grace, and his provision and guidance for me and my family this year. I also thanked God for you all for sharing your lives and gifts with us, especially your commitment to Christ. I wanted you to know that committed to Christ, our fall discipleship/stewardship emphasis, was a big success. We had a great response in the number of commitment cards during the six weeks of the program.

159 commitment cards were signed in worship with the following decisions:

- 27 commitments to grow closer in faith to Jesus Christ
- 24 commitments to grow in daily prayer
- 24 commitments to grow in daily Bible reading
- 20 commitments to grow closer to perfect worship attendance
- 21 commitments to grow in witnessing to others
- 20 commitments to grow in financial giving to the Lord's church
- 23 commitments to grow toward serving the Lord willingly with our hands

I know this number doesn't mean anything to you, but it is significant to God; God loves to see his people making an effort to draw closer to Him. I also know some of you have missed a couple of weeks here and there due to your work and circumstances. If you have not yet turned in all the cards, it is not too late to join the rest of the church family in making these commitments. We have all the commitment cards ready for you at the front of our church office table. You may find your missing weeks, fill it out, and place it in the covenant box that will be at the worship table.

Your generosity in prayers, Bible reading, attendance, witness, financial gifts, and service will help our church to continue the wonderful ministries here, and to give our fair share of support to our ministries around the world. Thank you for making commitments to climb one step in your discipleship this year.

December also gives us many opportunities to get involved and share our lives with one another. Please see the Advent events and schedule on page 2. You are invited to join us to celebrate Advent and the Christmas season. Please also invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us as well.

Advent comes from the Latin word, adventus, meaning "coming." It is a season to prepare for the coming of Christ in various meanings: the promised coming of the Messiah to the Jews, the coming of Jesus being born in Bethlehem, the promised return of the risen Christ in final victory, and the continual coming of Christ into the lives and hearts of believers. I adopted it from the Discipleship Ministries website <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/understanding-advent>. Visit the website to learn more.

During our four-week Advent season, we will use the theme "Heaven and Earth, Advent and the Incarnation" by retired United Methodist bishop Willimon. Each week, we will use lectionary readings to look deeper into the theme of Advent and the insights from his book. Please join me on Wednesday night study if you want to go deeper. We are also offering you another study on Thursday morning using the book "The Angels of Christmas" by Susan Robb.

I pray and hope that you will meet Christ this Advent season through five worship services and all the programs. May our Savior

Jesus Christ shine upon all your families and friends. Early Merry Christmas to you all!

Pastor Jeremiah Lee



**\*\*First Sunday of Advent Worship Service- December 3<sup>rd</sup> -10AM**  
 -Christmas party, potluck, white elephant gift exchange at 11:30  
**\*\*Second Sunday of Advent Worship Service-December 10<sup>th</sup>-10AM**  
 -Simbang Gabi (Filipino traditional worship Service at 4PM)  
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**\*\*Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Service-December 24<sup>th</sup>-7PM**  
**\*\*Advent Studies “Heaven and Earth” by Will Willimon-**  
 Wednesday evenings 6:30PM -Nov. 29th-Dec. 6th,13th,20th  
**“The Angels of Christmas” by Susan Robb-Thursday mornings 10:30AM –**  
 December 7th,14th, 21st, 28th

**DECEMBER birthdays-HAPPY BIRTHDAY! BLESSINGS**

**Meetings this month-  
 You are invited to join.**

- \*Dec. 5th , Tuesday-Trustees 7PM
- \*Dec. 13th, Wednesday United Women in Faith-6PM
- \*Dec. 16th , Saturday-Worship Team 10:30AM
- \*Dec. 26th, Tuesday-Church Council/Finance 6:30PM

Date	Name
1	Te'Anna Peoples
6	Murray Williams
7	Hong-kien Jeremiah Lee
8	Mary Spence
10	Noli Manglicmot
14	Debbie Hickman
19	Janet Reinhart
21	Karen Sharp
22	John Robinson
25	Joel de Guzman
29	Hedy Campbell
29	Justin Delawder
31	Joe Daniello Jr.
31	Bonnie Jones
31	Sarah Torres-DeStefano

**Annual Christmas Party on December 3rd at 11:30-potluck-bring a dish to share, white elephant gift exchange (bring a gift wrapped and take a gift)**



**Simbang Gabi-Join us for A Filipino traditional Worship Service on December 10th at 4PM**





## Christmas flower dedications

**Looking for a way to honor loved ones this Christmas season for only \$10 each. Checks may be made payable to Good Samaritan Church with a memo of "Christmas flowers"**

**Place completed forms with payment in the offering plate or mail them in**

**By December 18th**

**In Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

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**By** \_\_\_\_\_

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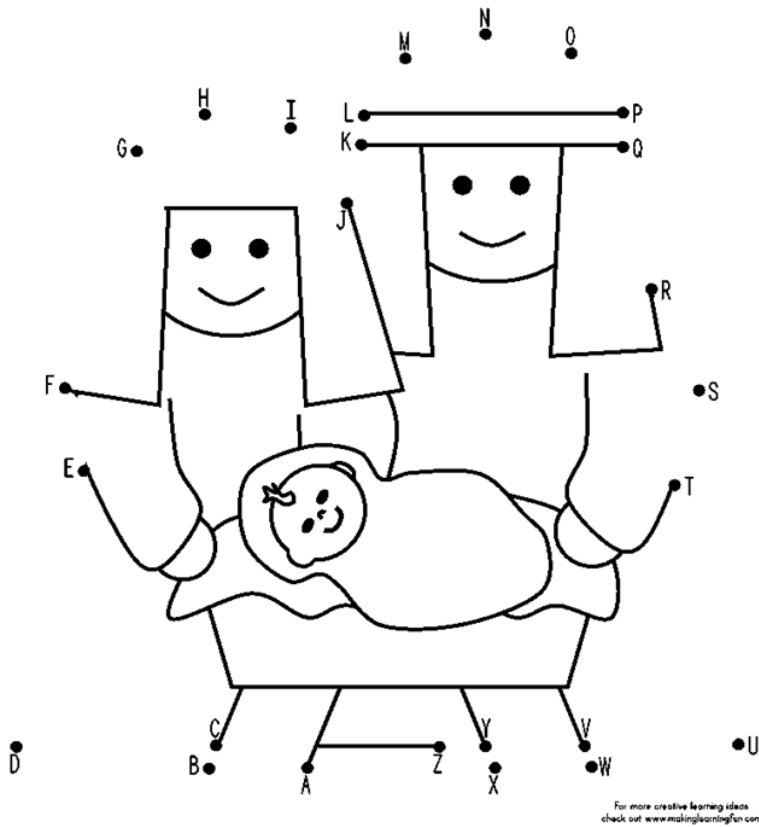
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**The names will be displayed at our Christmas Eve Service**  
 (Due to allergic reactions no live Poinsettia Plants will be in our church. There will be no plants to take home)

# Kid's Corner



## Christmas Unscramble

Unscramble these names of these people in the Christmas story:

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E S U S J:

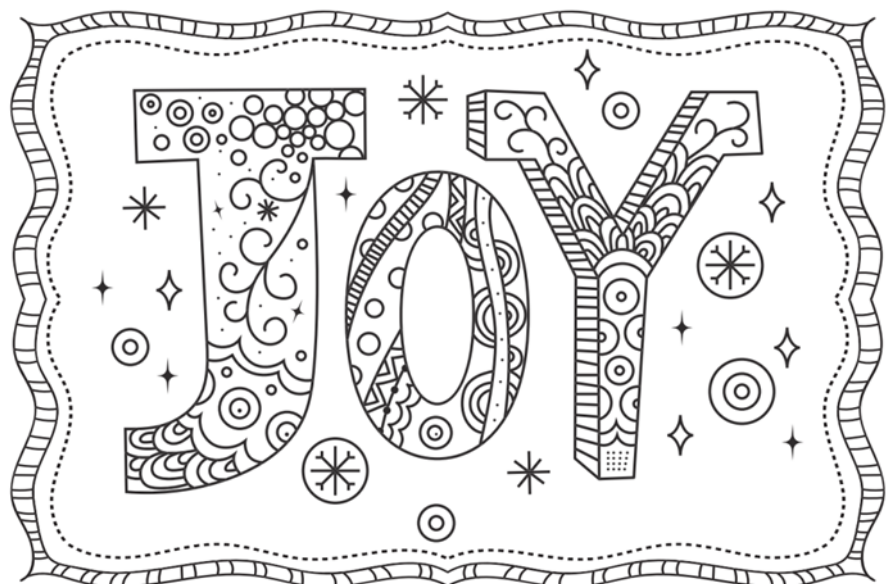
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E I M N E S W:

P E H S E H R D:

**December Bible Verse**  
 With all my heart I glorify the Lord! In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior. (Luke 1:46-47)

**December Faith Word**  
**JOY**  
 Joy is a feeling of gratitude and gladness.



## Our December mission -Addison Foundation Food Pantry

**Mission collecting cake mix, frosting, packets to make cookies, jello**



**There will be a basket out in the narthex. If it is more convenient for you, you can write a check made payable to Good Samaritan and in the memo line designate the Addison food pantry and we will then purchase the food and deliver it to the pantry.**

**The food pantry currently provides food and supplies for about 165 families. Because of the higher cost of living there will likely be an increase in the need for assistance.**

**Please share this invitation to your friends, family & neighbors.**



**YOU'RE INVITED!** Join Our Welcoming Community As We Celebrate Christmas

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\*If you wish to give a monetary donation put in the memo line “Blessing Bags” we will purchase the items— Thank you— God Bless

**Proverbs 19:17-Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done.**

**Matthew 25:40- “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’**

**We are making 20 bags) these are what will be in a 2 gallon zip lock bag.**

- **Socks (this is the #1 most asked-for item) Nice, high-quality, thick socks. Wool or thermal socks are best.**
- **Gloves- good quality, warm gloves will be a much greater blessing than low-cost**
- **Hats and scarfs**
- **Water bottles and bottles of Juice or Protein shakes**
- **Beef jerky or slim jims**
- **Tuna salad and cracker packs /Peanut butter/or cheese cracker packs**
- **Single-serving snacks like trail mix, nuts, crackers**
- **Breakfast/protein bars**
- **Raisins, craisins, other dried fruit**
- **Applesauce or fruit cups-with a spoon**
- **Dry shampoo and Combs/brushes**
- **Wet wipes and Tissues/Bandages**
- **Deodorant/Nail clippers**
- **Toothbrush and toothpaste**
- **New Testament books, resources & a card**

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With Us*

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**Community Food Pantry -  
Every Thursday 6:30 to  
8:30PM .Good Samaritan  
Church**

