



The Hope Herald

Hope Lutheran Church Newsletter

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December 2023

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE ANGELS



Hanging of the Greens Worship Sunday Dec. 3 @ 10 a.m.

Enjoy this special service of worship and song, as we celebrate the first Sunday in Advent and decorate our sanctuary for Christmas! The theme for this service is “Conversations with the Angels.” As we decorate the sanctuary, we will learn about how angels appear in different ways throughout the Bible, especially in the foretelling of the birth of Christ. The service features special music and readings, preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. We hope that you will join us for this festive celebration and worship! **Pastor Christie**

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT HOPE

December 3	Hanging of the Greens	10am
December 10	2nd Sunday in Advent	10 am
December 17	3rd Sunday in Advent	10 am
December 24	4th Sunday in Advent	10 am
December 24	Christmas Eve	5 pm
December 31	Lessons andCarols with Potluck Brunch	10 am

CHILDREN’S CHURCH CHRISTMAS PLAY

On Sunday, December 17, during the Children’s Message, the children of Hope will present a short reenactment of the first Christmas. There are plenty of parts for everyone and we will be practicing during Children’s Church time in the coming weeks. There will also be parts for our youngest children and any children who might be visiting on 12/17 that require no practice at all. We invite kids of all ages to join us in a fun retelling of Jesus’ birth!



Erica Leppert, Christina Education Chair

Reminder: Erica will be out of town December 10th, so no Children’s Church.

GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP



Coming to Hope!
Mondays 4-6 p.m.
January 29 – April 2

I am very excited to announce that Hope will begin hosting our first Griefshare Support Group beginning January 29. Griefshare is a nationally-recognized program that provides resources for churches to host these 13-week, Christian-based sessions for those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Here’s a little more about Griefshare:

No matter what the circumstances, grief is a painful, confusing process. A GriefShare group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. At this 13-week support group program, you’ll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what’s “normal” in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you’ll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way. At each weekly meeting, you will view a video featuring respected counselors, pastors, and healthcare professionals on grief-related topics, plus you’ll hear relatable personal stories of grief. After that is a small-group discussion to allow people time to talk, share support, and personally apply what they learned on the video. Everyone will receive a book to take home filled with valuable exercises for navigating their personal grieving process.

ALL are welcome. This program is designed to care for Hope’s members and for our larger community, so please share this information with anyone you know who may benefit. The cost is only \$20 to cover the cost of a workbook; everything else is free of charge. Registration information will be available soon. Contact Pastor Christie with questions, or visit <https://www.griefshare.org/> -

Pastor Christie



**Merry
Christmas
To All!**

PR. CHRISTIE'S CORNER

Entertaining Angels

"...some have entertained angels unawares." – Hebrews 3:2 (KJV)



As I write this, the worship team and I are in the process of preparing for our Hanging of the Greens worship Sunday, which will be Dec. 3. This is always a special service, full of readings, beautiful music, and the decorating of the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. This year's service has bit of a different theme to it than our similar services in past years. As we decorate and sing this year, we will be learning about angels.

In my research for this worship service, I learned many things about how angels appear in the Bible, and I wanted to share with you a few things that surprised me.

First, I was surprised by the number of times that angels are mentioned in the Bible – it's over 325 times, and the book of Revelation alone mentions angels 75 times. Maybe angels are all around us in our lives as well, and we fail to notice them.

The second thing that surprised me was the first appearance of an angel in the Bible. It is in Genesis, but the angel's first appearance isn't to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, or any of the important people we might normally think would get the first angel visit. The first visit is to Hagar, a fairly minor character, a female slave in the household of Abraham, the mother of Abraham's first son, Ishmael. In Hagar's relatively short story, an angel of the lord



finds her in the wilderness, twice, both times afraid and lonely. The second time she feared that she and her son would starve to death. The angels provided for Hagar, comforted her, and brought God's promises of assurance.

I find it comforting that God saw Hagar's distress, and sent angels to help her. But angels aren't always comforting. Angels can be messengers of comfort, peace, and visions of Glory. However, they can also be warriors and protectors, and sometimes even harbingers of death. Perhaps this is why angels in the gospels often appear with the words, "Fear not!" as they attempt to comfort their audience.

Whether they are bringing good news or bad, the appearance of an angel is always important in scripture. Sometimes, people fail to recognize that they are speaking to an angel. Other times, they don't believe the angel or they do not listen to the angel's message. Hebrews 13:2 says, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels unawares."

This makes me wonder... when have we entertained angels without realizing? If we look around this holiday season, and really take time to notice, will we see angels all around us? Possibly. We might notice that God has sent someone into our lives to care for and protect us, or maybe it's a stranger sharing an important message, or possibly an angel in the disguise of someone in need. Whatever the case, may our eyes be opened to the wonder of angels around us, and may we take the time to notice and to listen. May God bless you throughout Advent and Christmas, and always.



In Christ's Peace, Pastor Christie

LESSONS AND CAROLS BRUNCH

December 31st

New Year's Eve @ 10 am

Hope's worship service on December 31st will feature "Lessons and Carols" with food in the Fellowship Hall. A sign-up sheet will soon appear on the counter in the Narthex/Lobby for your carry-in food item to share. Come lift your voice in for praise and join in the fellowship to celebrate the approach of 2024.



Lessons and Carols

WHAT IS ADVENT?

Advent is a season observed in most Christian denominations as a time of expectant waiting and the celebration of the Nativity of Christ. *The Lutheran Book of Worship* lists blue as the preferred color for Advent while the *Methodist Book of Worship* and the *Presbyterian Book of Common Worship* identify purple or blue as appropriate for Advent. Proponents of this new liturgical trend argue that purple is traditionally associated with solemnity and somberness, which is fitting to the repentant character of Lent. There has been an increasing trend in Protestant churches to supplant purple with blue during Advent as it is a hopeful season of preparation that anticipates both Bethlehem and the consummation of history in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.



DECEMBER THANK YOU'S AND NEWS

Thank you to everyone who carried a votive candle during the All Saints service.

Ruth Oehler, Altar Chair

Thank you to **George Albright** for fixing the church sweeper and one of our Fellowship Hall chairs, We are so fortunate he is so handy!

Thank you to **Judi Wendel** for baking communion bread during the year and **Xander Hermann, Adam Williams and Rachel Williams** for helping Ruth and Joy bring down the containers of Christmas decorations and outdoor manger scene from the attic.

Ruth Oehler and Joy Ivins

Hope Members,

I would like to thank **Pastor Christie** and the wonderful members of **Hope** for your support during this very difficult time. Your cards, prayers, and transportation meant so much to us. I will find a special place to hang the beautiful chimes. The delicious luncheon you prepared after the service was very welcome and added to your generosity. I Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your thoughtfulness and caring. **In Christ, Doris Heybruch**

Thanks to all you wonderful helpers.....cooking, bringing items or helping serve during the Heybruch luncheon. I couldn't have asked for a better crew from making table decorations from something out of nothing, coffee preparations, many desserts, washing up the dishes and taking out the garbage. I know Doris was very pleased with how it all turned out.....so this email is my personal message of thanks to each one of you. **Lana Albright.**



The many beautiful shawls that **Bonnie Leonhardt** has so lovingly crocheted were blessed during the November 12th worship service. Thank you **Bonnie** for your continued devotion to providing these lovely shawls.

13TH ANNUAL PUMPKIN ROLL

November 5th

Lots of fun and antics were observed by those who attended the pumpkin roll at the home of **Ray and Nan Davis.**



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What a special day for these children and adults!



Thank you to all who donated to the basket of candy treats collected for the "Candy for the Troops." It filled more than 2 grocery bags. Such a small way to remember our military who keeps us safe.

Thank you for all of the thoughts, prayers, cards, and memorial gifts in honor of our son **Mark Long.**

Ron and Bonnie Long

EVEN MORE THANK YOU'S AND NEWS

SON Ministries wants you to know you are the very best community partners we could have to execute our mission "Serving Our Neighbors."



You are always so very helpful on our monthly requests – ESPECIALLY for our most recent Carol's

Tree hats, gloves, socks and underwear! There will be many happy kids this holiday season.

Please see our wall of THANKS to all of you that hangs in our SON Ministries Food Pantry! It would be great to share this with all in your church. We can't

do without you!

Have a blessed, safe and wonderful holiday,
Jo & Carole

AED NEWS

The AED has moved to the opposite end of the counter in the lobby. There are also Tip Sheets hanging in folders on the side of the AED cabinet.

A white container has been placed on the shelf in the coat room. It is marked AED/ First Aid Supplies, and contains the following:

2 Small AED responder pack: which contain the listed items

- Small shears
- Razor
- Antimicrobial Hand Wipe
- CPR Face Shield
- 2 Pairs of Gloves
- Small disposable towel



CPR breathing mask

Automatic Wrist Blood Pressure Cuff

First Aid Kit

There is also a white binder with the information about the AED.

Thanks to **Bonnie Long**, and **Karen Schneider** for their assistance.
Carmen Hasdorff

CHECK THIS OUT!

New Address for the Kless Family
637 Oak Avenue, Wyoming, OH 45215

NATE'S TOY BOX

Thank you to all who contributed to Nate's Toy Box this year. It brings such happiness to the children who receive the toys, games, gift cards, etc. that are distributed to parents on December 9th at White Oak Christian Church after they receive their SON food boxes at Groesbeck Methodist Church.



HOPE'S CAROL'S TREE



The tree is starting to fill up with your generous donations of hats, gloves and mittens. The socks and underwear were already carried to SON Ministries for sorting. **Thank you to everyone who joins in decorating the tree** with items to help keep our community children warm for the winter.

CONFIRMATION CONCENTRATION

Confirmation Students **Xander Hermann**, **Rachel Williams**, and **Adam Williams** were hard at work on Nov. 19, putting together a poster with the books



of the Bible in order. **Xander, Rachel, and Adam, along with fellow student Emma Sheppard**, will all be confirmed during worship on Sunday, Feb. 25. We are looking forward to our Christmas Party on Dec. 17, and all are working diligently on finalizing their faith statements and preparing for Confirmation Sunday. I am very proud of these students, and look forward to welcoming them as full church members in February. — **Pastor Christie**

IN REMEMBRANCE

On October 28, after a long battle with cancer, **Terry Heybruch** entered life eternal. His devoted wife, **Doris Heybruch**, has spent several years seeking the best care for him and visiting him daily. He served on Hope's council and was active in Hope's participation at First Lutheran Church and SON Ministries. Employed at NASA, he had many interesting stories to tell of his experiences with the space program. **Our heartfelt condolences to Doris and his family!**



HOPE'S BONFIRE

What a beautiful night for an outdoor event at Hope! Lots of food to eat with s'mores!



Look at the smiles!



Young and old gathered together.



Cornhole was available.

Some joined in the Limbo. See Pastor go!



And singing around the fire!



God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen

This Yuletide phrase is often printed – and sung – with this punctuation and the pause it implies. But that's not the way the charming old carol has it. Properly, it's "God rest you merry, gentlemen."

The phrase "rest you merry," which is older than Shakespeare, who used it in *Romeo and Juliet*, dates to the beginning of the 15th century. Incidentally, the Old English word for "merry" did not mean gay and lively, but merely pleasant or agreeable. By the 14th century, however, it had acquired its present meaning.

From: The Dictionary of Misinformation by Tom Burnam.

Contributed by Dave McBride

Bible Study – Teach us to Pray



Thursdays 1 p.m.

Join for fun, fellowship and sharing God's word together! Through the month of December, we continue to discuss the topic of The Lord's Prayer. We have had wonderful discussions surrounding this topic, and are enjoying our study of the book *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught* by Adam Hamilton. All readings are done during class time (no homework!), and all sessions are self-contained so you can drop in any time. This study is helping all of us to deepen our understanding of the Lord's Prayer, and we hope that you will join us!

Bible study meets Thursdays at 1p.m., and is available on zoom as well as in-person. Contact Pastor Christie if you have any questions or are interested in joining via zoom.

Pastor Christie

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS

November 19, 2023

After discussion, members attending voted to pass the Hope 2024 Budget presented by **Ron Long, Financial Secretary**, and **Chris Arany Treasurer**. The slate for council positions was filled, except the Recording Secretary and Generosity Committee Chair. **If you are interested in filling one of these positions, please contact Sue Millard or Pastor.**

2024 HOPE CHURCH COUNCIL

PRESIDENT	Sue Millard
Vice President/Spiritual Life	Lana Albright
Recording Secretary	Open
Treasurer	Chris Arany
Financial Secretary	Ron long
Worship/Music Chair	Joy Ivins
Christian Education Chair	Erica Leppert
Outreach Co-Chairs	Becky Lister
	Linda McBride
Generosity	Open
Property Chair	Carmen Hasdorff
Digital Ministry	Jerry Ivins

Thank you, council members, for volunteering to serve.

BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Wednesday, December 20, 7 p.m.
Saint Paul Old Blue Rock Church

Join church members from Hope and from around Colerain Township, as we worship together for a special Blue Christmas Service. Pastor Christie will be assisting in leading the worship service. Blue Christmas is a worship service that traditionally happens on or around the longest night of the year. The service is geared toward comforting all who may be struggling to find joy and hope during the holiday season. We hope that you will join us at St. Paul on Old Blue Rock (formerly known as St. Paul UCC, 5312 Old Blue Rock Rd.) for this special evening of worship.



Harrison VOCE presents "Decade of Holiday Joy"

Sunday Dec. 17, 4 p.m. @Harrison High School,
Martin Marietta Performing Arts Theater



VOCE is a community choir in Harrison, directed by **Karen Schweinfest**, and featuring some Hope folks as choir members. Join VOCE for our 10th anniversary concert and celebrate a "Decade of Holiday Joy"! This performance will be filled with several of our favorite holiday songs we have performed over the years, plus a few new tunes as well. This is a family friendly event, so bring your loved ones of all ages to take in the sounds of the season and embrace the holiday spirit!

Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased online, at the door, and will be available at Hope from choir members. (Pastor Christie, Phil Hollingsworth, Ray Davis, or KarenSchweinfest.)

NAME TAGS

As we continue to welcome new visitors each week, all Hope members and regulars are encouraged to once again begin wearing their name tags. Your name tag should be in your mailbox in the Hope narthex, and if you are unable to find it, please contact **Mary Bryant** mabryant@cinci.rr.com and a new one will be made for you.



Outreach Team

DAZZLING DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Alex Williams | 22 Gretchen Dille |
| 2 Nancy Baker | Angus Gries |
| Russ Vinup | 26 Isabella Beagle |
| Regina Wendel | 28 Melissa Collins |
| 3 Allison Sheppard | 29 William Leonhardt |
| 6 Dave McBride | Kara Williams |
| 15 Chris Gundrum | 30 Alex Brown |
| 16 Elaine Tingle | |
| 18 Liz Chittum | |
| Pastor Garber | |
| Ralph Terbrueggen | |
| 19 Chase Abbott | |
| 20 George Klayer | |
| 21 Morgan Byrne | |
| Miranda Sheppard | |
| Pat Speeg | |



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUR "BOOK NOOK" FOR ALL ADULTS

The Book Nook now has a second bookcase for the growing number of books. There are numerous categories of books available for loan in the "Book Nook" located inside the left door of the Fellowship Hall. There are also books that men might find interesting. Be sure to check them out for a little relaxing quiet time!



DOES SOMEONE NEED A LIFT?

All occasion cards are available for many different holidays and situations to show the friend or family member you care. **The card assortment was moved to the coatroom above the mailboxes.** And the beautiful prayer shawls in the Narthex/Lobby, so loving made, are ready to put a warm smile on someone's face.



GET CONNECTED TO HOPE!

Ever want more information what happening at Hope? There are many ways to get connected to Hope's activities. Check us out on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/hopeonbluerock> - and be sure to like us and check in! Also check Hope's website regularly <https://www.hopeonbluerock.org> for information on events, ways to make donations, a handy up-to-date Google calendar, photo albums, and much more!



Pastor Christie

WOMEN HELPING OTHERS AND OURSELVES

Ladies: Don't forget to mark your calendar for the annual **WHOO Christmas ham dinner in the Fellowship Hall on December 7th.** A sign up sheet for your food contribution will be on the counter in the narthex/Lobby if you wish to attend. There will be games to play and prizes to win. Don't miss out! Get signed up soon!



The Thankoffering Boxes collected during the service on November 12 produced a total of \$412.50 to be used toward WHOO charity projects in 2024. **Thank you to all who donated!**

HOPE'S NURSERY IS OPEN



Don't forget that **Kayla Terbrueggen** is available during worship to care for Hope's youngest children if parents wish to take advantage of her services. It is a safe place with toys and activity.

SOME HUMOR FOR YOU

During a children's sermonette a pastor asked, "Why do you think I wear this collar?" One of his young parishioners spoke up to say, "Because it kills fleas and ticks for up to thirty day?"

Why did the Christmas tree go to the dentist?
It needed a root canal.

What do you call cutting down a Christmas tree?
Christmas chopping.

How do Christmas trees get their email?
They log-on.

If athletes get athletes foot, wha do astronauts get?
Mistletoe!

What doesn't missile grow on dogwood trees?
It is afraid of the bark!



The nativity play was going as planned and Joseph and Mary were going from house to house knocking on the doors and asking it there was any room for them. As they continued to get "no room" answers a little voice called from the back said **"YOU SHOULD HAVE BOOKED!"** bringing the house down.

HOPE'S BOTTOM LINE

October 2023



General Fund

Total	MONTH	YTD
Beginning Balance	\$ 5,689.19	\$ 22,843.59
Revenues	\$ 14,859.00	\$ 157,031.45
Expenses	\$ 17,380.84	\$ 198,908.07
Transfers In	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 25,822.00
Transfers Out	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 6,788.97	\$ 6,788.97

Memorial Fund

Beginning Balance	\$10,058.61	\$10,057.86
Transfers In	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$.09	\$.84
Transfers Out	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total	\$10,058.70	\$10,058.70

Wilma Hoffman Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 7,006.33	\$ 17,696.79
Deposit	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$.26	\$ 9.80
Disbursements	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 15,700.00
Ending Balance	\$ 2,006.33	\$ 2,006.33

Mission Building Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 14,399.17	\$ 14,388.56
Revenue	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$.53	\$ 11.14
Disbursements	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 3,399.70	\$ 3,399.70

Capital One CD

Beginning Balance	\$ 54,129.31	\$ 53,111.79
Deposit	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$ 211.12	\$ 1,228.64
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 54,340.43	\$ 54,340.43

Chris Arany, Treasurer

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

November 9, 2023



- ◆**Chris Arany, Treasurer:** Income so far this year is \$169,253.87 with expenses of \$198,680.24.
- ◆**Lana Albright, Spiritual Life:** The next meeting of the committee will be December 7. A luncheon was served after Terry Heybruch's funeral.
- ◆**Joy Ivins, Worship/Music:** The committee purchased a new Christmas tree since the current tree is so hard to erect. Hopefully, we can sell the old one. The organist and music director contracts are being updated. The committee's next meeting is January 10th.
- ◆**Erica Leppert, Christian Education:** She will present the Children's Message on December 17.
- ◆**Becky Lister/Linda McBride, Outreach:** With a Thrivent grant, Christmas gifts will be purchased for Little Brothers of the Elderly.
- ◆**Bonnie Long, Generosity:** Time and Talent forms will be sent to those who have not completed one.

- ◆**Karen Schweinfest, Fellowship:** Thanks to all who helped with the Hope Bonfire.
- ◆**Chuck Hasdorff Property:** Everything is ok for now.
- ◆**Jerry Ivins, Digital Ministry:** ChurchTrac has added an email program for an additional \$88.80 per year.
- ◆The council passed the motion to add the email for \$88.80 per year to Churchtrac for a total of \$388 with the accounting and directory program.
- ◆**Pastor Christie:** "Grief Share" for Hope was added to the budget for next year for \$595, a one time expense.
- ◆**She will be on vacation December 25th through January 7th.**
- ◆**Sue Millard, President:** The Security and Safety Committee presented some recommendations to council. They will work on a social media plan for 2024.
- ◆Council would like **Brian Byrne** and some one from Colerain tTownship to discuss strategies and tips on violent incidents.
- ◆Sue asked for council suggestions for 2024 Hope goals.
- ◆The Hope Constitution review was tabled until January.
- ◆Council moved to change the name of the Stewardship Committee to Generosity and Evangelism Committee to Outreach.
- ◆The 2024 Budget was passed to present to the congregation for approval at the November 19 meeting.
- ◆Council voted to give consent to 2 churches combining in Mansfield Ohio to use the name Hope Lutheran Church.
- ◆The slate of council 2024 members has openings for Recording Secretary and Generosity Chair.
- ◆**The next meeting will. be December 13 at 7 pm at the home of Karen Schweinfest.**

From the minutes of Debbie Schrader, Council Secretary



Contributed by Dave McBride

ARTICLES FOR THE JANUARY ISSUE
OF THE HOPE HERALD ARE REQUESTED BY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH
ARTICLES MAY BE EMAILED TO
joyceivins@icloud.com or anytime before that date.

HOPE DIRECTORY APP

FOR YOUR COMPUTER OR PHONE Directions are on the church counter or check for Instant Church Directory.



**Changes are continuously made. New pictures are requested. If you have changed your email address, you will need to re-enroll. It will not recognize the new email address for confidentiality purposes.*

Please contact Jerry Ivins for any changes.

KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM

1. Visit KrogerCommunityRewards.com



2. Sign in to your online account, or create an account.

3. Find and select Hope Lutheran and click "Enroll."

Hope's 5 digit number is **80286**. Please join today! Hope has received **\$232.76** to date for the 2023 Community awards.

HOPE'S CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

To donate to Hope: Checks may be mailed to **4695 Blue Rock Road, Cincinnati, OH 45247** or brought to church.

Digital donations may be submitted at www.hopeonbluerock.org Click on "Giving" and then click on "Online Giving" and choose how you wish to donate - either by ChurchTrac or PayPal. For questions email Ron Long at finance@hopeonbluerock.org



YELLOW BRICK ROAD CHILD CARE

We are proud of Kayla Willey's 2 Star award rating



for her child care facility!

Need childcare? Call 513-601-2596 or send an email to the address below: yellowbrickroadchildcare@gmail.com

PRAYER CHAIN INSTRUCTIONS

To submit a prayer chain request: Complete this online form <https://www.hopeonbluerock.org/prayer-requests/>, or send an email to prayer@hopeonbluerock.org, or call Pastor Christie 317-828-5949 (cell) 513-923-3370 (church office)



Interested in receiving prayer chain emails?

Email prayer@hopeonbluerock.org with your contact information and we will get you added to the list.

DON'T FORGET OUR NARTHEX BINS!

-Used toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes and floss containers for UC Dental

-Food and personal care donations for SON Ministries

-Pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House

-Religious materials for Love Packages

-Pill bottles that are Cleaned and without labels

-Eye glasses for the Lyon's Club

-New or gently used Books for Side-by-Side Ministry

-Men's & Women's Clothing for Franciscan Sisters of the Poor



HOW TO JOIN ZOOM EVENTS

For the majority of our zoom meetings, the instructions for joining on zoom are the same. See below for instructions, and contact Pastor Christie with questions or difficulties. In the occasional case that the zoom link is different, instructions will be noted with the event publicity.



To join virtually Join via zoom on computer or smart phone: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3178285949?pwd=YSs1QzNScVIMZzlkMkZpMTImVINLUT09>

Call in via telephone: 1-301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 317 828 5949 Passcode: 4695

Worry is pulling tomorrow's cloud's over today's sunshine.

Sarah Wood

My apologies to Sarah for last month's typo.

New INSIDE



Geodes look plain on the outside but contain beautiful crystals. Create these "rocks" to show how God makes us new on the inside.

What you need:

- Clean cardboard egg carton
- Scissors (and adult help)
- Epsom salt
- Plastic zippered bags (one per color of dye)
- Food coloring
- Glue
- Paintbrush



What you do:

1. Cut out the tops and bottoms of all the egg compartments so you can make 6 ball shapes.
2. In each bag, put 3 tablespoons of Epsom salt and a drop or two of food coloring. Seal and shake to mix.
3. With the paintbrush, spread glue inside two egg-carton halves. Sprinkle a spoonful of Epsom salt into those halves. Then close and shake.
4. Open your homemade geode and shake out excess salt.
5. Optional: Preserve the crystals with a coat of clear-drying glue.



PUZZLE



HAPPY NEW YOU!

Changing the calendar each January is a reminder that God makes all things new.

Directions: Use the clues and the calendar code to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV.

JANUARY 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	God	night	word	in	love	Jesus
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
glory	therefore	speak	give	light	Christ	a
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
saw	beginning	anyone	waters	help	is	many
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
he	again	through	earth	made	while	back
28	29	30	31			
new	if	and	creation			



- The second Monday _ _ _ _ _
- The last Monday _ _
- The 16th _ _ _ _ _
- One day before the 20th _ _
- The day before the first Friday _ _
- The last weekday of the second week _ _ _ _ _
- The day after the 20th _ _
- The day after 18th _ _
- The first day of the second weekend _
- The last Sunday _ _ _
- The last day of the month _ _ _ _ _

Answers: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.



December 2023

November 2023							December 2023							January 2024								
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27		
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Hope Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:00AM Worship: In-Person & Livestream	27 10:00AM SON @ GUMC 5:00PM Pastor's Office hours 6:00PM Praise Band	28 8:00AM Lifeline 10:00AM Pastor's Office Hours	29 10:00AM Pastor's Office Hours 10:00AM SON @ GUMC 4:30PM SON @ GUMC	30 10:00AM Pastor's Office Hours 1:00PM Bible Study (virtual & in-person)	1 7:00AM Pastor's Day Off	2 2:00PM Hall rental- Gungdrum 3:30PM Hanging of the Greens Rehearsal
3 10:00AM Worship: In-Person & Livestream	4 10:00AM SON @ GUMC 5:00PM Pastor's Office hours 6:00PM Praise Band	5 10:00AM Pastor's Office Hours	6 10:00AM Pastor's Office Hours 10:00AM SON @ GUMC 4:30PM SON @ GUMC	7 10:00AM Pastor's Office Hours 1:00PM Bible Study (virtual & in-person) 2:30PM Spiritual Life Meeting 6:00PM WHOO/Christmas	8 7:00AM Pastor's Day Off	9
10 10:00AM Worship: In-Person & Livestream	11 10:00AM SON @ GUMC 5:00PM Pastor's Office hours 6:00PM Praise Band	12 10:00AM Pastor's Office Hours	13 10:00AM Pastor's Office Hours 10:00AM SON @ GUMC 4:30PM SON @ GUMC 7:00PM Council Meeting Christmas party	14 10:00AM Pastor's Office Hours 1:00PM Bible Study (virtual & in-person)	15 7:00AM Pastor's Day Off	16
17 10:00AM Worship: In-Person & Livestream 11:00AM Confirmation Class 4:00PM Voce Concert @ Harrison High School	18 10:00AM SON @ GUMC 5:00PM Pastor's Office hours 6:00PM Praise Band	19 10:00AM Pastor's Office Hours	20 10:00AM Pastor's Office Hours 10:00AM SON @ GUMC 4:30PM SON @ GUMC 7:00PM Blue Christmas Worship at St. Paul Church	21 10:00AM Pastor's Office Hours 1:00PM Bible Study (virtual & in-person)	22 7:00AM Pastor's Day Off	23
24 10:00AM Worship: In-Person & Livestream 5:00PM Christmas Eve Worship	25 Pastor on Vacation SON Ministries closed 6:00PM Praise Band	26	27	28 1:00PM NO Bible Study	29	30
31 Pastor on Vacation 10:00AM Worship & Brunch	1 10:00AM SON @ GUMC 6:00PM Praise Band	2	3 10:00AM SON @ GUMC 4:30PM SON @ GUMC	4 1:00PM NO Bible Study	5	6

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OUR MISSION

We are anchored in faith and saved by God's grace. Led by the Holy Spirit, it is our purpose to invite all to know hope, love, and peace through Jesus Christ.



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