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Season of Advent

JOURNEY TO GOODNESS

11/30 - Matthew 24:44 UNEXPECTED HOPE

12/7 - Matthew 3:1-3 PREPARING FOR PEACE

12/14 - Matthew 11:2-6 GOOD. NEWS. JOY.

12/21 - Matthew 1:24-25 ENGAGING LOVE

Worship at 10:30 am



Season of Advent

Journey to Goodness

11/30 - Joshua 4:1-3 Renewed Hope

12/7 - Isaiah 11:6-9 Finding Peace

12/14 - Acts 9:36-39 Helping Joy

12/21 - 1 Cor. 13:4-8 Wonderful Love

Worship at 6:30 pm





Kelly's Korner

Peace. It is what it is. Look to the good. These are the words and phrases that shape much of my approach to life. As we begin the Advent journey, I am hopeful some of these words might impact all of our spirits as we come close to Christmas.

We, of course, will pay attention to the traditional words of Advent. Hope. Peace. Joy. Love. Each week a candle light will represent one of these words. We will wonder how hope and peace and joy and love bring us close to faith. Close to the Christ-child. We will pray that these words will be more than words—that they become more a part of our lives so that Christ might live in and through us. This is the point of Jesus' birth, is it not? That is why Advent is a journey. These kinds of things do not happen all at once.

It takes time to be challenged and then have enough courage to accept the challenge to be the bearers of hope and peace and joy and love.

Oh, friends, but when we do...when we live the ideals of Advent, our faith grows. Kind of like the Grinch's heart. Kind of like Zacchaeus. Kind of like the disciples. Kind of like Paul. Kind of like Mary Magdalene and all the women who showed up during Jesus' ministry. Kind of like we are supposed to.

And, then, life is good. We'll find goodness in new and different ways. We will have more compassion and kindness. We will be more selfless. Priorities will shift ever so slightly. Goodness can come to us in unexpected ways, even in the birth of a child. This is the possibility of the Advent journey.

Our Advent theme is the Journey to Goodness. Let us travel together. Let us actualize the words of Advent. Let us prepare once again for Jesus to be born in our hearts and souls.

Hope to see you soon.

Peace,

December Event Calendar

December 3: Movie - 5:30 pm - *Elf*

December 4: Disciples Women Christmas Party - 5:00 pm @ *Park Place*

December 5: Festival of the Creche - 5:00 pm @ *Parlor*

December 6: Disciples Men - 8:00 am @ *Old Dairy*

December 7: Emergency Cupboard Collection

December 8: Second Monday Women's Group - 6:00 pm @ *Los Charros East*

December 10: Movie - 5:30 pm - *White Christmas*

December 14: Annual Congregation Meeting - 11:45 am - *Sanctuary*

December 17: Movie - 5:30 pm - *Wonderful Life*

December 18: Third Thursday Groups

- Meditation - 12:15 pm @ *Parlor*
- Men's Group - 7:00 pm @ *Buffalo Wild Wings*

December 24: Christmas Eve Services

- Traditional Christmas Eve Worship - 6:00 pm
- Xperience Christmas Eve Worship - 11:00 pm

December 25: Christmas Day - Office Closed

Join us for our Christmas Eve Services!



You and your loved ones are invited to join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ on Christmas Eve. This year's message, "Come Home for Christmas Eve," reflects on Luke 2:1-7 and the hope, peace, and welcome found in the story of Jesus' arrival. We will offer two beautiful worship opportunities.

- **Traditional Service - 6:00 pm**
- **Xperience Service - 11:00 pm**

Whether you come for the classic candlelight tradition or the reflective late-night Xperience service, we hope you'll find a place to pause, breathe, and come home to the heart of Christmas. All are welcome, come as you are.



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3 - Eric Reed
18 - Ava Andrews
19 - Grant Anderson

20 - Rod Burg
23 - Lisa (Rong) Zhang
25 - **Jesus**
31 - Jeff Bennett