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Dear church family and friends,
We have just completed a sermon series entitled
"God With Us" and are now entering into the Advent
season which begins this year on November 29. As we
do so, I share the following excerpt from a story which
originally appeared in the December 1949
edition of Guideposts magazine.



Blessings to you and yours as we journey through Advent together,
Pastor Jen



How to Welcome the Christ Child
by Norman Vincent Peale

*"Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you
is born this day in the city of David. a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." — Luke 2:10-11.*

***No other news, no other information ever delivered to human beings can approach in happiness this simple
statement of a birth. This happiest of all news informs us of a seemingly incredible thing; that God is with us.***

***The Scripture says that His name shall be called Immanuel, which being interpreted means—God with us. This is
the heart of the Christmas message, that Almighty God walks these dusty ways and abides with us.***

***It is almost incredible. Think of it. The One who rolled back the curtain of the night at the dawn of creation, the
One who hung the stars in spangled glory upon the skies, the One who sets the sun in motion and the planets
according to their orbits, the Eternal Everlasting Creator and Ruler of the ends of the earth — the One who, ac-
cording to this story is with us; with you and with me.***

***If, beginning this Christmas, you say to yourself—God, through Jesus Christ, is with me—and repeat it daily
through the long days and weeks, in happiness and discouragement, that is the greatest gift you can give the
Christ Child...and that you can give to yourself.***

If you'd like to share what Advent means to you please email the church office and we'll include your response in our weekly bulletin through December.

The Pastoral Relations Committee

The next meeting will be December 6th. The members of the committee are Conny Welch, Polly Lile, Bob Timm, Richard Werner (chair) and Louise Graddy (ex-officio). The purpose of the committee is to assist or enhance communication between the pastor and the congregation. In general, the proceedings of the PRC will remain confidential in order to allow the pastor or any members to speak their concerns freely. You are all invited to contact any member of the committee to express your concerns and your joys. Be assured that you will heard.

December Calendar

- 12/6 PRC Meeting 9:15sm
- 12/13 Council Meeting 9:15am
- 12/24-1/4 Office Closed for Holidays

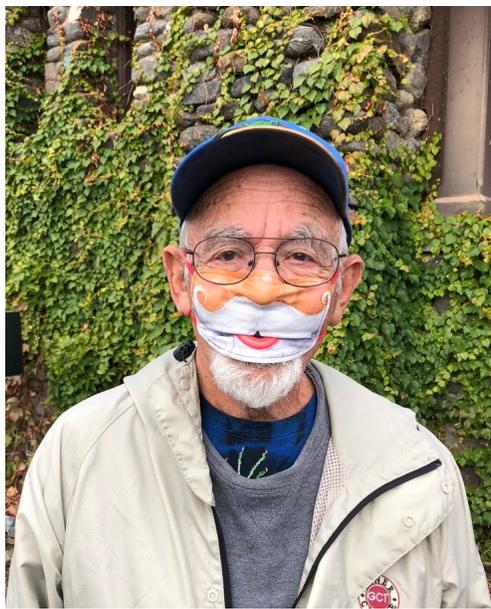


If you took a tag or tags for the Christmas giveaway please return gifts to the office no later than Dec 7th
Thank You!



Like us on Facebook

Mask of the Month



Do you know who that masked man is? If you guessed Jerry Huot, you guessed right! Please share the photos of your best masks!

Church Office & Covid-19

Per CDC, state, county requirements and guidelines we are still unable to meet in person for worship services. Please see our website for updates about our Covid-19 policies.



If you have a story you want to share and/or any photos please submit to uccoffice@sbcglobal.net We would love to share it in the next newsletter!

ADVENT INTERACTIVE WORSHIP SERVICE



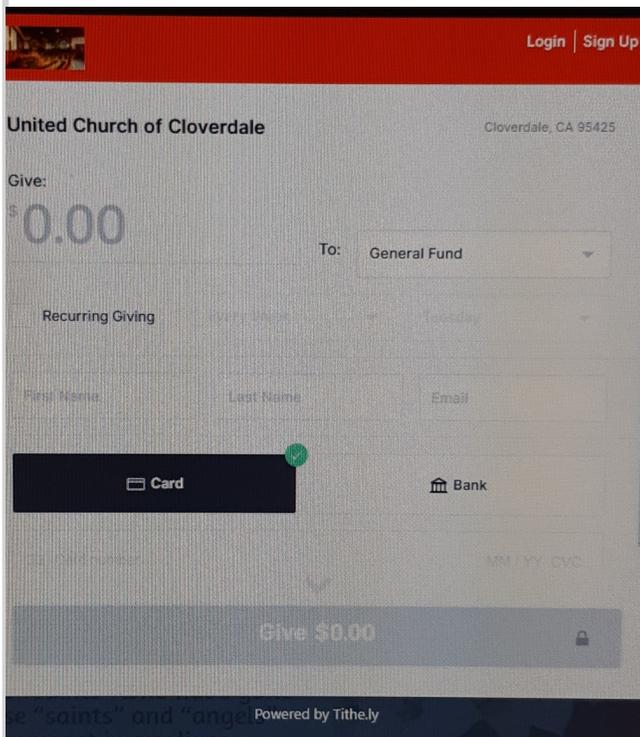
During Advent we will have interactive videos posted on our YouTube Channel that you can follow along at home with the Advent Packet of readings and music.

(If you need a packet please contact the office)

- Videos will be available every Sunday of Advent at 10am
- The Christmas Eve video will be available on 12/24 at 7pm



Pictured Above: Louise Graddy (Moderator) was in front of the sanctuary on November 22nd handing out Advent baskets, collecting pledges, and members grabbed tags for the Christmas give away !



TITHE.LY

We now have an on-line giving platform available on our website. Go to uccloverdale.org and click on the green button that says "Give" as shown below. It will take you directly to our secure United Church Tithe.ly giving platform. There is an option to set up your stewardship pledge payment to automatically come out of you bank account or from your debit card or you can give a one time payment! Other options for giving are to the scholarship program, Pennies From Heaven, offering or a general donation! Please let us know if you encounter any glitches as we continue to add options to the Tithe.ly page!



Hold In Prayers
Jerome Wolters and Family
Corzine Family, Mimi Domke, Lori Serrano
Ellen Lin (Music Together Teacher) & family
All the First Responders for Covid -19
We continue to hold in prayer all our church family

Wednesday Prayer at 10 AM

- We invite you to pause wherever you are every Wednesday morning at 10 AM to light a candle and take for a few moments of prayer and/or silent reflection.
- Please contact Pastor Jen - revjencollins@gmail.com or call the office at 894-2039 before 10 AM on Wednesday if you have any prayer requests that you would like included.



12/6 Lavonne Blucher-Nameny
 12/20 Available

12/13 Conny Welch
 12/27 Richard & Holly Werner

If you want to ring the bell contact the office!

As we continue to move forward and anticipate what coming back together and re-opening might look like we have to think about cleaning and Sanitizing procedures and the supplies needed to do those things!

Here are some items we will be needing:

- Hand Sanitizer
- Hand Sanitizer Dispensers
- Sanitizing Wipes
- Lysol Disinfecting Spray
- Disposable Face Masks in the event a guest does not have there own mask available



If you can donate any of these items please let Jilloni or Pastor Jen know and we will arrange a pick up or drop off day



Louise Graddy 12/03
 Annika Lewis 12/12
 Henry Magnusen 12/24
 Craig & Sharon Bilbro 12/29

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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Articles for The Ivy Vine? submit to the uccoffice@sbcglobal.net by the 20th of the month preceding the publication date. Articles submitted after the deadline without prior approval will be published the following month.





The Wi-Fi for the fellowship hall and sanctuary will be installed in early December and this is going to open up all kinds of options for us! We will start a bible study course in January and will share more information about that soon, via email and our web and facebook pages!



Advent Reader Schedule
 Week 1 Nov 29 Barbara Goepel
 Week 2 Dec 6 Marilyn Michelon
 Week 3 Dec 13 Bob Timm
 Week 4 Dec 20 Polly Lile
 Christmas Eve Richard Werner



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