



Advent Video Worship

How do we prepare for the coming of Christ? This year is different. 2020 is a perfect year for the theology and spirituality of the season of Advent. It is a season of not-yet-ness. It is a season of anticipation in a time in our lives that needs the saving benefit of urgent change. This year is a reminder of all the years throughout history when people experienced dissatisfaction, yearning, waiting, urgent patience, hope. This is the flavor of the spiritual food of Advent. This is the character of the words we hear from Holy Scripture in Advent.

The first Sunday of Advent is November 29th. Advent is a four-week season of preparation for the coming of Christ. It is a season layered with multiple levels of meaning: the hope for a Messiah to come found in Hebrew scriptures, preparations for the birth of Jesus as the Messiah in the Gospels, and future oriented apocalyptic anticipation of the coming of the Messiah or Son of Man to usher in the Kingdom of God at the end of history. All these themes are layered together in Advent as expectation and preparation.

Our worship theme this year for Advent is

Looking Forward to the Messiah:

(1) Preparing with Psalms, (2) Preparing with Prophets, (3) Preparing with Priests, and (4) Preparing with Parents.

Week One - Preparing with Psalms

Psalms are songs. There is a book in the Bible called The Psalms. It is actually a collection of five books packaged together as one. These psalms are Hebrew poetry that most likely was set to music. Some of it was used in the worship life of the Temple.

Some of it was authored by King David. Other psalms credit authorship to someone named Asaph, or a group of singers known as Asaph. Other psalms are credited to singers known as Korahites. We will look at three psalms that are "Messianic Psalms" - meaning that they anticipate the coming

of the Messiah either in the contemporary historic context of the writer, or in the prophetic sense about a time yet to come: Psalm 2, Psalm 22, and Psalm 110. We will also include a New Testament psalm associated with Advent, The Magnificat, Luke 1:46-55.

Week Two - Preparing with Prophets

There are many prophetic books included in Hebrew Scripture that anticipate the coming of a Messiah, a righteous King that will restore the people to a better life and bring on an age of justice in the land. Often the focus is on finding a way back home from exile in a foreign nation. Think of the Advent imagery of a highway in the desert. Often this hope is cast in the language of the transformation of the wilderness into a flowering garden. Think of the Advent imagery of the rose of Sharon. Often this hope is cast as a time of social and political renewal with particular emphasis on comfort for the poor and weak. We will focus on prophecy from Isaiah Chapters 35 and 40, and the message of a New Testament prophet always associated with Advent, John the Baptist.

Week Three - Preparing with Priests

The Gospel of Luke introduces the story of Jesus by starting with the story of a priest, Zechariah, and his wife, Elizabeth, who was a descendent of Aaron (an ancient priestly family going back to the brother of Moses). Zechariah belonged to the priestly order of Abijah, one of 24 priestly divisions set up during the time of King David, who

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served on a rotation system in the Temple. The primary function of the priesthood was to work in the Temple and manage the services and the sacrificial system. They went near to and into the presence of God in the inner sanctuary. Luke introduces the story of the birth of Jesus as the Messiah through these priestly figures who live and move so near to the holiness of God, and through their personal story of long waiting, lost hope, and a priest who was brought to a holy silence with the new word of God's movement in their lives.

Week Four – Preparing with Parents

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the coming of the Messiah as a child to be born through the life experience of Joseph. The Gospel of Luke tells the story of the coming of the Messiah as a child to be born through the life experience of Mary. Neither parent was ready. The timing seemed to be all wrong. For both it was a time of soul searching and adjustment, a time of Advent preparation, a time of discerning what God was doing instead of insisting on doing things in their own way, or according to social convention. Was it a scandal, or was it the best way for God to do extreme and ultimate grace for the sake of a humanity lost in its own way, and to make it so? Can we adjust to God?

Advent Audio Worship

Audio worship services in Advent will focus on the music of Advent and Christmas with a special series provided by our music team. They are providing a "reader's theater" format to share the meaning and sounds of the season including some jazzy versions of Christmas tunes. The first week theme is Hope, and featured songs are "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" and "Emmanuel, Emmanuel." The second week theme is Love, and featured songs are "People,

Look East" "Love Came Down at Christmas" and "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus." The third week theme is Peace, and featured songs are "What Child Is This" and "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." The fourth week theme is Joy, and featured songs are "O Come, All Ye Faithful" and "Joy to the World." Please join me in welcoming Nate, Ellie, Shirley, Christy, and Lucas to this series.

Home Worship Center *and* Advent Wreath



You are invited to create a worship center for Advent in your home as you participate in these worship services and light Advent candles along with us. An Advent Wreath is made with four candles in a circle, and can also include an additional white candle in the center (Christ Candle). Each Sunday one more candle is lit until the Christ Candle is lit on Christmas Eve.



Christmas Eve Worship

Christmas Eve Worship is one of our most beloved and sacred times together. In 2020, I am grieving the loss of being able to do this in person as we usually do. I feel totally displaced, seasonally out of place, as I associate my Christmas faith with worship services in a decorated sanctuary singing the sacred music of Christmas. This year, I know we all feel displaced from where we want to be due to this out-of-control pandemic.

So, I remember that on the first Christmas when Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph were displaced too. They were forced to travel at an awkward time to be counted by the Romans who were imposing their authority in the land by taking a census. Joseph took Mary on a long trip from Nazareth up in Galilee to Bethlehem down in Judah, his ancestral town. They were displaced from home, and then displaced in a second way because there was no place for them to stay when they got there. There was no room in the inn. They were displaced outdoors, or at least into the livestock keeping area of a stranger's house.

This year maybe we can get in touch with how Christmas is a story of God's love found in displacement. The manger scene is a replication of the Christ child born and received by people displaced, not where they want to be. But God is with us. This is what the story is all about. This Christmas may we be even more aware of just how amazing that is. No matter what, it will be Christmas, and God is with us.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on the Church Patio (6:30 p.m.)

A short and simple Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will take place outside on the patio of the church. We will be able to see the Christmas tree which will be decorated just inside the patio glass doors. We can listen to the sacred songs of Christmas, and hum along or sing softly inside our face masks. We will hear the scriptures we love and pray together for peace on earth and goodwill among all people. It will most likely be cold, but it will be Christmas Eve. Please wear a face mask and respect social distancing.

Christmas Eve Video Service - Music is being prepared. Christmas carols and special Christmas songs are being prepared for us. We are still working on options and details for Christmas Eve worship. Will you send us a photo of yourself or your family by your Christmas tree or home nativity (use your cell phone and email it to us)? Are you willing to read one of our scripture readings from home (use cell phone video and email to us)? Are you able to ring bells from home with your family for the music team video? (More information will come to you by Eblast about how to do these things.) Christmas Eve worship services will be different this year, but rest assured, there will be Christmas Eve worship in the best ways we can provide it.

Christmas Sunday Worship

On the Sunday after Christmas we will worship by video with Bishop Jung and members of the Cabinet of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church. This special Christmas service is designed for use on December 27th. Our audio service will be a special collection of Christmas music recorded by our own CUMC staff and volunteer musicians.

Holiday Giving Opportunities

As Christmas approaches, please consider these opportunities to support others who are less fortunate than we are. You have been so generous during 2020, in spite of the unusual circumstances that Coronavirus has forced upon us. Yet, the need continues, and is more dire than in years past. While the details of HOW you support others might change a bit, the end result is the same; your generosity allows us to make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ. So please consider the following opportunities:

Christmas Offering: The Christmas Offering will go to support Franciscan Peacemakers, a Milwaukee-based organization that fights against human trafficking. We hope you will consider sending the church an offering.

Hats, Mittens and Scarves: Donating hand-made or purchased hats, mittens and scarves has become an annual and much cherished tradition at CUMC, and we will continue it again this year, although with some differences. Rather than set up the Giving Tree in the lobby, we will have a large box located between the inner and outer doors of the church. **Please drop off your donated items before December 7.** Your Outreach Committee will then divide the donations and deliver them to Northcott Neighborhood House and United Methodist Children's Services.

Christmas Gift Cards: This is another much-loved annual tradition that also benefits both Northcott and United Methodist Children's Services. Please consider purchasing one or more gift cards in the amount of \$10 - \$25 dollars from Target or Wal-Mart. Your donated cards may be dropped in the church mailbox outside the main entrance, or may be mailed to the church office. These donations will allow some families to have Christmas gifts who otherwise may not have been able to afford them. **Donations should arrive at the church no later than December 7** so they can be delivered to Northcott and UMCS in time for Christmas.

Pecans: Pecans are here for the holidays! The price has remained the same, \$10.00 for candied (dark chocolate, milk chocolate, and caramel clusters) and \$11.00 for plain pecans. Pick up a few of the candied pecans to have on hand for a last minute gift (if you can keep yourself from eating them)! The plain pecans are excellent for your holiday baking. Email Vicki Streich for more details. You can conveniently pay for your pecans on our website. The proceeds are going to the UWC Harbor House Crisis Shelter in Superior Wisconsin. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Music Ministry

Thoughtful planning has been the name of the game in preparing for Advent this year. With so many unknowns, the Music Ministry team decided to get started early and has put together four audio worship services for Advent. Advent begins Sunday Nov. 29. Using resources from the United Methodist Church website, they assembled liturgies, prayers, and hymns to use for personal meditation. The themes of hope, love, peace, and joy intertwine with music ranging from traditional carols to jazz arrangements of familiar melodies. Each week the message explores the fascinating stories of the hymns that we associate with Advent and Christmas. With the help of Pastor Don and Nate, we were able to record both the words and music at appropriate distances on various days to keep the musicians as safe as possible. Christy records many selections from her home studio equipment providing a wonderful back up system. The editing of the scripts and various music tracs falls to Nate and the more we record, the more he needs time to put everything together into cohesive worship services. We are truly grateful for his time and talent not only for his technical skills but his boundless musical talent. Listen for him playing his tenor sax on the fourth Sunday in Advent.

The music team encourages you to sign out a hymnal for the season. Christy will be playing many of the hymns on the CUMC organ and we hope you will open your hymnals and sing/say the words along with the music. The messages focus on discovering things you might not have known about the hymnal. Hymnals are set on a cart in between the front doors and there is a sign out sheet there for you to fill in your name and phone number. If you're not able to come to church to pick one up, please email Ellie Wilmeth (elliewilmeth@gmail.com) and she will drop a hymnal off for you.

Typically, in Advent we light the advent wreath in our sanctuary but this year we're hoping you will assemble your own wreath or candles to create a sacred space in your home. Please take a picture of your candles and post it on the Friends of CUMC Facebook page so we can all share some of the traditions we celebrate. Candles and hymnals can help families come together to listen and worship together.



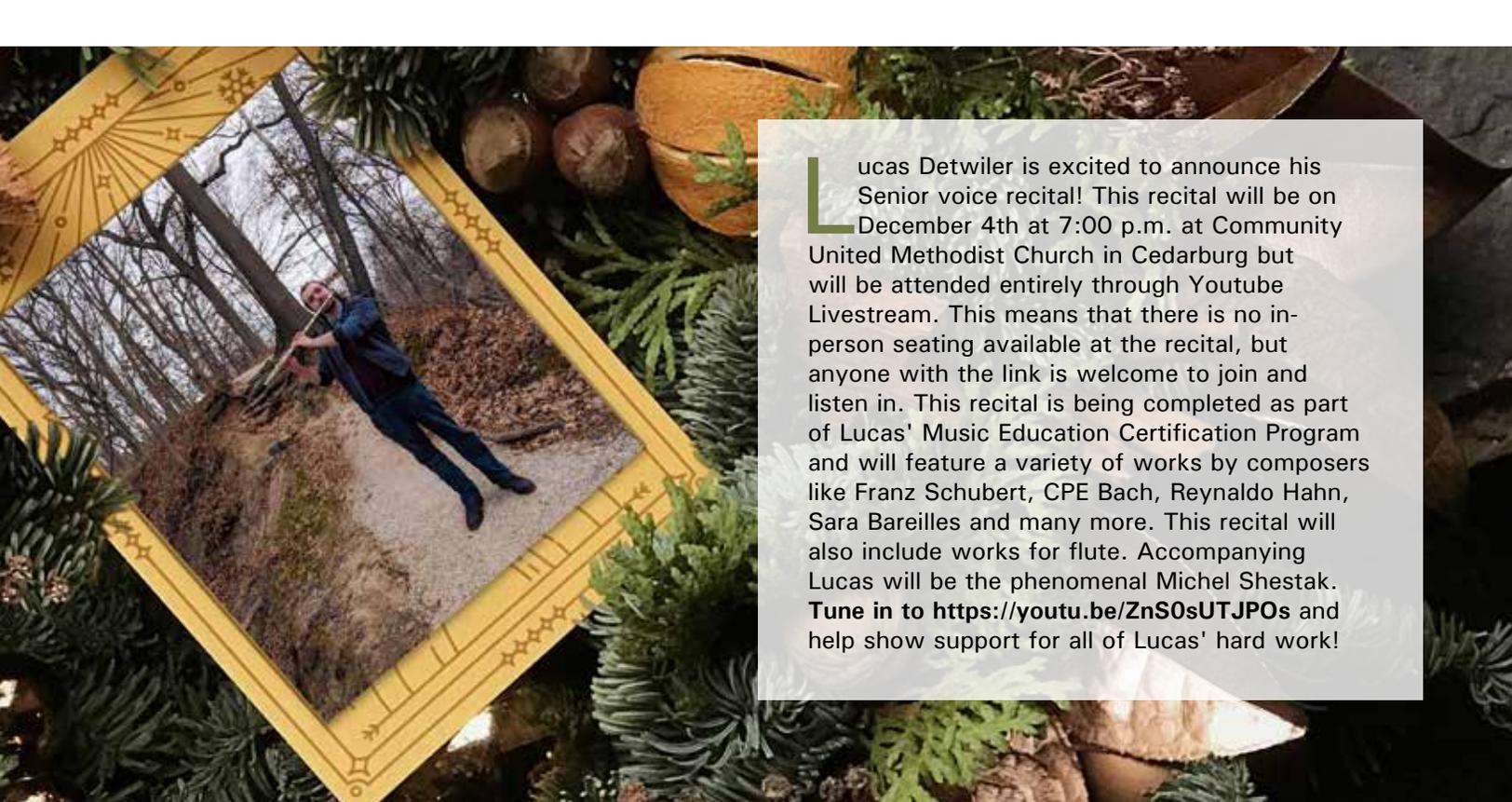
There are two children's hand bell sets and packets of Christmas music remaining for signing out. This is a great activity for grandparents and grandchildren, too. We're hoping families will use their phones and video themselves playing one of their favorites and send it to Nate (nateg@cedarburgcumc.org) for him to incorporate into one of our Christmas Eve services. If you are interested, please record your song with your phone in a horizontal position or contact Nate for more

help. Christy will record the accompaniments to those songs for those of you interested in ringing to the piano background. Rather sing? Send us a video Christmas carol that you record on your phone for inclusion!

Contributing to special musical offerings this season is Steve Adgate on alto saxophone. Steve was part of our very active Sax Quartet this summer during our parking lot worship series. Ross Eggert and Christy combine their talents on piano/organ duets. It is amazing to watch them play...hands flying everywhere! The sounds they create are rich and full. New to the music team is Jesse Windmiller on cello. Jesse is playing the cello that Marilyn Payne (who died in 2015) donated to CUMC. He started studying cello at age 11 and continued through high school. After a hiatus of 20 years, Jesse is returning to playing and enjoying the experience. You can hear him playing duets with Ellie Wilmeth on flute. For those of us who knew Marilyn, we are certain she is smiling to once again hear the lovely sounds of her cello at CUMC.

The Music Ministry team is grateful to be able to share their work with you no matter how far apart we are. Advent and Christmas music making has been a rich tradition at CUMC so, of course, we miss that chance to praise God in our sanctuary. We are learning, however, that we can still reach into our hearts and souls to find the real meaning of the season regardless of place.

-Written by Ellie Wilmeth



Lucas Detwiler is excited to announce his Senior voice recital! This recital will be on December 4th at 7:00 p.m. at Community United Methodist Church in Cedarburg but will be attended entirely through Youtube Livestream. This means that there is no in-person seating available at the recital, but anyone with the link is welcome to join and listen in. This recital is being completed as part of Lucas' Music Education Certification Program and will feature a variety of works by composers like Franz Schubert, CPE Bach, Reynaldo Hahn, Sara Bareilles and many more. This recital will also include works for flute. Accompanying Lucas will be the phenomenal Michel Shestak. **Tune in to <https://youtu.be/ZnS0sUTJPOs>** and help show support for all of Lucas' hard work!

Senior Ministry

Though senior adults face specific age-related challenges, all lives have been reshaped by this global pandemic. The nation and world show increasing stress and tragedy born of division, scarcity and fear. We witness the reality of grief, longing and fatigue on the part of so many.

Even in the midst of these hardships, regardless of our age, there is wisdom in seeking to engage in regular practices of gratitude. I have a friend who begins and ends each day in prayerful reflection based upon three things in that day for which he is grateful. I've begun adopting this practice and finding that it makes a difference.

As a church family, we seek to make a difference through caring for one another, as well as being in mission far beyond our walls. There are times when we are grateful for blessings that come our way as recipients. Gratitude can also issue through giving to others. May this season of anticipation of a great Joy meant for all the world's people, find us responding in gratitude. Pass it on.

This year our church is engaged in three missional expressions:

our 3 UMCOR missions; Franciscan Peacemakers; Hats, Mittens and Scarfs and gift cards for Northcott Neighborhood House and United Methodist Children's Services. Contributions may also be made to Hunger Task Force. (Further specifics are offered elsewhere in this newsletter and on our website under Outreach.) While we embrace the blessings of Christmas may we in gratitude seek to bless others in return.

*Merry Christmas,
Pastor John Strassburger*

Happy Advent and Christmas!

I hope that your family is staying healthy during this unusual Advent and Christmas season. It's strange, I have had such high hopes to be able to meet and fellowship with each of you and to re-forge our connections and find encouragement from each other, but simultaneously I am also reminded of the grim outlook of this global pandemic here in our hometown. I know the desire that I have to meet is the same desire you have as well, and it pains me to know that for the sake of the safety of all of us, we must remain in our current state of distance and separation. That is a painful reality as we head into Advent and Christmas season, and I simply wanted to name the fact that this year is going to continue to be different and difficult.

From that vantage point I'd like to redirect our attention to what it is we can do. In the Bible there were many times of fasting. Fasting was often times an abstinence from food, but can also be seen as a spiritual dryness as well. Perhaps you've been there? Perhaps you are there? When you pray the Lord's Prayer and yet feel none of its power. Where you listen to a worship song or read a Biblical text but experience none of its transformational potential. Perhaps even when you meet with a trusted friend or family member and feel an emotional distance or barrier that you wish would disappear. We don't like the feeling of spiritual dryness – of fasting. It is uncomfortable. We hunger for relationship, laughter, the touch of someone else's hand on our shoulder in friendly greeting at church. And yet here we are, in the midst of an extended fast.

That is the reality. It's at times like these that we are pushed into the "desert" like Israel, and like Jesus. And where did their "food" come from during these times? Deuteronomy 8:3 says; "[God] humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD." The encouragement they

found in communing with God in the desert is the same encouragement that we have access to – no matter if it's with a room full of people or alone in our houses or with our families. The bread from heaven – which is God's active and living Word in life - is what sustained Israel in the desert, Jesus in the wilderness, and is the very life force that sustains each of us in our extended time of distance.

Perhaps the right question then is "Who is this time of fasting transforming me into?" Each of us will come out on the other side of this pandemic a changed person in many ways. What kind of a person will each of us be? More loving? More patient? Kinder? More generous? The spiritual resources and "food" available is there for the taking. As we walk into and through Advent and Christmas, may we be reminded of - in a new and transformational way - the themes we affirm every year: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Jesus came into the world so that he could get into your life and heart, and rework you into a new creation! We hope that you experience this new creation type of life this year. And we are here to help guide and walk alongside you via resources on our church website.

May you find Christ in the midst of these trying times, and may you look back and worship God in light of the amazing things he will do in your life – even in our time of fasting in the desert.

Blessings,

-Nate Gruber

Director of Family Ministry & Discipleship

Mosaic KIDS

It's December! 2020 is almost over...Finally! This has been quite an unusual year, filled with loss, hardship, uncertainty, isolation and frustration but there is light at the end of this tunnel. If you joined us in our Job conversations during the audio services last month, you heard us talk about a man who lost everything. Job lost his money, status, family, everything, with one exception; he never lost his faith in God. Just like Job, when we face trials in our lives, we tend to question why. We ask God, "Why is this happening to me?" That is a typical retort because we so often feel that, when we follow God, nothing bad will happen to us. We have people come to comfort us with statements like, "It will be okay", or, "God doesn't give you more than you can handle." But these phrases don't really bring us comfort; they are just words thrown out to fill the empty space of silence. So as this tenuous year comes to an end, let's flip the



script and, rather than thinking that God will not give us more than we can handle, let's remember that God will help us handle what we have been given.

Take comfort in the gifts we have been given. Gifts such as love evoked by the family and friends we are blessed to miss during social distancing. Hope for the healthcare and frontline workers who are tirelessly fighting this pandemic. Joy in the extraordinary technology available to us so that we may stay connected. And peace in this season of wonder and contentment, this season of advent.

This is truly one of my favorite times of the year. This is the season when hope, peace, joy and love fill all our hearts. Even the crankiest Scrooge is touched by the spirit during this season. It is almost impossible not to be lifted by the light and true meaning of Christmas. It is, after all, so very simple; we celebrate Jesus, God's greatest gift. We can find hope, peace, joy and love when we remember that God sent Jesus to be our savior.

Christmas can be filled with all sorts of emotions. Some people easily experience the joy of the season. Some rest in the hope that God is making all things new. But others struggle to find peace due to life's circumstances.



With all that's going on this time of year, let's go back to the basics and simply celebrate Christmas. The truth is Jesus is the best gift God ever gave. Jesus is proof that God loves us, and we can trust God no matter what. Because of Jesus, it's possible for us to have a relationship with God that will last forever. As we remember the Christmas story, we take time to celebrate the greatest gift the world has ever known and rediscover hope, peace, joy and love as we rest in the unconditional love of God.

We can have hope because God keeps His promises. "Lord God of heaven, you are great and fearsome. And you faithfully keep your

promises to everyone who loves you and obeys your commands," (Nehemiah 1:5 CEV). Through all of life's ups and downs, in sadness and in joy, we can always have hope in the Lord; hope in His promise to love us forever. May you find hope this Advent season and live with a spirit of courage and optimism.

God's peace is for everyone. "Everyone will find rest beneath their own fig trees or grape vines, and they will live in peace. This is a solemn promise of the Lord All-Powerful," (Micah 4:4 CEV). Peace is not just for certain people. It is not just for the elite, the accomplished, the healthy; peace is for everyone. God will not abandon you. He has not forgotten you. That is His promise.

You can have joy because God has a plan for you. "We make our own plans, but the Lord decides where we will go," (Proverbs 16:9 CEV). That can be hard to grasp. Because it means that sometimes what we want to do and when we want to do it, or the people we surround ourselves with, may not always agree with the plan that God has made for us. No matter what plans we may make, God's plan for us will always win. He already knows the end of our story. Take comfort in knowing that God is a good and loving God. Although His plan for us may not agree with the timing or intent of our own plan, He offers us a life of joy and abundance.

God loved us so much that He gave us a Savior. "This very day in King David's hometown a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord," (Luke 2:11 CEV). God loves you so very much. I hope that you find moments to slow down throughout this Advent season so you can feel love and know that you are not alone because He is always with you.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE UPDATE: As we are still practicing social distancing, we will not be able to have an in-person Christmas Eve family service, but, take heart, I am working on something special to take its place. So, stay tuned and watch for a special service to drop Christmas Eve.

Finally, let me leave you with these words from Romans 5:1-15. "By faith we have been made acceptable to God. And now, thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ, we have peace with God. Christ has also introduced us to God's gift of undeserved grace on which we now take our stand. So, we are happy as we look forward to sharing in the glory of God. But that's not all! We gladly suffer because we know that suffering helps us to endure. And endurance builds character which gives us hope that will never disappoint us. All of this happens because God has given us the Holy Spirit who fills our hearts with His love."

With many blessings and heartfelt love,

-Stevie Stibor
Director of Children's Ministry

Lasata Sing-a-long

As most of us are aware, this 2020 year has been a challenge for those who reside at Lasata. Although residents may now go out if needed, as well as have two visitors at a time into their apartments, most have chosen to stay in because of their fear of Covid 19.



initiated the help of her Morrissey family. Residents from all three campuses will be in their own rooms from 3:00 – 4:00 PM on December 15th and 22nd. Through a closed circuit Lasata TV station, each person will be able to watch the “directors” of this sing-a-long, as well as see some beautiful Christmas images on their screens.

The Washington/Ozaukee Health Department has allowed for 10 people at a time to gather in one room, wearing masks, sitting six feet apart. Pat Morrissey has met with a group over Zoom each Tuesday afternoon, continuing “Conversation Café.” There have been many interesting topics discussed, which has given the residents of the Heights a chance to gather, visit with one another, and delve into some deep discussion.

One of the activities not allowed is that of singing together. The residents may sing in their own apartments, but not together. So, when Pat was asked to organize a sing-a-long over Zoom, she said, “Yes,” ... wondering how this was going to happen. So, she

Although most of us are “Zoomed out,” Lasata residents have found this platform acceptable, as it brings the outside world inside. And thus, on December 15th and 22nd, Pat ... along with her niece, Elizabeth and her sister, Mimi (both of whom have beautiful voices and live in Michigan) ... will facilitate a campus-wide Christmas sing-a-long over Zoom. The voices of the Lasata residents will not be heard, but we will know that they are safe in their rooms, hopefully singing their hearts out. It is our way of saying, “We hope you have a Blessed, Safe Christmas.”

Women of Faith

Women of Faith are reading and discussing Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven Study Guide. We met via freeconferencecall.com on November 9, sharing joys, laughter, prayer concerns, and discussed Lesson 3. Women of Faith will continue to stay warm and dry in the comfort of home for virtual meetings online or by a phone call! The December 14th meeting will center on sharing holiday plans and discussing Lesson 4, “The Ultimate Extreme Makeover.”

New members are invited, and those interested are encouraged to contact Pastor Don Greer, Pastor John Strassburger, or the church office. Virtual meetings via freeconferencecall.com are on the second Monday of the month at 1:15 p.m. When spring arrives, we'll meet outside when possible.

Keep the Dream Alive: Be a Difference Maker

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed — we hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. and his many accomplishments towards civil rights, an interfaith celebration (including CUMC and GAUMC) entitled, "Keep the Dream Alive: Be a Difference Maker" will take place over Zoom on January 17th, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. Members from the book group, "How to Be an Antiracist" will also be a part of this program. All are invited.

We will watch a portion of MLK's "I Have a Dream Speech," that was delivered by this American civil rights activist during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom on August 28th, 1963, in which Martin called for civil and economic rights and an end to racism in the United States. We will also hear from "Black Voices Matter," words from African Americans both past and present who are calling for racial justice. Songs will be sung in his honor. Readings of justice, oneness of humanity, and service/actions that reflect Martin Luther King Jr. will be heard.

Youth are encouraged to be a part of this celebration by giving speeches about the need to be a "difference maker" so MLK's dream stays alive. A song entitled, "Difference Maker" will also be sung.

Our program will end with a discussion of "Where do we go from here?" Closing this celebration will be the singing of the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," and "We Shall Overcome." Please watch for more details in the January newsletter, including the link to this Zoom celebration. If you would like to be a part of this important program, please contact Pat Morrissey at patmorrissy19@gmail.com Thank You!

Family Promise Update

Presently there are between 17-23 guests at any given time. They are being housed at the Day Center or at a local motel which has ten rooms available to Family Promise. All are filled.

Meals are being prepared by a cook at Crossroads church or other churches and delivered to clients or meal gift cards are used. The next date for CUMC to prepare a meal is Thursday, December 31st. If you would like to donate something, contact Jane West. Housing for guests will remain at the motel until June, 2021, at a cost of \$14,000/month for ten rooms.

Summary of service April through early November, 2020: 88 clients (46 households, 55 adults, 33 children) 53% had no income, 33% have mental health issues, 60% have moved into permanent housing, average stay-51 days. There is a waiting list for people in need of the services Family Promise provides.

To Ellie Laydon-
Many thanks for selling \$544
worth of pecans and taking the
time to sanitize each package
before customer pick up!

From Mary Beth Houghton-
"Thank you to all who brightened
my day by sending cards and get
well wishes. I appreciate it."





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Please contact the office by phone or email.

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