



# The Wesleyan Star

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## December 2020



*“But you O Lord, are enthroned forever; your name endures to all generations.  
You will rise up and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to favor it;  
the appointed time has come.” (Psalm 102:12-13, NRSV)*

What an unexpected journey As we move into the Advent are expectant of how God will lives, our community, and the here. What are you looking for to let go of a lot of things this and expectations. Some of it traditions at the holidays can depressing. And yet through the God in new ways, as we also are thoughtful and discern where our priorities need to be. God faithfully responds. Christ will come into our hearts, and we live in hope.



the year 2020 has been for us all. season, what a joy it is that we be at work in our hearts, our world. Christmas will soon be this season? We have been forced year, including many practices gives us deep grief. To change our feel as overwhelming as it is challenges, we can choose to trust intentional in being very

A few weeks ago, I saw a father playing whiffle ball with his children on an unexpected, unusually warm day. The children are not attending school in person and learn from home and they needed a break. Dad responded. What a joy to see them all playing and having fun. The family will remember those moments as a time of friendship in fun and love together. I was grateful the father didn't let the pressures of life keep him from important moments with his children. Many people are learning where their true priorities are today. I remember many of the people I've known who lived through the Great Depression, saying they didn't have much money or cash, but they had each other in real friendships, and that was the greater treasure.

Every generation has its challenges and times when it is especially important to look to God and stay close to His Presence. God's creativity is far more expansive and substantive than we expect. We are also especially blessed by the faithful people who have put their lives to vocations dedicated to serving others through the medical community as physicians, nurses, aids, and technicians, and also in medical research. We are so close to getting past the challenge of the virus in a vaccine, it is important that we keep to the requirements and guard the health of our community, our families, and individual lives. My prayers are that we all follow through with all these efforts, seeing how precious and sacred life is.

## **Preparing for Christ**

Advent is a time when we stay alert and look for ways that Christ will come into our hearts and lives, often in unexpectedly blessed ways. Many times, when Jesus lifts up our attention as disciples to look at the future, he instructs us to, “Keep awake!” Staying alert and being expectant is a sign of the hope and trust we have in God, and that God has in us. We don’t make our own plans and then demand God put them into effect, telling him how and when to do it. In discipleship, we move beyond attempting to limit, confine, or control what God is doing and wants to do for us. God wants us to live in God’s creative freedom. We don’t want to miss the opportunities to grow and mature in faith and our friendships with God and each other.

So we don’t listen to voices of destruction. It isn’t that we are avoiding the truth about the dangers around us. We are not in denial; we live in reality, courageous enough to face the truth, and how much we need God. We know it is God’s Word we need to hear above all others. Through it all, the dangers and disappointments are not what will define us. God’s love is what creates and will recreate us. And we seek to still be faithful. I give a special thanks for the ways so many people are trying to do their best to share what we can through these times of need. Far too many people are overwhelmed economically, in their health, and in the ways we are challenged to live life. Thanks to Joan Leaman and Karen Hruz and the crews of people who help with our Food Pantry. We’ve also been able to host the Mighty Writers in their food distribution of several boxes of food to over 300 families each week and distribution of over 300 winter coats to children in need. Our CMO is serving the families and teaching the children of this important ministry. We pray and look for ways we can share faith and fellowship with these neighbors going forward.

A pastoral care guideline I learned early in ministry was that for every day a person is in a hospital bed, it takes a week to recover one’s strength. So how long will it take for many of us to come back and move forward from the effects of the virus on our lives? Not just those who contracted the disease, but all of us in community. What exercise and therapy of our hearts, minds, and souls can we engage in to prepare for the opportunities before us after being so restricted? We must give ourselves time and space to regain our strength in the year ahead. Time does not heal all wounds. God’s grace, mercy, and love do! Prepare to receive God’s grace this season. I pray it flows strongly in your lives as it overflows to the others in your life.

## **Like Envisioning Heaven**

What will you do when you are safe from the virus, able to take the vaccine? What will you do when everyone else is safe too? I’m sure everyone has dreams and hopes that we look forward to fulfilling. Whatever the image that comes to mind, it often sounds like images of what heaven is like: A reunion of affection, deep friendship in joy; the ability to sing and get closer to God with each other and meet again. God can empower and guide our living. What a joy it is to know that God will “rise up and have compassion” on us all. Christ will come to us again this Christmas season. Perhaps not in the ways we have grown accustomed to, but in ways that will be faithful and help us grow in God’s love and grace in new ways. Please join us in our celebrations of faith as we make more room for Christ to be at home in our hearts. – Tim



## December Worship at West Grove UMC

Join us as we worship together by opening our hearts to Jesus, growing in God's way, and serving God's world.



9:30 In Person and Streaming



**Sunday, December 6, 2020**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Pastor Jim Preaching**

Mark 1:1-8—Prepare the Way

**Sunday, December 13, 2020**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 61:1-4m 8-11—Joy

**Sunday, December 20, 2020**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Luke 1:47-55, 26-38—Love

**Thursday, December 24th**

**Christmas Eve**

**6:00 p.m.—Family**

**7:00 p.m.—Jenner's Pond** (Televised)

**11:00 p.m.—Traditional w/ Candlelight**

**Sunday, December 27th, 2020**

**First Sunday of Christmas**

*Worship*  
WITH US ONLINE

Please go to [Facebook.com/westgroveumc](https://www.facebook.com/westgroveumc) and scroll down for our worship service at each of the times below. You do not need to have Facebook to participate. If you do not have internet capabilities, you can also have audio of church through the phone with ZOOM. Please call at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings **Please use this phone number: 1 (929) 436 2866 and enter meeting id# 572-438-033. Password is 30019390**



**Jenner's Pond Residents:**

Join us for worship on

**December 13th at 11 am**

On your closed circuit  
Jenner's Pond TV

Led by Pastor Jim

Join us by tuning in on the Closed  
Circuit TV at Jenner's Pond.

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**RESERVATION REQUIRED**

**Attendance at the 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. is by reservation only. We have limited seating of 25. Please call or email the office if you would like to attend a Christmas Eve Service.**

## Pastor's Desk

# Consecration Sunday



### Consecration Sundays

We celebrated the consecration of our time and talents on Sunday, November 15 by looking at the scripture from I Corinthians 12:14-27. Paul tells us that as part of our Christian fellowship together, we are all parts of the body of Christ. Every one of us has an important part to play,

ministry to do, to help bring wholeness and healing. He tells us that it is often the unseen parts that are the most necessary. The body can't do well, and survival is at risk, without all the parts working together. Our lives have a holy purpose that needs to be strengthened and refined. We never want to deprive anyone of their sacred character, showing disrespect, contempt or being destructive of the sacred nature. We affirm what God can do. Please take the time if you haven't already done so, to prayerfully fill out a Time & Talent commitment sheet, and know time and talent is a precious gift of that we consecrate to God and share with one another. Sheets are available on the web site or at the church office. Thank you to everyone who has already done so as we use them to strengthen our ministries.

When we think about generosity, we often think about the widow Jesus pointed out to his disciples at the Temple who gave her last two copper mites, barely a penny's worth in value. She gave her all, in spite of many reasons not to. (Mark 12, and Luke 21) The Temple and religious leaders were arrogant, competitive, and corrupt. Yet she gave all she had to God. We don't face such imposing barriers to our giving today. We are empowered by God's Covenant, and the power of Resurrection and its promise of creativity, freedom, and life. Envisioning the future in 2021 builds trust, hope, and provides direction as we realistically plan for our ministries ahead.

A piece of spiritual wisdom urges us to take time during our devotions to pray over our calendars and check books. I know the advice is getting old because many people don't use either one much anymore. There are contemporary ways to be faithful to the practice and to faithfully respond. How we handle time, talent, and financial resources will have a huge impact on our journey of faith and life for good or bad. The focus is always on God with love of neighbor interwoven too. We invite you to prayerfully make the time to share with God and respond to the vision God provides. Life is a huge blessing that is a joy to share. May God bless our lives and lead us to effectively share in ministry together.



## Annual Advent Celebration

Sunday, December 6th ~ 6:30 p.m.

We have, traditionally, opened the Advent Season with a celebration enjoyed by the entire community on the first Sunday in December. **This year, we are planning a wide variety of celebrations including music, art, dance, poetry, etc.** Performances can be recorded or in person on the night of the event. **The celebration will be live streamed** in the same way that we live stream our worship service. Due to constraints on the number of people we can have attend, **this event will be a Virtual attendance only for non-participants.** Please contact Betsy Smith to sign up to participate!

### ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

With Pastor Jim

**Mondays, November 30, December 7, 14, 21  
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**



Pastor Jim Mundell will be teaching a Bible study entitled **BACKGROUND AND EVENTS OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS**. It will be a four week study involving both the Old and New Testaments. The weekly studies are entitled:

- 1) **OT Prophecies about Jesus**
- 2) **God's Covenant with Us**
- 3) **Birth of Jesus Foretold**
- 4) **The Birth of Jesus.**

This study will be held in the sanctuary on Monday evenings at 7 PM, beginning November 30<sup>th</sup> and continuing on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup>. We will use masks and social distancing. Your presence along with your Bible will help us gain more understanding about Christ and His incarnation and the importance to each of us as believers in Jesus. See Pastor Jim if you have any questions.

## CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING

### A Different Kind of Giving Tree

This year we will be sharing Christmas with the families who come to our church's food pantry. Instead of adopting families and purchasing gifts, as we have in the past, we will be giving a \$25 gift cards to each family that utilizes our food pantry. The church will purchase 40, \$25 Walmart gift cards. We ask that you consider giving a financial gift to help cover the cost of the gift cards. Checks may be made payable to the church with a note in the memo that the money is for purchase of Christmas gift cards. We



would appreciate receiving your donations by **Sunday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>**.

**We will continue our tradition of purchasing gifts for ten residents at Twin Pines Nursing Home.** That list will be sent out by the end of November. If you choose to purchase one of those gifts, we ask that you drop off the wrapped gift at the church by **Wed. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>**.

If you have questions about either of these Christmas outreach projects, please contact Joan Leaman ([jmleaman@comcast.net](mailto:jmleaman@comcast.net))

## Drive-Up Food Distribution



## CHURCH FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The church food pantry has been busy serving 30-35 families each week. We have been able to supply each family with about 20 non-perishable items and 6-10 pounds of produce, meat and eggs each week. Beginning in December, we will change our **Thursday distribution time to 5:00-6:00**. Due to the

December holidays, a few adjustments have been made to our distribution schedule. **The schedule is as follows: Dec. 3 and 10 (5:00-6:00), Dec. 21 (5:00-6:00), Dec. 31 (1:00-2:00)**. If you, or you know of others, that would benefit from receiving food from our pantry, please encourage them to come on Thursdays. If you are able to support our pantry with food donations, the most appreciated and needed items are listed here: canned tomatoes, corn tortillas, rice, cereal or oatmeal, canned meat/tuna, canned vegetables, canned soup, canned fruit, dry or canned beans and eggs. The best time to drop off food, especially if you have any food that needs refrigeration, **is weekdays, between the hours of 9:00-2:00**, when Donna Fackler is in the building. You may also put donations in the shopping cart, outside the main entrance, when the building is closed. Monetary donations, are also greatly appreciated. If giving with a check, please make it out to the church and note in the memo "Food Pantry." If you would like to volunteer by picking up food in Exton at the Chester County Food Bank, or by unloading, packing and/or distributing food at the church, please contact Joan Leaman ([jmleaman@comcast.net](mailto:jmleaman@comcast.net)) Thanks!

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Services*  
Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m. Family service

7:00 p.m. Jenner's Pond (Televised)

11:00 p.m. Traditional Service

Attendance at the 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. is by reservation only. We have limited seating of 25. Please call or email the office if you would like to attend a Christmas Eve Service.

We hope you join us as we celebrate the season!



Thank you to :  
 Linda Shiplet,  
 and crew!  
 They did a  
 superb job  
 cleaning the  
 kitchen as it is  
 readied for the  
 annual  
 inspection.  
 Please be sure

to take extra care in keeping the kitchen  
 clean!



**Church Office is closed on Thursday, December 24 at Noon, Friday, December 25, Christmas Day and on Monday, December 28, so that the staff may spend time over the holiday with our families.**

**Donna Fackler, Church Administrator, will be on vacation December 29, 30, 31.**

**The New Year holiday will have the office closed on Friday, January 1, 2021**



**Do you want to serve in worship while we are physically distancing?**

We could use your gifts!

- Greet and welcome
- Record videos for impact
- Connect with others to
- Operate a camera
- Edit videos
- Prepare Worship PowerPoints

**Volunteer Opportunities Available**



**TEAM**



**BUDDY**



**SOLO**

people in digital worship  
 scripture or moments of

virtually pass the peace.

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Once again, we will adorn the sanctuary with poinsettias, the beautiful Christmas season flower. **Please stop by the lobby information table and pick up an order form or use the form below.** Each plant will be in a 6" pot and will be red with 4 to 5 blooms.

The cost is \$6.50 each.

The order form enables you to place a flower in the sanctuary in honor, memory or in celebration of a special person or event. Simply fill out the form and drop it in the offering plate **by Sunday, December 13** or into Donna Fackler's mailbox in the copy room. You may also email Donna at [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) with your order.

Those who ordered flowers, and for whom they are ordered, will be listed in **Christmas Eve bulletins**. All flowers will adorn the sanctuary until after Christmas. You may pick up your flowers on Sunday, December 27 after the 9:30 a.m. service or during that week. Any flowers remaining after Sunday will be delivered to our homebound and nursing home residents. Thank you.



### Christmas Poinsettias Order Form

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Plants \_\_\_\_\_ x **\$6.50** each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total

(Please make checks payable to WGUMC with memo for "Poinsettias")

**Check one:**      In Honor of:      In Memory of:      In Celebration of:

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**Do you receive the weekly Constant Contact emails from the church?** We publish a Weekly West Grove Wednesday edition and a Sunday Sneak-a-Peek about the sermon on Sunday and other information, including a link to the week's bulletin.

If you are not receiving these two emails, perhaps you elected to unsubscribe or they are being treated as spam and are going directly to trash.

A lot of information is shared in these two weekly emails and we often publish special editions of timely information you may be interested in. This monthly newsletter is also shared via CC.

If you are missing out and would like to be on the list, email Donna Fackler, our Church Administrator, at [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) or call the office at 610-869-9334. I will be happy to add you to the list!

Donna

# YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## Children's Ministry News

### **Children's Sunday school is back starting on November 29**

We have taken a short break from Children's Sunday school for the past few weeks. Starting Sunday, November 29, Children's Sunday school lessons will be pre recorded and available on Facebook and the church Youtube channel. Miss Melanie will lead lessons that include a bible story, prayer and an activity that can be done easily from home.

#### ***Advent Unit: Do Not Be Afraid***

This Advent, we are exploring what it looks like to hold hope when life feels really uncertain, to bring peace when we feel fear, to practice joy when everything seems burdensome, and to choose love, when sometimes, it's just really hard.

The inspiration for our theme comes from the angels' message in the first two chapters of the Gospel of Luke: "Do not be afraid!" This phrase is an instruction God gave to God's people throughout their history, and it's a message God continues to give to us today.

**November 29:** Do Not Be Afraid to Hold Hope; Luke 1:26-45

**December 6:** Do Not Be Afraid to Bring Peace; Luke 1:46-55

**December 13:** Do Not Be Afraid to Practice Joy; Luke 2:1-14

**December 20:** Do Not Be Afraid to Choose Love; Luke 2:15-20

**Contact Melanie to be put on the email list to have access to Sunday school information, lesson resources and links, and other children's ministry information.**

## Youth

### **Mission Trip 2021**

**June 20-26**

**Boston, Massachusetts**

Our summer mission trip team will be heading to Boston this June. Any students entering grade 8 through graduating seniors are invited to join!

***There will be a short, informational meeting about the summer mission trip on Thursday, December 3 and 7:00 p.m. Details will be provided at a later time.***

***The deadline to sign up for the mission trip is December 20, 2020.***

Information about the trip, including cost and important dates is available. Contact Melanie Hartley for specific information.



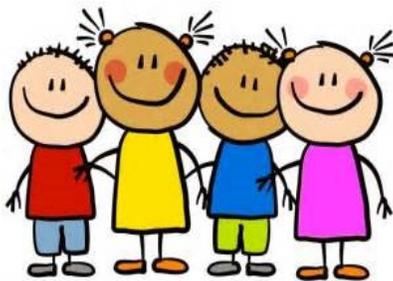
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### **Youth Group schedule: December 2020**

December 6, 13, & 20 3:30-5:00 p.m.

**Contact Melanie to get on the email list and for other children's ministry information.**

## Children's Morning Out Preschool



After lots of planning, preparing, and praying, it is finally back-to-school time here at the CMO & Preschool. The teachers and children are thrilled for this exciting news. On October 22, the children and parents had a chance to come meet their teachers and see their new classrooms. The week of October 26 was our first week back for two Pre K classes and our 3 & 4 year old classes. The kiddos were so excited to be able to come back to school to learn, play and have fun together. Even though our class sizes are smaller and we are all wearing our masks, we look forward to coming to school each day. We are so grateful for the support of our families, the church, and Pastor Tim as we head into this new adventure!

Heather Smalley, Director

## The WGUMC CMO and Preschool's

### 1st annual Christmas Card Fundraiser is here!!



In 2020, we have really been missing some of our normally scheduled events like the Spring Consignment Sale and the Fall Consignment Sale which provide financial support for our preschool program. We are trying something brand new, our Christmas Card sale, with cards designed and created by our very own preschool children!! Order forms will be available at the church and attached to this email. We hope you can support our creative endeavor and enjoy sending out these special cards to connect with loved ones this holiday season.

## ORDER FORM

Please help support our West Grove United Methodist Church preschool by ordering handmade Christmas cards. The children have worked hard on these and appreciate your support!!

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

| # of Cards (with                                   | Price per Set      | Quantity |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| 12                                                 | \$15               |          |
| 27<br>(represents the number<br>of children in our | \$32               |          |
| 50                                                 | \$50               |          |
|                                                    | <b>Total Price</b> | \$       |

- Make checks payable to **WGUMC CMO**
- Return order form and check to preschool office/ mailbox no later than **Tuesday, December 1**
- Order pick up at WGUMC **Friday, December 11**



# Toy Drive

Giving Children Hope

One of the charitable events that the LanChester UMM take part in every year is a toy, underwear, and sock collection drive for the Methodist Home for Children at Christmas time. Your unwrapped toys and clothing can be **brought to the church anytime before December 7th** as we will take them to the group drop-off on Sunday, December 13th. Our donations to the Home bring a happy and Merry Christmas for these children. We trust you will take part in the event. Gift cards are also accepted.

If you have questions about the UMM please contact Dick Price or Pastor Jim

Below is the list of gift suggestions that they are asking for. It also includes shoes, socks, and underwear. A full list with ages is available in the lobby on the bulletin board. Please feel free to take one with you as you do your holiday shopping!



Ages range from Infants and Toddlers, Pre-School, Elementary School, Middle School, High School and Adults

Toddler toys and puzzles

Peg Puzzles

Bibs, Diapers and Wipes

Mr. Potato Head

Safe Blocks

Playdough, Fun Foam

Kinetic Sand

Wooden Puzzles



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## Advent Bags for Our Homebound

Thank you to all who generously donated gifts for this year's Advent Bags for our homebound and to all who lovingly delivered those gifts.

20 bags were filled with 25 gifts each, scripture attached to each gift telling the story of Christ's birth, and each numbered 1-25. For the days leading up to Christmas, our homebound can open a gift each day and know they are loved, cared for and cherished by this church family.

With appreciation, The United Methodist Women



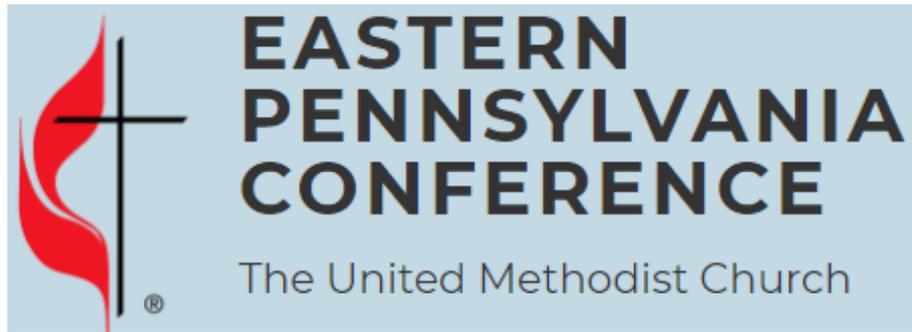
## A Big Thank You from Linda Shiplet!

*Thank  
you*

To my church family,

I can't thank you enough for all the cards, flowers, calls and prayers I have received as I recover from knee surgery. It is a blessing to be a part of such a loving congregation.

Linda



## **Annual Conference 2020**

2020 has certainly been different. We have learned new ways to worship and to care for one another. New ways for our children to attend school. We are nothing but resilient with God's guidance.

And annual conference, this year was no different in its innovation. No, we couldn't gather and worship as in previous years. It was very limited in the presentation and discussion of resolutions. The business portion of conference was scheduled for a 4-hour webinar. Amazing, that it took 2 days for discussion and voting the last 2 years that I have had the pleasure and honor of attending for West Grove UMC.

There were 10 resolutions voted upon. Church of the Open Door, Avondale UMC and Gradyville UMC were discontinued. Grandview UMC requested disaffiliation. There were various resolutions addressing benefits, retirement security and clergy compensation. It was further decided to sell up to 50+/- acres at Camp Innabah to compensate for difficulties faced due to the pandemic and the need for camp to be cancelled this past summer.

Bishop Peggy Johnson's opening message was based on Colossians 2:1-5, Paul's appeal for the church to be "knit together in love". "For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ."

2 deacons and 10 elders were commissioned and ordained in a live-streamed service. There were 33 saints honored in the Memorial Service which was also live-streamed.

For further information go to [epaumc.org](http://epaumc.org).

God's Peace,

Susan Paisley



**The United Methodist Church**  
The Philadelphia Area Episcopal Office

**Peggy A. Johnson**  
Bishop

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference  
Peninsula-Delaware Conference



Dick

November 17, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference,

As the holy seasons approach and virus fatigue is at an all-time high, we are also experiencing a resurgence of COVID-19 infections in our state. I ask you, I beg you to heed the directives of the Pennsylvania Health Department and your city and county health officials.

We must all wear masks indoors and outdoors, and continue vigilant hand-washing and social distancing. Travel should be restricted; and if you do leave the state, you should receive a negative test within 72 hours before your return, as should anyone else who enters the state. Or those who do not get tested should self-quarantine for 14 days. It has been reported that 50 percent of virus transmission comes from people who do not show any symptoms.

Our churches should consider conducting worship using virtual means as much as possible. If you do gather onsite, please limit your attendance, carefully social-distance yourselves, do not sing, keep the services brief, refrain from having fellowship dinners, and use individually wrapped cups and wafers for Communion.

As Dr. Rachel Levine, the state's Commissioner of Health, said today, "It depends on us." It is our personal responsibility to protect ourselves and one another from this deadly disease.

We are all praying for the day when we can receive COVID vaccines and see this pandemic become history. That day will come sooner if we stay united and committed in our efforts to stop the spread of this virus.

Thank you for your careful vigilance. I hold you in my prayers.

Sincerely,

Bishop Peggy A. Johnson



## **Teaching kids to think and write with clarity.**

Hello Friends,

With the help of my dear friend Mary Michael and her husband Bob Ruddy, we started a new initiative to help some families in our community, "Adopt a Family Program". With Covid-19 Mighty Writers change course to provide needed services for our most underserved families in the community. Our most visible efforts have been a weekly food distribution for approximately 300 families that we started back in March when the pandemic forced the closure of schools and many families lost their jobs. As well as running several "learning pods" that are non-cost to the students participating.

We are looking to bring some holiday cheer in this gloomy 2020 to families that are struggling to provide their basic needs let alone some extra gifts and fun items for Christmas. If you would like to participate you can adopt by yourself or join with neighbors, friends, or coworkers and adopt a family together.

If you would like more information or would like to sign up to adopt a family please email [mightywritersxmas@gmail.com](mailto:mightywritersxmas@gmail.com).

If you would like more information please see our flyer linked here <https://tinyurl.com/adopt-family-info>. If you have other friends or co-workers that would like to participate please forward the information along. Thank you for your continued support and generosity,

P.S. Please note, the email address was created for this initiative so that's why it's a Gmail. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sara Dickens-Trillo  
Bilingual Program Director  
El Futuro Kennett  
Mighty Writers  
[mightywriters.org](http://mightywriters.org)  
661.317.8302 cell

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[www.mightywriter.org](http://www.mightywriter.org)

# DREAM BIG

Our opportunity list gives you a chance to give beyond your regular tithe. Consider how you might impact our congregation and community.

| Item                                          | Qty | Approx Cost |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----|-------------|
| Monitors- Sanctuary (80") (Dream in Process!) | 2   | \$4,000     |
| Electronic Sign at the street                 | 2   | \$15,000    |
| Electronic Sign at Rt. 1                      | 1   | \$50,000    |

## A Prayer for Putting on a Face Mask

Creator God, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacramental nature of wearing of this cloth. Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself.

Christ Jesus, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully and caringly to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and may each breath that it holds, be filled with Your love. In Your name and in that love, I pray.

Amen.

Rev. Richard Bott, Moderator  
Presbyterian Church of Canada



## BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER

12/02 Katie Barrett

12/02 Kay Yates

12/06 Sandi

Hampton

12/06 Matthew Rinehimer

12/07 Grace Featherston

12/08 Harvey Chase

12/08 Timothy Shaub

12/08 Ed Tolmie

12/13 Anna Castaldi

12/13 Bill Ditzel

12/14 Jo Ann Coates

12/15 Sean Barrett



12/15 Karen Underwood

12/15 Dana Winters

12/16 Sydney Curtis

12/17 Ian Ditzel

12/17 Len Kuch

12/18 Sandra Carmichael

12/18 Jessica Jones

12/19 Roann Bates Schneider

12/20 Catie Weingarten

12/21 Kayla Springer

12/24 Mollie Miller

12/24 Carol Schoff

12/25 Brad Beauchamp

12/28 Peter Guepet

12/18 Kim O'Neill

12/29 Alexandra Smith

12/30 Christine Hilgar

12/30 Betty Lafferty

12/31 Max Herrera

12/31 Simon Mullen



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