

THE CHRONICLE, DECEMBER 12, 2019

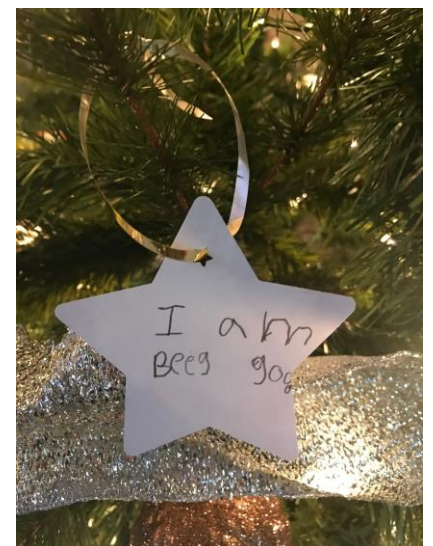
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1. PASTOR'S WORD



Dear Friends,

As we continue to prepare for the coming of Christ, I become more and more excited as I hear your stories on how you are preparing differently this year with the Advent Conspiracy! The Reflections Sunday School class shared that they are regifting for their White Elephant gift exchange and collecting canned goods for the Mobile Food Pantry instead of purchasing gifts for one another. Our children are making daily decisions to “be good.” (Remember, like our young Christian did here, to pick up a star to write on it how you are participating in the Advent Conspiracy and hang it on the Advent Conspiracy Tree in the back of the Sanctuary.) One of our congregants brought a friend to worship last Sunday who doesn't have a church home as part of our Advent Conspiracy Bingo Challenge. Many of you have made special donations to either our Advent Conspiracy offering or one of our other mission projects! (And if you've made a donation in someone's honor and would like a card with



information about that project, you can grab a card and an information note at the Advent Conspiracy Table in the back of the Sanctuary!)

This week we continue our Advent Conspiracy Worship series with the challenge to give more! While we were challenged to spend less last week, and giving more seems a little counter to last week's instructions, the challenge as we seek after the example of Jesus isn't to give more stuff but to give more of ourselves, to think about what it means for God to come down to earth, giving so much for us, and how we are called to respond. Our scripture lesson is the familiar John 3:16-17 as we consider the greatest gift God has given to us and how we may be called to respond in giving more of ourselves. I hope you'll join us in worship at 9 or 11 as we continue to conspire together this Advent to prepare for the coming of Christ in a new way!

I also hope you'll join us Sunday night for Light of the World - our church-wide musical presentation! It will be a glorious celebration as we prepare for the light of the world together! We will be having an offering that night for our Advent Conspiracy, supporting children locally and internationally through our Backpack Ministry which provides meals for 60 children/week during the school year and through our partnership with the Escuela ORM de Educacion Especial (school for children with special needs) in Atitlan, Guatemala.

Let us continue to prepare together!

In Christ,
Pastor Kathleen

2. CHRISTMAS BRUNCH



Are you looking for a Sunday school class? The Open Door Class would like to invite you to brunch on Sunday, December 15, at 10 a.m. in Education Classroom 224. They are supplying the food, please join them for fellowship! If you have questions, please contact Lesley Bauders.

3. SERVE AND SHARE SURVEYS

We invite you to click the link below to share with us where you would like to serve next year in ministry!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NocvXLTT59wV29YkJmvQHZAV9qmv13RPqdDDKt4b9wo/edit?ts=5dd558e7>

4. ANGEL TREE



Salvation Army tree tags will need to be returned by **THIS Sunday, December 15.** Methodist Family Health items also need to be returned **THIS Sunday, December 15.**

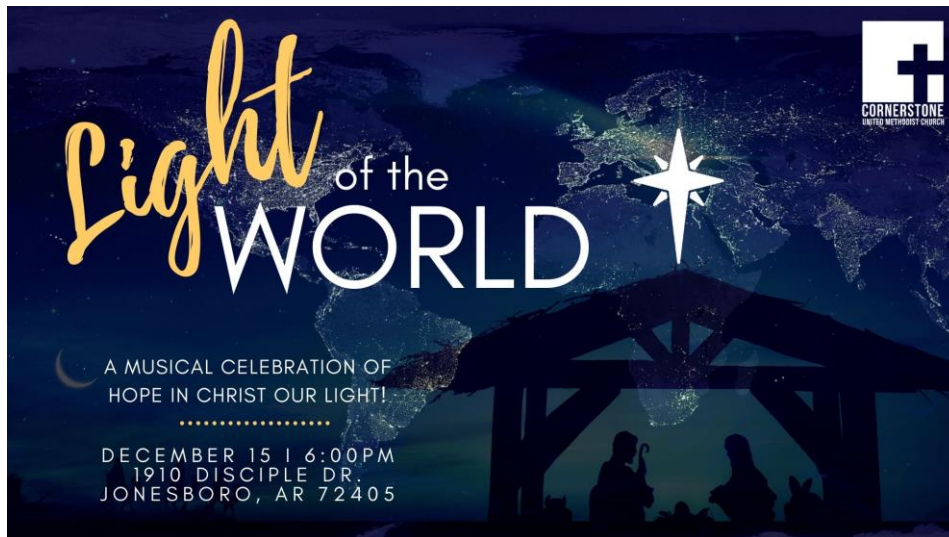
5. POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias can be placed on the altar rails in honor or memory of loved ones. Please notify the office of name(s) you wish to be included in the bulletin and whether they are in honor of or memory of your loved one. We will list the names in our Christmas Eve bulletins.

6. CHRISTMAS COOKIES

We would like to serve cookies at our Light of the World churchwide Christmas music program **THIS Sunday, December 15.** These cookies can be brought with you Sunday morning or at the event that evening.

7. LIGHT OF THE WORLD CHRISTMAS MUSICAL



Our Church Van will be available the night of the musical. If you need a ride, please schedule it with the church office before 2 pm TODAY (870.932.2718).

8. CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES



9. STAY CONNECTED THIS CHRISTMAS

Stay Connected this Christmas



WHILE YOU'RE TRAVELING WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE AND CHECK OUT OUR ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS!

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10. CALENDAR: December 15 - 21

Sunday

9:00 am Contemporary Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Service
4:30 pm Choir Call for Light of the World
6:00 pm Light of the World Christmas Musical

Monday

7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall Edu 212 & 213)

Tuesday

Education Building Reserved (8:00 am – 3:00 pm)
10:00 am Helping Neighbors Food Pantry
6:30 pm AA Group Meeting (Edu 228)

Wednesday

6:30 am Prayer Breakfast (Front Page Café)
6:15 pm Choir Practice
7:30 pm Praise Band Practice

Thursday

Education Building Reserved (8:00 am – 3:00 pm)
5:30 pm Handbell Practice
6:30 pm AA Group Meeting (Edu 228)

Saturday

6:00 am Proverbs Men's Group

11. THOSE SERVING THIS MONTH

USHERS:

December

9:00 am

Susan & Joel Miller

11:00 am

Barbara Blanchard, Leonard McDaniel, Becca Farley, Bill Gatlin

ADVENT LIGHTERS/LITURGISTS:

December 15

9:00 am

The Baker Family

11:00 am

The Holland/Hendrix Family

NURSERY:

December 15

Andrea Newsom, Debbie Biazio

FOOD PANTRY:

December 19

12:00 – 2:00 Barbara Blanchard

COUNTING:

December

Russ Shain, Susan Miller

12. BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES (December 15 - 21)

Birthdays

*12/15 Charles Hartwig
Lesley White*

12/18 Rich Carvell

12/19 Jaxon Tolewitzke (2)

12/20 Harold Biazio

Anniversaries

12/15 Joslyn & Aaron Johnson

13. ATTENDANCE

12/08/19 Live Sunday Worship 9 am: 114 11 am: 70 Total: 184
 Online Worship: 22

14. DECEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

December 15 Light of the World Churchwide Musical at 6 pm
December 24 Contemporary Christmas Eve Service at 4 pm
 Traditional Christmas Eve Service at 6 pm
December 25 Christmas
December 29 One Service at 10 am (No Sunday School)