

What's Up Weekly 11/17/20

### **What's Going on at the church?**

This Sunday we will continue our in-person services at 10:00 AM with Children's Ministry available. We continue to encourage wearing of masks until you arrive at your seats, and limiting social interaction within six feet. If you are quarantining, we encourage you to join us online at the same time.

### **Winter Wassail Updates:**

The Wassail planning committee is meeting this evening to discuss how we will move forward with this event. There are several options on the table and we will keep you posted as we make decisions.

### **Statement from the Elders:**

The elders will be providing a statement concerning our position on in-person gatherings by the end of the week. Keep an eye out for that email. At this point in time, we continue to hold socially distanced services while simultaneously live-streaming to Facebook/Youtube.

### **Thank You!**

To everyone that has spent time or money welcoming Bekah to our congregation, I just want to say thank you! She told me this week that she's never been welcomed in a way such as this, and that it has been quite overwhelming. To anyone that asks, and some that don't, I am always bragging about our church family. I am so blessed to be a part of this congregation, which is by far the most generous and loving group of people I have ever been a part of. SJCOC, you are awesome! Thank you for showing Bekah and Aiden the same welcome that you showed Krista and I a year ago!

### **What I'm looking forward to:**

We are getting to the time of year where we typically calendar for next year. While there are still several unknowns, I can't help but be excited to plan out 2021. Kipp and I were talking this morning about how if we drew out our 2020 year, we would have predicted almost nothing right. Maybe it will be the same way next year, but for now I'm choosing to be hopeful, and even though it's an arbitrary date, I will celebrate New Years day like never before come January 1st! I

remain very excited about the direction of our church, and I remain supremely confident that God is in total control. (But seriously, bring on 2021 already!).