

What's Up Weekly 11/24/20

What's Going on at the church?

This Sunday we will continue our in-person services at 10:00 AM. We will continue offering these services online, through our Facebook page (which ultimately will take you to our Youtube page). We encourage you to tune in!

This Sunday we will be starting our Christmas series, where we allow the Characters of Christmas to introduce us to the values of obedience, faithfulness, praise, adoration, and belief. Due to many families quarantining before the Holiday's, we have decided to make all services through the end of the year "family services" with children' attending upstairs with their parents. This will give our volunteers a much needed break, but will also help foster a spirit of togetherness in our families. We think this is a great time of year to make that happen!

As such, services will probably be shortened by about 15 minutes, but we will have a Children's Ministry Moment each week from our new Director of Family Ministries, Bekah, and we will have some craft bags to help keep the kiddos engaged for the 15 minutes we are focusing on the adults.

Winter Wassail Updates:

The Winter Wassail will be next Saturday, December 5th, from 5-8:00 PM. Feel free to drive-by the church, grab some Wassail, and drive the family through our lights display. There will be some take-home bags for the kids.

We are still accepting donations for Wassail, so if you would like to help, contact Talen (office@sjcoc.com) and she can get you the supplies list.

Thanksgiving Plans:

If you feel a great need to be in community this Thanksgiving and have no place to go, Bekah and her son Aiden would love to have you over to their place for the Holiday. Even if you are stuck at home and don't have a way to celebrate, she would love to make you a Thanksgiving plate of food and drop it off at your house for you. If that is something you would be interested in receiving, contact her at bekah@sjcoc.com.

Christmas Eve Services!

At church this Sunday, we announced that we will be having three Christmas Eve services this year. That will give us plenty of room to maintain distance while celebrating our savior's birth.

Those times will be on Thursday, December 24th, at 4:00, 6:00, and 11:00. No need to sign up ahead of time. We look forward to having you celebrate with us!

End of Year Congregational Meeting:

We will be having our end-of-year congregational meeting on Sunday morning, December 6th after services. This will be in order to vote on the proposed budget for next year, in addition to voting on our elected leaders that are up for elder and trustee. If you would like to drop your vote in separately, we will have a lockbox placed in the breezeway along Sherman Street. You can email Talen (office@sjcoc.com) and she will send you a ballot that you can print off and bring in at your convenience once the ballot is finalized. The proposed budget will be available next Sunday for your viewing.

A message from Cindy Blacker and the Care Team:

Galatians 6:2 tells us to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. This year the care team is again pairing volunteers with members of our church and members of our community that need their sidewalks shoveled when it snows. The volunteers duties would be as follows; a volunteer will be paired with someone in need and when it snows the volunteer will go to their assigned persons home and shovel their sidewalk so that they may safely get to their car. This entire process will be without interaction and will follow guidelines put in place due to the current pandemic. At this time we are looking for at least 2 additional volunteers. If you are available to help please contact Cindy Blacker by emailing care@sjcoc.com. Also, if you have volunteered to help and are in need of a snow blower there are multiple people who have one available that can be borrowed.