



The Good News of... Brandon Christian Church



Dear Florida Disciples Regional Family,

We have received news that our beloved colleague and friend, Roslin Springer, passed away early this morning, November 23, 2022.

Roslin had recently been diagnosed with advanced cancer. She received the news with grace and faith and expressed her readiness to leave this earth and be eternally with God.

Rev. Roslin Springer has been a shining light in this region for many years. She attended the first season of camping at the Retreat in 1954 as a camper and was engaged in the Outdoor Ministries of the region ever since as camper, counselor, director and chaplain. She served numerous churches across the region in both pastor and interim roles. She was a faithful supporter of the Region and the Retreat and was known for her creativity, especially in crafting worship. Throughout these many years, Ros touched the lives of many and planted seeds of love and faith that will continue to bloom into the future. She will be greatly missed. A memorial service is being planned for January. Details will be shared as they become available.

In lieu of cards, the family has requested we share stories and memories of the ways Ros touched our lives. The hope is to collect these stories into a book.

Stories may be sent to:
Shawn Springer Tubaugh
2320 Travis Robert Ave.
Valrico, FL 33594

God of grace, we give thanks for the life and witness of our sister, Roslin Springer. We give thanks for the many ways she blessed her family, church and community through the years. Though we mourn her passing, we give thanks that she approached these final days with the joy with which she approached life and that she is now held eternally in your gracious love. And we give thanks that in you, nothing is lost or forgotten and love never ends.

Grace and peace,
Sandy



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Christmas offering. Dec 11 and 18

The Christmas Offering supports **regional ministries**. In 31 regions across the United States and Canada, ministers are nurtured and congregations are provided opportunities for work and worship. Often recognized for the ministries of camps and conferences, regions also play a critical role in the preparation and authorization of ministerial ordination. Both are key to church leadership and development. Regions partner with congregations to support the work required to call a new minister.

If you are interested in supporting our region and its ministries, you can do so by making a note on your offering envelope that states; Christmas Offering and the amount you would like to give.



December 11 will be BCC's next Book Discussion.

Catching Christmas by Terri Blackstock

A heartwarming Christmas story about finding what really matters in life. The characters include a first-year law associate, Sydney Batson, who knows she will be updating her resume by New Year's if she loses her current case, Finn Parrish (once a gourmet chef, now a cab driver) just wants to make enough money to pay his rent. Once a gourmet chef, Finn is now a cab driver and Sydney's grandmother, a wheelchair-bound old lady with dementia.

All are welcome, even if you haven't read this book yet. We all just love to read and share what we've experienced and learned.

Peace,

Mareda

ELDERS—SUN, DECEMBER 11TH
5:00PM, **ZOOM**

FINANCE—THURS, DECEMBER 8TH
7:00 PM, **ZOOM**

BOARD—SUN, DECEMBER 18TH
5:00PM, **ZOOM**

December 1st - World AIDS Day

Save The Date

December 24th - Christmas Eve Service @ 7:00 pm

December 4th - Second Sunday of Advent (Peace)
December 4th - Holiday Dinner/Welcome Pastor Sinclair

December 11th - Third Sunday of Advent (Joy)/
Christmas Offering
December 11th - Book Club, Classroom 1 @ 2:00 pm
December 11th - Elders Meeting via Zoom @ 5:00 pm

December 25th - Christmas Day...No Service

December 8th - Finance Committee via Zoom @ 7:00

December 10th - Installation of Regional Minister, Rev.
Sandy Messick, at First Christian Church, Ocala @ 11:00
am

December 18th - Fourth Sunday of Advent (Love)/
Christmas Offering
December 18th - Congregational Meeting, After Worship
December 18th - Board Meeting via Zoom @ 5:00 pm

December 26th - Kwanzaa Begins

December 31st - New Year's Eve

A Look Ahead
January 1st - New Year's Day

The Congregational Meeting to approve the annual budget is scheduled for December 18 following the worship service. Copies of the entire budget can be found on the cabinet in the narthex next to the Flock Talk. In addition, for those who do not like a lot of numbers, a less detailed version, "the Narrative Budget" explaining the budget highlights in words rather than numbers, can also be found in the same place.

ECHO, (Emergency Care Help Organization), of Brandon provides socks and undergarments when available to individuals and families who are homeless or hurting in our community. Most needed items are: Socks, Bras, Underwear for (Adults and Children) and Diapers/Pull-Ups (up to size 6). Each Christmas season we put a tree up at the Church entrance for ECHO. If you would like to assist ECHO, please make your purchase

Staff Love Offerings

At this time of year, we like to show our appreciation to our BCC staff by collecting a love offering for them. If you would like to show your appreciation to our BCC staff, please mark your gift "staff love offering". We will be gifting our staff on Sunday, December 18.

!!!!IMPORTANT!!!!

Brandon Christian Church will not be holding service on Sunday, December 25th, so please plan to join us on Christmas Eve as we celebrates the birth of our Lord and Savior.

December Birthdays

5th - Karen Whitfield	16th - June Kreger
9th - Steve Benitez	Shirley Skasko
Anthony Leung	17th - Elizabeth Velez
13th - Tim Smith	30th - Dylan Booth
	Morgan Denton

December Anniversaries

18th - Scott & Amy Witherow

December Zoom Meeting Codes

Here are the codes for this month's Zoom meetings:
(Links provided are clickable when viewed on computers)

BCC Sunday School: Sunday's at 9:00 am
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/821838128?pwd=WVJYVFFtaTBYZFhuclFFZlRXeEY3QTO9>

Meeting ID: 821 838 128
Password: 520491

BCC Finance Meeting - December 8th, 7:00 pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83369003456?pwd=ZkVBSU4zTDduaOt3NzNFT3QxTVJQUt09>

Meeting ID: 833 6900 3456
Passcode: 463268

BCC Elder's Meeting - December 11th, 5:00 pm

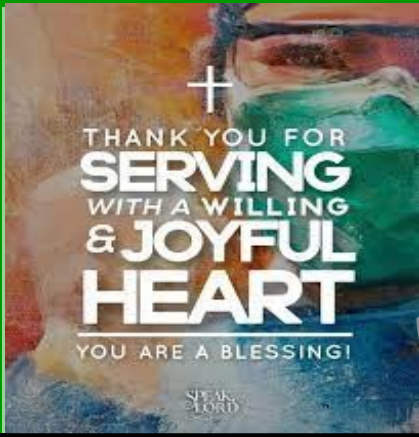
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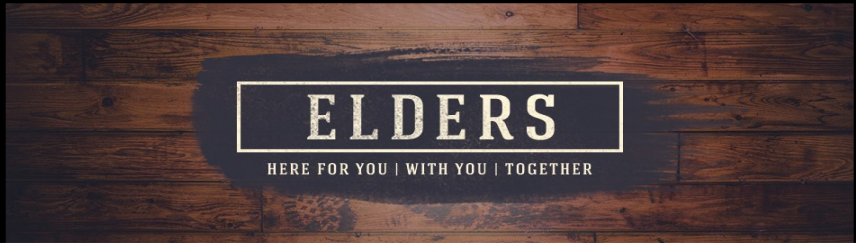
BCC Board Meeting - December 18th, 5:00 pm

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Meeting ID: 844 7204 6896
Passcode: 547902



Thank You Sunday Servers



December 4th - Karlita Konnerth
 December 11th - Amy Witherow
 December 18th - Brian Sears
 December 18th - Elder on Call - Karlita Konnerth
 December 24th - Jo Henkel/Brian Sears

December 4th:
 Open/Close - Lonnie Drayer
 Communion - Betty Powell
 Greeter - Lonnie Drayer
 Serving - Lonnie D, Betty Powell, Brett Powell

December 11th:
 Open/Close - Brett Powell
 Communion - Betty Powell
 Greeter - Betty Powell
 Serving - Brett P, Betty P, Kathy M

Liturgists
 December 4th - Diane Garthwaite
 December 11th - Brett Powell
 December 18th - Betty Powell
 December 24th - Andrea McMillon

December 18th:
 Open/Close - Sean Lake
 Communion - Kathy Madill
 Greeter - Kathy Madill
 Serving - Sean L, Kathy M, Lonnie D
 Board Meeting - Betty Powell

Advent Readers/Candle Lighters
 December 4th - Gary Cain & Pat Lynch
 December 11th - Brett & Betty Powell
 December 18th - Dave & Karen Whitfield
 December 24th - Scott & Amy Witherow

December 24th:
 Open/Close - Lonnie Drayer
 Communion - Betty Powell
 Greeter - Betty Powell
 Serving - Lonnie D, Betty P, Brett P

Worship and Wonder
 December 4th - Amy & Betty
 December 11th - Mary Ann & Dan
 December 18th - Britt & Jamie



Nursery
 Our regular nursery attendant has graduated to Worship and Wonder! We are so proud of her and pray for her continued spiritual growth in W&W.
 Thank you to everyone who volunteered in the nursery! While no regular attendees are required, we may need volunteers if guests with nursery age children arrive.