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# Tidings

## Sharing God's love with each other and the world

#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship with us Sundays at 10 AM, www.humcEnfield.org

### Prayer for December: A Christmas Prayer

by Robert Louis Stevenson

O God, our loving Father, help us Rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, That we may share in the song of the Angels, the gladness of the shepherds And the worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the Door of love all over the world.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing That Christ brings, and teach us To be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy

To be thy children and the Christmas Evening bring us to our beds with Grateful thoughts, forgiving, and Forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

## **Dates Coming Up:**

December Advent Study—Thursday Nights Dinner with Scrooge (starting Dec. 1)

December 23—Living Nativity—7 to 8pm

December 24—7pm Christmas Eve Service

December 25—Christmas Day, 10am Service



## Scripture Reading: Luke 2:10-11

<sup>10</sup> And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
<sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

From the Pastor's Desk

#### Advent Blessings to All!

Beloved,

Anticipation is in the air.

Hope is sustaining us. God will see us through.

Peace is available;

Joy is in presence

Love is who was born into our lives

As we discover the Redemption of Scrooge, light our Advent Wreath, get gifts for our Angel Tree tags, have our family Christmas Movie night, and prepare for the Living Nativity – may we be wrapped in the love and promises of our Messiah and share the star-light of the Gift this month.

We are wrapping up end of the year business with Boy Scouts, Conference forms, etc. and we will be in great shape for the new year to go forward with vitality and promise. I will be offering Confirmation classes to all interested in the beginning of 2023. Let me know if you are interested. In the midst of it all, prayer and Bible Study will continue. Sunday School will be offered. We will press on toward renewal and a youth lounge.

Thank you to all who donated to purchase the organ and who donated to the fuel fund. Thank you to all who pledged and committed to supporting our beloved church this year. We met our Fuel Fund matching grant! You are an amazing church family. It is a joy to serve in your midst. God bless us one and all.

With Love, grace and peace, Pastor Lisa



## Merry Merry Christmas!

The year of change...or was it the 6 months of change?

We had the same for 14 years and then all of the sudden we had the gifts of a new Music Director and a new Minister. None of us like change or at least I don't like change!

BUT...again I have to say God is always right and I should listen to him more.

Our choir is growing, laughing, learning and singing. Our Organ is almost done, a few tweeks left. Our Chimes that haven't played in ages will play again.

Our new minister is settling in and loves my humor!

As we enter and exit this season I want to express how much I love the calls, support and love I get from all of you. We have been through so much but now we have reached a new beginning! This new beginning was scary last May when I thought about it. Now I am filled with hope, new ideas and optimism!

On another note: Part of my job has always been to figure out how to pinch pennies within the church. If you come in during the week you will want to wear a sweater. We have put the locks back on the thermostats. We will be covering some windows to prevent heat loss. We are slowly switching to LED lights to save electricity. Things you can do to help: close doors within the church, hallway doors especially; pay attention to lights, shut them off. Be mindful of open doors and windows.

We raised over \$11,000 for the fuel fund, I will not waste a drop! We have organized another matching campaign for January with the help of a couple of families.

And Lastly, We have grown to depend on Live Streaming our services, through our website www.humcEnfield.org. With Faith and a lot of work I hope to recover from the damage done to the system. Every time something like this happens the system improves. The media team will come out of this Advent Setback stronger and more capable!

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#### Birthdays

#### December:

- **2** Phyllis Phelan, 4 Windmill Rd, Enfield CT 06082
- 3—Jim LaMondia, 295 Abbe Rd, Enfield CT 06082
- 5—Barbara Sackett, 26 Eastgate Lane, Enfield CT 06082
- 29—Yoke Twarosch, 9 Diamond Dr Enfield CT 06082

#### January:

- 1—Marie Prior, 1 Hampton Road, Enfield CT 06082
- 4-Ned Collins, 4 Powder Hill Road, Enfield CT 06082
- 7— Ava Capodicasa, 3 Cleveland Enfield CT 06082
- 12— Becky Hinkley, 443 Denslow St, Windsor Locks CT 06096
- 13—Alison Boyd, 34 Susan Dr., Suffield CT 06078
- 16— Linda Versteeg 8 Monroe Enfield CT 06082
- 23—Irene Mosher 5a Townhouse Rd. Broad Brook CT 06016
- 29—Doris Mack 10 Tanglewood Ave, Enfield CT 06082

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