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To worship with us on Zoom, register once at bit.ly/reg4worship. To worship with us in person (when the in-person option is available), register for each worship service at bit.ly/inpersonsignup.

Happy New Year!

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Your Attendance is Requested

TOWN HALL MEETING SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS PROPOSED BUDGET

The Cabinet will hold a Town Hall Meeting to present and discuss the proposed 2022 budget on Sunday, January 9, following worship. Because worship on January 9 will be a hybrid worship, the Town Hall Meeting will be hybrid as well. The logistics of making this work are still being figured out. Please be patient as we try to make this work.

CALL TO ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 2022 Annual Financial Meeting of Niles Discovery Church will be held following the worship service on Sunday, January 30. Since the worship service will be hybrid – with both a Zoom and an in-person option – the Meeting will also be hybrid. Whichever way you join, your attendance is prayerfully and urgently requested. The 2022 Financial Annual Report will be available on Sunday, January 16.

LET THE PPRC KNOW



The Pastor Parish Relations Committee (PPRC) wants to hear from you. Contact any PPRC member – Ken Rasler, Inger Svaert, Roberta McReynolds, Leonard Lloyd, and Pastor Jeff and Pastor Brenda – if you have a concern about the life of the church that you want to explore. If you have a church relationship that's hurting and want some assistance in healing it, speak to one of them.

CONTACTING THE STAFF

Because of the shelter in place orders, please do not come into the office. You can call the office 510-797-0895 to leave a message for any staff member.

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admin@nilesdiscoverychurch.org

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You are encouraged to use the pastors' Calendly apps to make an appointment for a phone call or a Zoom meeting or to meet in person as you would like; their contact information is at right.

Vacations, etc.: Pastor Brenda is on vacation through January 1. Pastor Jeff will be on vacation January 17-24. Both pastors will be at the Northern California Nevada Conference Clergy Retreat January 10-12.

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**Accompanist and
Organist**
Jenny Lin

A PASTORAL WORD

BECOMING A HYBRID CHURCH

How long will this pandemic go on? No one knows the answer. Everything I've read says that eventually COVID-19 will become endemic, the way the various strains of flu are endemic. Eventually. In the meantime, we need to each make choices about what in-person activities we will and won't do, taking into consideration our own risk factors, the risk factors of those around us daily, and our own risk tolerance.



When the pandemic began, our church followed the advice of the Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) and moved our worship services and all our other activities online, essentially closing our building. Eventually, vaccines became available and the ACPHD issued guidelines for faith communities to meet. We attempted returning to our building in the summer, holding two hybrid worship services (gathering people both in the sanctuary and on Zoom into one community of worshippers). Then the Delta variant surged and, even though the ACPHD didn't order it, we pulled back, moving again to online gatherings only. Today, the United States is in the midst of the Omicron variant surge, and the ACPHD has not rescinded or changed its guidelines for faith communities.

I also know that not gathering in person is having a mental and spiritual health cost for some people in our congregation. Not everyone experiences this cost in the same way. In fact, some people may not experience any cost at all. Meanwhile, some are so spiritually and emotionally hungry for in-person connection with people of faith that they are considering looking elsewhere.

It seems to me (this is my personal opinion) that our decision to be gathering only online has taken away the ability for each of us to make our own decisions about

which religious activities we will do in person – especially if we as a church provide options to participate online. The guidance from the ACPHD says that religious communities may gather in person. Rather than second guessing the people charged with deciding when we should and shouldn't gather for the sake of public health, it seems to me that we can make the option of gathering in person available as long as the ACPHD says it is safe to do so.

That is why I supported the Cabinet decision last night (December 20, 2021) to restart hybrid worship, beginning with the worship service on January 9, 2022. (See "Hybrid Worship Services return January 9" on page 4.) We will also immediately begin working on ways to schedule gatherings of programs in the facilities with the leaders of the programs knowing what their responsibilities are. One of those responsibilities will be to work to make the program hybrid whenever possible – so that a safe, at-home option is available for people who feel more secure participating online.

What I'm talking about here is a transformation of the church. We used to think of congregations as gatherings of people in a neighborhood, village, or town. We have discovered, during the past 21 months, that geography does not need to limit the boundaries of a congregation. In order to keep this going, in order to stay a church that is not limited by geographical boundaries, we need to become a hybrid church. And that, my friends, will require significant transformation.

We have our work cut out for us. Let us go forth together.

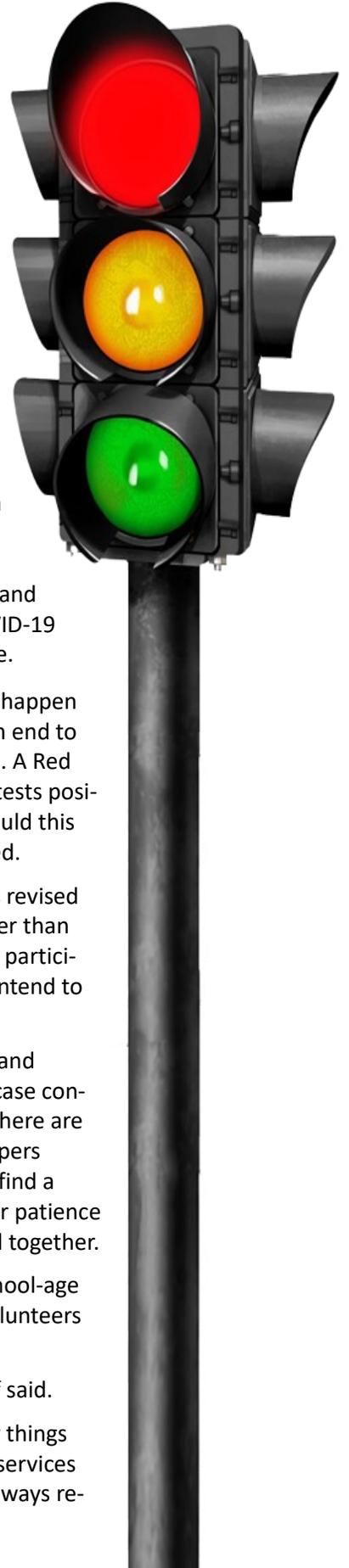
Working for a positive peace,
Pastor Jeff, December 21, 2021

UCC WEBINAR

GETTING CONGRESS TO ACT: STRATEGIES, TACTICS, AND VISION FOR 2022

Frederick Douglass once said, "Power concedes nothing without a demand." The next Creation Justice Webinar will focus on the art and craft of making a demand. Specifically, we will focus on how people of faith can best organize themselves to place pressure on Congress to act in 2022. For insight and guidance, we will turn to three panelists with local and national experience as organizers: the Rev. A. Kazimir Brown from the Poor People's Campaign, the Rev. Chibuzo Nimmo Petty from For Our Future, and Kim McMurray from Indivisible. Even if you can't make the scheduled time of 10:00 a.m. PST on Wednesday, January 12, still sign up, and you will be sent a link to a recording. Register now at bit.ly/DemandingAction.

HYBRID WORSHIP SERVICES RETURN JANUARY 9



Beginning on January 9, our worship services will be hybrid, bringing together people who are in the church's sanctuary and people who are gathered on Zoom for the worship of God. This decision was made at the December Cabinet meeting and is part of the process of reopening our building for church and partner programs.

The Cabinet adopted a three-tiered system for returning to the building.

- Green light: Facilities use can happen without COVID restrictions. At the Cabinet meeting, Val Parker pointed out that it will be a long time until we move to a green light tier.
- Yellow light: This is where we are currently – facilities use with certain restrictions. The current restrictions include vaccination being expected for those over 5, masking being required for those if over 2, physical distancing being maintained, attendance records being kept, and notifying Pastor Jeff or Pastor Brenda should you test positive for COVID-19 within five days of being in the church building for any amount of time.
- Red light: This is a temporary closure of the church facilities. It would happen should the Alameda County Public Health Department recommend an end to large group gathering and will last as long as the ACPHD recommends. A Red light temporary closure (for seven days) will also happen if someone tests positive for COVID-19 within five days of being in the church building. Should this happen, people who might possibly have been exposed will be notified.

The Cabinet adopted revisions to the Niles Discovery Church COVID-19 Covenant. This revised covenant is available at bit.ly/Covenant2112. Other details about how gatherings other than worship will reserve space, are still being worked out. In the meantime, if you want to participate in worship in person, please sign up ahead of time for each worship service you intend to attend at bit.ly/inpersonsignup.

As people enter the building for in-person worship, they'll be asked if they signed up, and then attendees' names will be confirmed. This is so there's a record of attendance in case contact tracing is needed, and so that there is an advance headcount to make sure that there are enough seats and enough communion elements. After checking in, in-person worshippers should then pick up a pre-prepared communion "kit," and head into the sanctuary to find a seat. Friendly worship assistants will be present to help folks through the process. Your patience and good humor are requested as the church begins this new way of worshipping God together.

The Ministry of Christian Education Team will be starting Sunday School classes for school-age children on January 9. There will also be nursery care for little ones. All the nursery volunteers and Sunday School teachers have been vaccinated.

"Pastor Brenda and I are excited about finally returning to hybrid worship," Pastor Jeff said.

He added, "It's important for everyone to realize that we're not going back to the way things were. Instead, we're moving forward into a whole new era. Not only will our worship services be hybrid, but we will be looking at how to make all of church hybrid. We are in many ways re-inventing what it means to be church."

"I AM NOT OKAY" SERMON SERIES PLANNED FOR JANUARY



"I Am Not Okay."

The past 22 months have been rough for all of us, and not always in the same way. Recognizing that "I am not okay," is the first step to healing. Whether we are suffering from fear, shame, guilt, physical illness, or lies, all of us are, in some ways, "not okay."

In a four-part sermon series, Pastor Jeff and Pastor Brenda will explore the ways we suffer and offer some ideas for healing. They will do this by looking at four people in the Bible who suffered in different ways: the prophet Elijah, King David, an unnamed woman suffering from a blood disorder, and the so-called "Gerasene demoniac."

CHOIR WARMING UP TO RESTARTING

We don't know when it will happen; we only know that it will happen—that our choir will resume rehearsing and singing for worship. If you would like to be part of our choir (or are considering joining the choir) when this happens, please let our Interim Music Director Michael Morales know. Send an email to michael@nilesdiscoverychurch.org.

WON'T YOU BE MY SECRET VALENTINE?

The Ministry of Hospitality and Fellowship Team invites you to share the love with your Niles Discovery Church family by joining us in the Second Annual Secret Valentine Exchange. The game is easy: go to bit.ly/secretval2022 to register, receive the name of your Secret Valentine, and get a card to them without them knowing it was you.

You may choose to do a little something extra for your Secret Valentine, although it is not required. Maybe send two cards a few days apart? Or drop off some flowers, candy, or a little gift to brighten their day? Just remember to be sneaky. Part of the fun is to keep your Secret Valentine a *secret*. Keep them guessing who their Valentine is!

You will receive an email with your Secret Valentine's name, a little bit about them, and their address around February 1. Your goal is to mail or hand-deliver a Valentine card to your Secret Valentine no later than Saturday, February 12. Please sign up at bit.ly/secretval2022 to be a part of this fun event. Everyone who signs up will be assigned as the Secret Valentine to someone else and be on the receiving end themselves. On Sunday, February 13, all Secret Valentines will be revealed in a special celebration following our morning worship.

Please help us fill February with love and friendship for each other. If you have any questions, contact Melissa Palleschi at 510-894-2520 (home) or 510-396-7932 (mobile).



ANNOUNCEMENT AND NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please send announcements and articles as you write them to Mikele at admin@nilesdiscoverychurch.org. She will post them on our [news blog](#) as she receives them and will submit them for publication in the following issue of *The Bell* (if appropriate in terms of timing). The deadline for submissions for the February 2022 edition of *The Bell* is 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 13. In addition to typical newsletter news, we hope to fill each issue of *The Bell* with reflections, photographs, poems, and so forth by members and friends of the congregation.

Three of the boys from Niles Discovery Church's Troop 112 participated in Scouting for Food in mid-November. These three – Ethan, Patrick, and Jakob – are also active in other parts of the life of our congregation.



the Sargent-Hayes family on the official addition of Shirley to the family. Shirley was adopted on December 10.



ZOOM WITH THE KIDS “HAS RUN ITS COURSE”



Started as a way to help keep our kids connected to the church and each other during the pandemic and to provide some pastoral support during the challenges of online school, Zoom with the Kids “has run its course,” Pastor Jeff said.

“It was a good program, maybe even a vital program,” Pastor Jeff said, “before our kids were able to go to school in person. Now that they are in their school buildings again, the need is no longer as acute. We’ve seen that in attendance dropping precipitously. It’s time to end the program. I’m glad we did it. I’m glad we had the means to do it. And I

love that I got to know some of the kids in our church better.”

Children’s Sunday School will return as soon as hybrid worship starts (see article on page 4).

YOUR CANS SUPPORT EDUCATION

Ministry of Social Concerns Team is supporting a boy in El Salvador and a girl in Jamaica, helping make sure they get an education. The Jamaican girl attends a school for girls removed from their family. If you have cans or bottles, call or text Rick Gallegos (510-861-4847) or Judy Zlatnik (510-509-8165) to arrange pick-up or for more information.



WATER AWARENESS



WANT TO MEASURE YOUR
PERSONAL IMPACT?
CHECK OUT THIS WATER
FOOTPRINT CALCULATOR TO
SEE YOUR RESULTS:



BATHROOM TIPS

WHEN SHAVING AND
BRUSHING YOUR TEETH,
REMEMBER TO TURN OFF
THE WATER AND ONLY
TURN IT ON TO RINSE.

SHOWER WISELY

40 GALLONS OF WATER
GO DOWN THE DRAIN
DURING A 10- MINUTE
SHOWER. LIMIT SHOWER
TIMES TO REDUCE YOUR
WATER USE.

KITCHEN TIPS

CONSIDER COMPOSTING
RATHER THAN USING
YOUR GARBAGE DISPOSAL

COOK SMART

WHEN COOKING, PEEL
AND CLEAN VEGETABLES
IN A LARGE BOWL OF
WATER INSTEAD OF
UNDER RUNNING WATER.

DISHWASHER TIPS

ONLY RUN THE DISHWASHER
WHEN IT IS FULL. USE THE
LIGHT WASH OPTION IF YOUR
MACHINE HAS IT.

JANUARY SPECIAL OFFERING: VOLUNTEERING FOR FOOD SECURITY



January's special offering is for Tri-City Volunteers. This group runs the largest client-direct food bank in southern Alameda County. They provide emergency grocery assistance to almost 6,000 families and serve up to 16,000 individuals through their marketplace and bag lunch programs every month. Tri-City Volunteers began in 1970—started by Mary Hewitt and Grace Draper, members of our predecessor congregations. It has grown from the work of community members that believe in the need for food security in the Tri-City area.

This offering will be received throughout the month of January. As with all our special offerings, you are welcome to give at any time (always make checks payable to Niles Discovery Church). To give online, go to nilesdiscoverychurch.org/give and select "Tri-City Volunteers" from the Special Offering options.

Niles Discovery Church receives a special offering each month. With so many opportunities for special giving, you may need to choose which ones are most important to you. You may view the complete list of special offering opportunities for 2022 at bit.ly/SpecialOffering2022.

Many thanks to all that participated in our December Special Offering for Homelessness Ministries. At the time of press we had collected \$4,696.



The Second Saturday Documentary Series Presents:

THE PRICE OF FREEDOM

The Price of Freedom explores how the National Rifle Association

(NRA) has greased the wheels of power, flexed its political muscles, and stoked the public war of perception over the last half century, to create, sustain, and feed a mythology: that the freedom to protect themselves, to be an individual, to be an American in the spirit that the Founding Fathers intended must include the unrestricted right to own and carry a gun. However, from our earliest days in the 1600s through the 1800s, a plethora of widely supported gun control laws were on the books.

As part of our Second Saturday Documentary Series, *The Price of Freedom* will be shown via Zoom Saturday, January 8 at 1:30 p.m. There will be a discussion immediately following the film led by Toni Shellen. Toni is the chair of the Tri-Cities chapter of Brady (bradyunited.org). You can register for this screening and other films in the series at bit.ly/SSDSZoom.

Academics, historians, gun control advocates, and several NRA-averse politicians help outline how the

NRA went from a nonpartisan group aimed at instructing hunters, sportsmen, and marksmen to becoming one of our nation's leading lobbying organizations. For example, the National Rifle Association supported the National Firearms Act of 1934 and the Gun Control Act of 1968. However, in the mid-1970s, the group took a sharp turn, aligning itself with conservative politics, wrapped itself in so-called "Second Amendment rights" and all things "patriotic," and dug in against any and all gun control measures.



The Price of Freedom revisits more recent assault-rifle mass killings including school shootings in Newtown, CT, and Parkland, FL, the 2012 movie theater massacre in Aurora, Co., and the way that children and parents alike were inspired by these tragedies to rise against the tide of gun violence and the National Rifle Association's uncompromising attitude toward any gun restrictions. This documentary also breaks down the narrative the NRA has deployed to further its all-guns-all-the-time agenda and foster a culture war to ask what is *The Price of Freedom*?

FELLOWSHIP NEWS



REGISTRATION REQUIRED

To enhance the safety of your Zoom experience, we require advanced registration for almost all Zoom meetings held on the church's Zoom account. You only need to register once for a repeating event. Find the registration links in the descriptions of the scheduled events.



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Monday Morning Bible Study continues to Zoom at 11:00 a.m. to Noon. The scripture studied is typically the scripture for the coming Sunday's worship service. Everyone is welcome. Register at bit.ly/mmsbreg.



DAYTIME FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Daytime Fellowship meets on the third Monday of the month (which is January 17, this month), Bring your lunch to this monthly Zoom gathering. We share the same meeting link as the Monday Morning Bible Study, so join by registering for the Bible Study at bit.ly/mmsbreg.



CYBER GEEZERS

This is a gathering of retirees who are interested in learning more about computers, the Internet, etc. They meet from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday following the third Wednesday (I'm serious) which is January 25, this month. The group gathers on Zoom. Contact Jerry Sabo (jlsabo3@comcast.net) for the Zoom link and for more information.



LAP ROBE TYING GROUP

The Lap Robe Tying Group meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This month's meeting will be Wednesday, January 26. Please contact Judy Molander (jumolander@aol.com) to be added to the group's email list or if you have suggestions for organizations that might want some donated lap robes.



GREEN TEAM MEETING

You're welcome to join the Green Team, a group leading our congregation to address the climate crisis. They meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This month they are meeting January 5 and 19. Contact Bee Newell at beenewell2@gmail.com.



RETIREMENT REINVENTION GROUP

This group meets on the first and fourth Thursdays of the month (which are January 6 and 20 this month). Contact John Zlatnik at jzlatnik49@me.com for information about joining this Zoom gathering of retirees who are supporting one another during this time of physical distancing and as they explore new ways of being retired people.



Marian Wolfe;
Cindy Corey;
Bruce Roeding;
Grace Rankin;
Veronica Riggs;
Keith Moody;
Ginny August;
Martha LeRoy;
Barbara P. King;
Judy Zlatnik;
John Zlatnik;
Helen Boyer;
JoAn Parker;
Charlie Smith;
Becky Moreno;
Isabel Moreno;
Nancy Attinger;

**PRAYERS FOR THESE PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES
 BECAUSE OF THEIR HEALTH CONCERNS:**

Diana Roeding;
Charlotte O'Donnell;
Penn Boyer;
Isaiah Espinoza-Carter;
Diane Kindle;
Steve Rosellini;
Sandra Frisbey;
 Ron Adamson's sister, **Joanne Orput;**
 Barbara King's daughter, **Carrie King;**
 Diane Harvey's sister, **Linda;**
 Judy Smith's friend, **Diane Sanchez;**
 Pastor Jeff's stepmother, **Pat Hadley;**
 Priscilla Taylor's father-in-law and
 mother-in-law, **Steve and Angie
 Taylor;**
 Priscilla Taylor's friend, **Kathy Cavalli;**
 Rich Gallegos' mother, **Esther;**
 Joy Barnitz's dear friend **Rev. Jeffrey
 Cheifetz;**
 Helen Boyer's sister-in-law, **Marjorie
 Boyer;**
 Barbara P. King's son, **Jason King;**
 Cindy Sojourner's friend Saemi's
 brother **Don Ladue;**
 Priscilla Taylor's friend, **Lana Artemoff;**

Associate Conference Minister **Rev.
 Davena Jones;**
 Sandra Wong's friend, **Nichelle;**
the sister of a CleanStart client;
 Joy Barnitz's friend, **Polly Baxter;**
 Joy Barnitz's friend **Rachel;**
 Joy Barnitz's friend **Alison;**
 Susie Claxton's sister, **Caroline;**
 Becky Moreno's brother-in-law **Vince;**
 Bee Newell's nephew **Matt Hovland;**
the mother of Bridget Lucey-Cose's co-
 worker **Will;**
Sharon Yool's daughter;
 Michael Thomson's sister, **Mary
 Thomson;**
 Alison Kieft's sister-in-law, **Debbie
 Thompson;**
**Alison Kieft's friend undergoing
 cancer treatment;**
 Grace Rankin's brother, **Jim Carstairs;**
Katy Wharton's mother;
 Maria Garnica's brother, **Victor
 Garnica;**
 Suzy Mahusay's sister, **Jo Carroll.**

PRAYERS FOR ALL WHO ARE GRIEVING, ESPECIALLY:

Carol Easter and her family as they grieve the death of her mother, Barbara, on December 16;

Tarrah Henrie, Shaun Moeller, and their family as they grieve the death of Tarrah's father (Shaun's ex-husband), Manfred Bob Moeller, on December 10;

Taylor Johnson as he grieves the death of his mother on September 29;

Jesse Church and his family as they grieve the death of his father, Jim Church on September 29;

John Smith and his family as they grieve the death of his sister, Joyce, on September 28;

Bee Newell and her family as they grieve the death of her sister on September 2;

the family of Marjorie Fremont who died on July 29;

John Zlatnik and his family as they grieve the death of John's sister, Helen Metropoulos on July 13;

Roberta Boyd and her family as they grieve the death of Roberta's sister, Judy on June 25;

the family of Dorletta Larsen, who died on June 24;

Cindy Sojourner and her family as they grieve the death of Cindy's brother-in-law Frank on June 16.

ALL WHO ARE CARING FOR SICK, FRAIL, AND/OR ELDERLY FAMILY MEMBERS.

ALL THOSE WHO ARE SUDDENLY CARING FOR NIECES AND NEPHEWS AND GRANDCHILDREN BECAUSE THE CHILDREN'S PARENTS DIED IN THE PANDEMIC, INCLUDING JOY'S SISTER-IN-LAW, HARRIET.

PEACE THROUGHOUT THE EARTH, OFFERING THANKS FOR ALL WHO THROUGH NON-VIOLENT METHODS ARE BRINGING GOD'S COMPASSION AND JUSTICE TO THE WORLD.

A reminder about this prayer list:

If you have a prayer request that you'd like added to this list (or removed) please let Pastor Jeff know.

January 2022

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