

# THE BELL

DECEMBER  
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## UPCOMING WORSHIP

**DECEMBER 6**

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

"I Believe in Love:  
Daring Right Relationship"  
Matthew 1:18-25

**DECEMBER 13**

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

"I Believe in God: Ode to Joy"  
Luke 1:46-55

**DECEMBER 20**

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

"I Believe in the Light:  
Illuminating Peace"  
Isaiah 9:2-7

**DECEMBER 21 - 7:30 p.m.**

### **THE LONGEST NIGHT**

a service of light in  
the midst of darkness;  
register at

[bit.ly/longnite2020](http://bit.ly/longnite2020)

**DECEMBER - 8:00 p.m.**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

"I Believe in the Son"  
a service of lessons, carols,  
communion, and candlelight

**DECEMBER 24 - 11:30 p.m.**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

a simple meditative service  
of lessons, carols, and  
candlelight

**DECEMBER 27**

### **THIRD DAY OF CHRISTMAS**

"Believe This:  
The Time Has Come"  
Luke 2:22-40

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*The Reason For The Season*

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## “COMMITMENT” AND “TRUST” DEMONSTRATED IN PLEDGE CAMPAIGN



While some pledges are still coming in, as of the press deadline, this fall's pledge campaign for 2021 shows promising results. "I think the number of pledges received and the total amount pledged show commitment to and trust in the future of our church," Pastor Jeff said.

As of November 18, 77 pledges have been received, totaling over \$250,000. This is the largest pledge total in our church's history, according to our bookkeeper, Cecilia Le.

If you would still like to make a pledge, you can contact the office to have a pledge form mailed to you or you can go to [nilesdiscoverychurch.org/pledge](https://nilesdiscoverychurch.org/pledge) and pledge online or download and print a paper form to mail to the church office.

## DECEMBER CABINET MEETING MOVES

The December Cabinet meeting will be held on Thursday, December 17 from 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. so it doesn't conflict with the Longest Night Service (see story, page 4). Cabinet meetings are held on Zoom and are open to the membership (except when dealing with personnel issues). You can register to attend at [bit.ly/ndcCabinet](https://bit.ly/ndcCabinet).

## 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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You are encouraged to use the pastors' Calendly apps to make an appointment for a phone call or a Zoom meeting if you would like; their contact information is below.

Pastor Brenda will be on vacation December 25 through January 2.

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Accompanist and  
Organist  
Jenny Lin

# JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

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Register for our Sunday morning worship services (and our Christmas Eve services) at [bit.ly/reg4worship](https://bit.ly/reg4worship).

## ADVENT BEGINS ON NOVEMBER 29

I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining  
I believe in love, even when feeling it not  
I believe in God, even when [God] is silent

These poignant words, written by an anonymous Jewish poet during the Holocaust and set to music by the composer Mark Miller (who also composed our familiar "Let's Walk Together" song), form the musical foundation for our Advent worship series this year, "I Believe Even When ... Fill the Night with Music and Light." Each week, we'll sing a verse of "I Believe" and light one of the Advent candles of Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace. Each week, we'll hear the story of a "Carol of Resistance," a traditional holiday song that has a deeper message behind it of hope over despair and resistance to oppression.



Even though we can't be present together in person, we'll see images of our sanctuary, beautifully decorated for Advent and lit up with candlelight. Even though the choir can't gather to sing together, we'll hear their voices in a "virtual choir" during our worship services. Even though we can't light the Advent wreath together in person, we'll be lighting our own wreaths at home, together in worship.

Although we can't be together in person, our Zoom worship throughout the season will be filled with candlelight and special music. We can believe that God is present, that Jesus will be born, even when our lives are difficult, and our hearts are breaking. We hope you'll join us throughout the season for these special services, filled with light and hope.

## VIRTUAL ADVENT FESTIVAL

You are invited to join the first ever Niles Discovery Church Virtual Advent Festival on Sunday, December 6, immediately following worship. This event will take the place of our usual coffee hour, so you don't need to register for an additional meeting.

What is a Virtual Advent Festival? We are defining it as: fun for everyone in the church, Adults and children, alike. It will begin with an introduction. Then everyone will be split into randomly assigned groups for a holiday craft project. Finally, we will return together to have a Christmas Carol Sing-along.

While you don't need to register for the festival, we are asking that you sign up to receive the Advent Craft project kits by completing the google form at [bit.ly/VirtualAdventCraft](https://bit.ly/VirtualAdventCraft). You may also contact Melissa Palleschi at [mpall@comcast.net](mailto:mpall@comcast.net) or 510.396.6694. The craft supplies will be delivered to the homes of those requesting kits.

## START RECOMMENDS, CABINET AGREES NO IN-PERSON WORSHIP DURING 2021 FIRST QUARTER



The Strategic Taskforce to Assess Returning Team (START) recommended that the church not have in-person worship services during the first quarter (January through March) of 2021. At their November meeting, the Cabinet agreed.

START anticipates a tightening of restrictions in

Alameda County and recirculation of inside air, a reality given the design of the church's heating and cooling systems, remains potentially dangerous.

START continues to monitor the County's and State's restrictions and the best science available in making these recommendations. They will be making a recommendation for the second quarter of 2021 at the February Cabinet meeting.

## LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE: A SERVICE OF LIGHT IN THE MIDST OF DARKNESS

For many, Christmas time is a bittersweet time of year. For people who are dealing with grief, significant life changes, sobriety, family dysfunction, and other challenges, this time of year can be especially difficult.

"This is also the time of year with the longest nights," Pastor Jeff noted, "so on the longest night of the year our congregation offers a special meditative worship service that makes time for remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ."

Because of the pandemic, this service is moving online this year; register at [bit.ly/longnite2020](https://bit.ly/longnite2020). Traditionally, this service has been very interactive, with people



coming forward to light candles in quiet. While trying to keep the service interactive, modifications have had to be made for the online environment.

"I'm hoping people will create a worship space at home by their computers," Pastor Jeff explained. "Ideally, people will have a central candle (wax or electric) that we will light at the beginning of the service. In addition, I hope they have seven additional candles or seven stones (they don't have to be big) nearby to gather around that central candle as the service progresses."

"Even though we can't gather in person, I hope this service will provide a space for people to release their anger, face their emptiness, have a good cry (if that's what they need), and know that God cares."

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

We will be receiving new members during one of our regular Zoom worship services in January (date TBA). If you have been considering membership at Niles Discovery Church, please contact Pastor Jeff or Pastor Brenda so we can include you in our plans.

## TWO ONLINE SERVICES PLANNED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

"Everything is topsy turvy this year anyway," Pastor Jeff explained, "so we're going to try a new schedule for Christmas Eve. Will do our best to keep other element of the service as familiar as possible."

Our Pastors, with the support of the Ministry of Spiritual Life Team, are planning two worship services for Christmas Eve, one at 8:00 p.m. and the other at 11:30 p.m.

The 8:00 service will be "modeled after the late Christmas Eve services we've celebrated in the past," Pastor Jeff said. Of course, it will be online, so modifications will have to be made. The service will start with a re-lighting of the Advent wreath. It will move into a liturgy of lessons and carols telling the Christmas story; members of our church are

recording Christmas carols that we'll be invited to sing along with at home. Pastor Jeff will offer a sermon. We will celebrate communion. And the service will close with candle lighting.

To prepare for this service, people should gather their Advent wreath (if they have one) to light at the beginning of the service, some food and beverage for communion, and a Christ candle – wax or battery-powered – for the candle lighting at the end of the service. "From a safety point of view, I have no problem with

battery powered candles," Pastor Jeff said.

The 11:30 service will be much simpler. It will include lessons and carols telling the Christmas story and the lighting of candles. Having an Advent wreath and a Christ candle available is encouraged. This service will last about half an hour.



If you are already registered for our Sunday morning worship services, you are registered for the Christmas Eve services. If you need to register for worship or if you would like to invite family and friends to join us on Christmas Eve (or on Sunday morning), send them to [bit.ly/reg4worship](https://bit.ly/reg4worship).

# CLIMATE



# ORDER

## 1957 MORPHS INTO 2020 AT THE PARSONAGE

By Marilyn Singer for the Green Team

In 1957, the members of our predecessor, Niles Congregational Church, purchased a home here in Niles for the use of our pastor and his family. Since that time, it has been used by several pastors and, at times, as a rental property for the church. Currently, Pastor Jeff calls it home.

It is the Ministry of Property Team's responsibility to care for and manage the integrity of the property. As with all the homes in this area, it has appreciated in value. Through the years, the house has acquired a new roof, double-paned windows, and had some other small renovations. 2020 was the year for a major overhaul. This year the house went green.

It all began with a gift from a member to install solar panels on the roof and turned into a major project involving solar, electrical, plumbing, mechanical contractors, and a lot of work by the Ministry of Property Team to comply with permit applications and

inspections. Our Ministry of Property Team got "down and dirty" helping provide zero-cost manual labor to help stay within budget and the project could not have been completed without them. Even with the COVID-19 situation complicating everything, the house now has a new 200-amp panel, copper pipes replacing the old galvanized ones, solar panels, an electric heat pump providing heating and cooling, corrected waste lines, new heating ducts, and an EV charger in the garage.

The 2020 greening of this home was handled by the Ministry of Property Team with brains, dedication, and faithfulness. Special thanks to John Smith and Bill Palleschi for interacting with contractors and workers; thanks to Jeff for handling all the disruptions with good grace; and our parsonage would not have morphed into a 2020 example of a "green-house" without the hands and heart of Mark Twist.

## CAN YOU COUNT TO 1 TRILLION?

By Leonard Lloyd and Susie Claxton for the Green Team

The Green Team is embarking on an exciting project to combat Global Warming and Climate Change. We are inviting our congregation to participate in the One Trillion Trees Initiative.

We are moving forward on several fronts to be able to contribute to the planting of One Trillion Trees World-Wide. The developing plan includes "acting local" by supporting Lynn Miller's commitment to TUFA (Tri-City Urban Forrest Alliance), planting hundreds of trees locally, urging the City of Fremont to accept and implement Dense Urban Forests of native trees, and joining the US chapter ([us.1t.org](https://us.1t.org)) of the international Trillion Trees Community.

The first project is fun. Lynn has acorns from many species of oak trees and is offering "Acorn Planting Kits," to the congregation. Right now, she has enough for 11 kits. The kits include containers, soil, and multiple species of acorns. We will announce when the kits are available. We are asking for a donation of \$5.00 to help offset the price of purchasing soil.

Beyond the Green Team's commitment, the plan is to propose to the Cabinet that the church join in these efforts by volunteering and providing financial support.

"In the beginning you may hold a forest in your hand for from a lowly acorn grows a mighty oak."



## CHILDREN'S BOOK LOAN PROGRAM

By Barbara King for the Ministry of Christian Education Team

The Ministry of Christian Education team has been searching for a way to help you with your child's faith formation. We have decided to offer a Book Loan Program of the books we use for our Sunday School curriculum.

You can select one or two books per child. To get a list of the books available, email Barbara King at [barbarapking076@gmail.com](mailto:barbarapking076@gmail.com) and put "NDC SS Books" in the email subject line, anytime through the end of December. Please be sure to include your child's or children's school grade(s). A new list of books will be available in the new year.

If you decide to borrow any books, please email Barbara King with the specifics of your request. (Please do not contact the church office for assistance with this program.)

Books can be picked up and then returned at the church on Wednesday afternoons between noon and 5:00 p.m. – *by appointment only!*

Barbara will meet you with the books on the patio outside the Fellowship Hall, weather permitting. Books will be bagged (using gloves and a mask). The name of the borrower and due date will be written on the outside of the bag. Each book will have a copy of the 'Teacher's page' and (when available) a copy of the craft ideas page. Books may be kept for two weeks. Contact Barbara to arrange a return appointment.



## HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET PROJECT

By Judy Zlatnik, for the Ministry of Social Concerns Team

The Ministry of Social Concerns Team is going to embrace the difficulties – worship by Zoom and no display tables or bulletin boards – and continue our Holiday Food Basket Drive during quarantine.

This Food Basket Drive is to support the diverse community of Laguna Commons, a place where we've developed relationships through the mobile food pantry. Your donations will go towards purchasing Safeway gift cards, which the residents can use to select food to create a



holiday meal that meets their needs – whether the menu is built around tamales, roast lamb, turkey, chicken, goat, or vegetarian items. Niles

Discovery Church members who have staffed the Tri-City Volunteers Mobile Pantry deliveries can bear witness to the brightening of the holiday season for the individuals and families of this community.

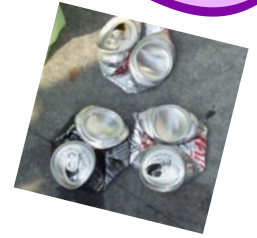
This year's drive will be November 22 to December 20. Contributions will be accepted in the following ways:

- ♥ Check: You can mail (or drop off in the mailbox) a check at the church. Be sure to put "Holiday Food Basket" on the check's memo line.
- ♥ Online: Go to [nilesdiscoverychurch.org/give](https://nilesdiscoverychurch.org/give), look for the line that says "Other support," add the amount you want to give, and type "Holiday Food Basket" next to the amount you are giving.
- ♥ Givelify: Use the Givelify app on your smart phone. Please contact Judy Zlatnik (call or text 510.509.8165) with any questions or for more information.



## YOUR CANS AND BOTTLES SUPPORT A GIRL IN JAMAICA, TOO

By Judy Zlatnik for the Ministry of Social Concerns Team



Your redeemable cans and bottles, through the hard work of Ministry of Social Concerns Team member Rich Gallegos, enable Niles Discovery Church to support a boy in El Salvador and, more recently, a girl at Pringle School in Jamaica.

Pringle School is a residential home for girls in the hills of Carron Hall, St. Mary's, Jamaica and is operated by the United Church of Christ in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. Our sponsorship is through the Child and Elder Sponsorship program administered by Global Ministries, a joint mission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ.

Pringle Home is a safe haven for girls who have been abandoned or emotionally, sexually, or physically abused. They provide services to these girls including school, employment training, recreation, life skills, behavioral management, conflict resolution training, and devotions.

Counseling is provided to willing family members as girls prepare to leave the home, and enabling the girls to return home and contribute to their communities. The girls are referred to Pringle Home by the Jamaican government's Child Development Agency. You can read more information at [bit.ly/NDCPringleSchool](http://bit.ly/NDCPringleSchool).

## GIVING WITH A SMILE

By Tom Gunnarson for the Finance Committee

Along with buying scrip gift cards, you can help support our children being able to attend youth summer camp programs through the use of a personal Amazon Smile account. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to Niles Discovery Church every time you buy something.

It's simple to set up, whether you have an existing Amazon account or not. And once you have Amazon Smile bookmarked on your computer, it's easy to rack up funds automatically as you purchase all the items you want (and sometimes need :-)) through Amazon just like you normally would.

As the beneficiary, the church has an Amazon account where all our pooled money is placed. We can then access the funds that we have earmarked for youth summer

camp programs. And the money can really add up. Amazon Smile has generated over \$134 million for charities to date.

Several church members have already designated Niles Discovery Church as their Amazon Smile charity. To date, they have generated \$178 and every day it grows a bit more. Now is your opportunity to add .5% of the hundreds or thousands of dollars a year you spend on Amazon (at no additional cost to you!) to help our campers. The more of us that do it, the quicker this nest egg will grow and be put to good use.

The detailed instructions for how to sign up for Amazon Smile will be posted with this article on our News Blog ([nilesdiscoverynews.wordpress.com](http://nilesdiscoverynews.wordpress.com)).

## ANNOUNCEMENT AND NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS



Please send announcements and articles as you write them to Mikele at [admin@nilesdiscoverychurch.org](mailto:admin@nilesdiscoverychurch.org). She will post them in 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 January 2021 edition of *The Bell* is 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9. 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.

# ONE ASILOMAR STATE BEACH WALK

© Cindy Sojourner, November 18, 2020

Thank you is insufficient  
 When I stare into waves.  
 When I watch sandpipers dance  
 With lapping ebb and flow  
 Across sands glistening.  
 Thank you is insufficient  
 When I observe layers of clouds.  
 Shades of blue to turquoise sky  
 And sea exchanging hues.  
 Sharing horizon lines.  
 Thank you is insufficient  
 When I hear the sudden lull,  
 The building hum, humming,  
 Then crushing roar, roar, roll.  
 Thank you is insufficient  
 When I listen to a sea gull  
 Riff in high soprano up above,  
 As open-wide wings fluctuate  
 within subtle current winds.

Thank you is insufficient  
 When we're holding hands,  
 Softening.  
 Thank you is insufficient,  
 Because there's no resisting  
 Becoming one with all this.  
 All of creation.  
 With every particle of sand.  
 Every water-color swirl.  
 With go-on-forever sea and sky.  
 There's no resisting  
 Becoming one  
 With all the wings, the mussels,  
 Shells, hair follicles, orange rocks,  
 Voices, earth breathing breath, praising God.  
 No resisting.  
 No resisting wanting this,  
 Needing this, forever,  
 Here, protected.

Photo by Priscilla Taylor Asilomar State Beach



Photo by Susie Claxton

## MY GARDEN SPIDER




© By Susie Claxton

My Garden Spider  
 Hangs still upside down all day  
 Tending brood and prey

## DECEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING

This month's special offering is in support of the Niles Discovery Church Homelessness Ministries, with oversight by the Homelessness Task Force.

This money is used to support the many projects including:

-  Home Warming/Rapid Rehousing programs by Abode Services
-  CleanStart Mobile Hygiene Unit by the City of Fremont
-  The Little Free Pantry



For more information about the Homelessness Task Force, you can visit their page on the Niles Discovery Church website at [bit.ly/NDCHomelessTaskForce](http://bit.ly/NDCHomelessTaskForce).

Niles Discovery Church receives a special offering each month. With so many possibilities for special giving, you may need to choose which ones are most important to you. To see the complete schedule of special offerings, please visit [bit.ly/2020SpecialOffering](http://bit.ly/2020SpecialOffering). Many thanks to all that participated in our November special offering to Puente de la Costa.

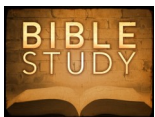


## 2ND SATURDAY DOCUMENTARY SERIES WILL RESUME NEXT YEAR

## FELLOWSHIP NEWS

### REGISTRATION NOW REQUIRED

To enhance the safety of your Zoom experience, we are now requiring advanced registration for 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 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30p.m. The scripture studied is typically the scripture for the coming Sunday's worship service. Everyone is welcome. Register at [bit.ly/mmbsreg](http://bit.ly/mmbsreg).



### DAYTIME FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Daytime Fellowship meets on the third Monday of the month (which is December 21, 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 ([bit.ly/mmbsreg](http://bit.ly/mmbsreg)).



### LAP ROBE TYING GROUP

The group will meet via zoom on December 2. If anyone wants to participate, please contact Vickey Kean at (510-792-4336). She has the work and supplies (lap robes ready to tie, yarn, needles etc.) for completing projects. Vickey also has finished lap robes, if you want to get one or more for a family member or friend, please contact her at the phone number listed above. If you would like to get on the lap robe tying group email list, contact Jim Thomas ([James@nilesdiscoverychurch.org](mailto:James@nilesdiscoverychurch.org)).

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



John Hollowell;  
Amy Gunnarson;  
Karen McCready;  
Mark Edwards;  
JoAn Parker;  
Charlie Smith;  
Bill Cutler;  
Judi Eaton;  
Cindy Corey;  
John Zlatnik;  
Ginny August;  
Grace Rankin;  
Becky Moreno;  
Isabel Moreno;  
Nancy Attinger;  
Diana Roeding;  
Charlotte O'Donnell;  
Penn Boyer;  
Dean Hunter;  
Isaiah Espinoza-Carter;  
Diane Kindle;  
Sandra Frisbey;  
Doug Swint's mother, **Geraldine**;  
Joy Barnitz's dear friend Rev.

Jeffrey Cheifetz;  
Helen Boyer's sister-in-law, **Marjorie Boyer**;  
Marjorie Fremont's daughter, **Lisa**;  
Bob Monkman's mom, **Patrica Hanadel**;  
Vickey Kean's brother-in-law, **Tom Kean**;  
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**;  
Karen and Keith Moody's friend, **Jerry Miller**;  
Sandra Wong's friend, **Nichelle**;  
Pastor Jeff's sister, **Sally**;  
**the sister of a CleanStart client**;  
Joy Barnitz's friend, **Polly Baxter**;  
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**;  
Amy Gunnarson's great-niece **Syra**;  
Michael Thomson's sister, **Mary Thomson**;  
Alison Kieft's friend, **Judy Huff**;  
Alison Kieft's sister-in-law, **Debbie Thompson**;  
Grace Rankin's brother, **Jim Carstairs**;  
**Katy Wharton's mother**;  
**Janet Butcher**;  
**William "Butch" Butcher**;  
Rich Gallegos' mother, **Esther**;  
Carol Easter's daughter, **Allison**;  
Carol Easter's mother, **Barbara**;  
Maria Garnica's brother, **Victor Garnica**;  
Suzy Mahusay's sister, **Jo Carroll**.

**PRAYERS FOR ALL WHO ARE GRIEVING, ESPECIALLY:**

**Randy Fewel and her family** as they grieve the death of her mother, Patricia Fewel, on September 30;

**Riki Twist and her family** as they grieve the death of Riki's father on June 9;

**The family of Cecile Litherland**, who died on August 20;

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

**FOR TEACHERS WHO ARE FACING ALL KINDS OF PROFESSIONAL UNCERTAINTIES, TEACHING STRESSES, AND A DANGEROUS VIRUS, AND FOR ALL THEIR STUDENTS.**

**PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD COPING WITH THE AFTERMATH OF NATURAL DISASTERS, MANY OF WHICH WERE MADE WORSE BY CLIMATE CHANGE.**

**THE LEADERS OF OUR CONGREGATION.**

**THE POLITICAL LEADERS OF THE COMMUNITIES, STATES, AND COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD.**

**REFUGEES, ASYLUM SEEKERS, INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS, RETURNEES, AND STATELESS PERSONS.**

**THOSE STEPPING INTO VOLUNTEER POSITIONS, SUCH AS CONTACT TRACERS, THAT PUBLIC AND PERSONAL HEALTHCARE WILL BE IMPROVED, THAT HEALTHCARE WILL BECOME AVAILABLE FOR ALL PEOPLE, AND THAT ALL WILL BE SAFER.**

**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.

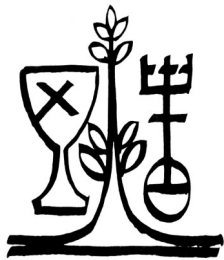
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