

THE BELL



Rejoice In The Birth
Of A
Brown-Skinned
Middle-Eastern
Undocumented
Immigrant



Rejoice — Picture By Priscilla Taylor

UPCOMING WORSHIP

December 7
Advent 2
“The Silent
Word”
Luke 1:5-25,
57-80

December 14
Advent 3
“Son of Mary”
Luke 1:26-56

December 21
Advent 4
“Enthroned by
Love”
Matthew 1:
18-25

December 21
7:30 p.m.
**Longest Night
Service**

December 24
10:00 p.m.
**Christmas Eve
Service**
“The Babe”
Luke 2:1-19

December 28
“This, This ...”
Matthew 2:1-12

To worship with us on Zoom on Sundays, register once at bit.ly/reg4worship.

United in God’s love for everyone’s journey ... no exceptions.

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BAPTISM SCHEDULED



Darian Johnson has asked to be baptized by immersion on Sunday, December 21. Because this baptism will be by immersion, it is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. and will be held on the patio at the church. You are encouraged to attend to show your support for Darian as she makes this important step on her faith journey.

ANNOUNCEMENT AND NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please send announcements and articles as you write them to the office administrator at admin@nilesdiscoverychurch.org. Your submission will be posted on our [News blog](#) as they are received, and will be used to create announcements (as appropriate), as well as submitted for the next edition of *The Bell* (if appropriate in terms of timing). The deadline for submissions for the January 2026 edition of *The Bell* is 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 11. 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.



Senior Pastor
Rev. Jeff
Spencer



Admin
Laurel
Wallace

CONTACTING THE STAFF

You can call the office 510-797-0895 to leave a message for office staff members. Our Office Administrator, Laurel Wallace can be emailed at admin@nilesdiscoverychurch.org. She is typically in the office on Mondays and Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Our bookkeeper, Cecilia Le, can be emailed at cecilia@nilesdiscoverychurch.org. She is typically in the office on Tuesday or Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and does some work from home.



Bookkeeper
Cecilia
Le



**Technology
Director**
Jim Thomas

Please use the pastor's Calendly app to make an appointment for a phone call or a Zoom meeting or to meet in person as you would like; Pastor Jeff's contact information is to the right.

Absences: The church office will be closed on Christmas Day



**Music
Director**
Andrew Kessler



**Accompanist and
Organist**
Jenny Lin

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WHAT CHILD IS THIS? ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES INVITES US TO LOOK BEYOND THE LULLABY

By Pastor Jeff

We had a spinet piano in my childhood home. I would occasionally plunk out notes, experimenting with the sounds. The melody line I first learned, playing by ear, was “Greensleeves.” I think I was in third grade. I knew the tune as “What Child Is This?” a Christmas carol I probably heard on my parents’ record player and that we had sung in church and as a family on Christmas Eves. I remember particularly loving how the tune changed simply by playing the minor third or the major third, and how the feelings the music evoked were so dependent on that one note.

The lyrics to “What Child Is This?” were penned in 1865 by William Chatterton Dix as a poem. They were set to the tune “Greensleeves,” a much older English folk song, at some point and have lived with us as the beloved Christmas carol since. During Advent, we are diving into the question the song’s title asks, “What child *is* this?” The answers we will find are much more complicated than the simple tune conveys.

The story of humanity and its recurring themes of oppression and corruption that run right through history, were present at the birth of Jesus, and continue into our own lives. Our answers to the question, “What child *is* this?” will dictate how we follow Jesus. By the time you read this, we will have already explored one answer: that Jesus is the “King of Kings.” In the coming

weeks, we will look at other answers – “The Silent Word,” “The Son of Mary,” one “Enthroned by Love,” and “The Babe” – and what those answers mean for us today.

In the process, I think we will find powerful ways Jesus continues to be a powerful word of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love – even and especially in the midst of hard times.



I mentioned last month that I somehow ended up with my mother’s childhood nativity crèche. It is likely 100 years old or older. The figurines in this crèche (those that have survived) are fragile – the donkey is missing a leg and

needs to lean against the stable wall to stand. As I think about the lives of the characters we read about in the birth narratives of Jesus, I realize that their lives were fragile, too. The promise of Jesus, embodied in the baby whose birth we celebrate, is the promise that God is with us in our fragility, just as we are with each other.

Advent is usually about waiting. But we cannot wait to have hope; it is essential now. We cannot wait to work for peace; lives are at stake now. We cannot wait to embrace joy, even and especially when it seems in short supply. We cannot wait to love, most of all, because we are the ones who follow the saving love of Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us.

I hope you’ll join us regularly for worship.

“VIGILS OF LOVE” PLANNED AT EAST BAY CHURCHES

By Pastor Jeff

It started as an idea among some of my fellow clergy: we should offer a way for our people to hold a space and energy of peace and love in the midst of all the social stresses we’re feeling. We felt the need is two-fold: the need for a space to get grounded in that peace and love, and a need to carry that peace and love into the community. Out of this idea, a few vigils are planned during Advent.

Continued, see “Bringing Love To The Community” on Page 5

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE RETURNS

Calling it “a service of light in the midst of darkness,” Pastor Jeff announced that Niles Discovery Church will once again host our “Longest Night Service” on Sunday, December 21, at 7:30 p.m. The service will be held in the sanctuary, and it will be streamed to Zoom. Those who want to attend on Zoom need to pre-register at bit.ly/longnight2025.

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

“This is also the time of year with the longest nights,” he added, “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.”

“Attendees are invited to light candles during the service as a quiet response and act of prayer,” Pastor Jeff explained. He said that he hopes that the 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.”

He said he hopes that people worshipping at home, watching the live stream, will create a worship space near their computers. “Ideally, people will have a central candle (wax or electric) to light as part of the beginning of the service,” he said. “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.”

“This is our ‘pre-Christmas’ gift to the community,” he said, “so I hope people will spread the word about this service to their neighbors and friends.”

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

You and all your family and friends are invited to our Christmas Eve Candlelight service, December 24, 2025, at 10:00 p.m. The service will be hybrid: you can attend on site (36600 Niles Blvd., Fremont, CA) or on Zoom (register at bit.ly/reg4worship).

Pastor Jeff is still working out details for the service, though he knows the service will include lots of Christmas carols punctuating the Christmas story and that it will end with candlelight. The sermon, “The Babe,” will connect with the worship series that started on the first Sunday of Advent and concludes on the Sunday after Christmas, as will other elements of the worship service.

You are encouraged to share this information with others.



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BRINGING LOVE TO THE COMMUNITY

The first will take place at Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda, on Wednesday, December 3, at 6:00 p.m. at the foot of their driveway. This will be a quiet, candlelight presence.

The second will take place at Niles Discovery Church on Wednesday, December 10, with the same start time. Our vigil will begin with a half-hour in the sanctuary. I will offer some explanations and directions, and then we will sit in



presence of God while gentle music plays and candles burn. That half-hour will end with a blessing. Then those who wish to will be invited to carry that energy of love

and peace onto the church property along Niles Blvd., holding candles, for about a half-hour.

If other churches plan similar vigils, we'll let you know their plans. You are welcome to attend any of these vigils and to invite friends and neighbors to join you.

TRI CITY VOLUNTEERS TOY PARTY UPDATE

By Beth Armstrong

The Toy Party is just around the corner, on December 13, right here at Niles Discovery Church. Families will be coming to choose toys between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Many of you have contacted me to volunteer and I thank you. More volunteers are needed to make the Party a success, especially on Friday for receiving and setting up the toys and on Saturday early afternoon to reset the sanctuary back to its regular configuration. The children's activity room with Santa also has room for more volunteers, too. Contact Beth Armstrong at baarmstrong1@aol.com, or (510) 693-4842.



If volunteering at the Toy Party is not your thing, or you are not available that day, there is another way to help out. Tri City Volunteers (TCV) has lost a significant resource for toys due to a local store closing. They are accepting toys from the public and other sources to be distributed at the Toy Party, by December 10. Gifts for older kids, ages 10 to 12, are especially needed. TCV suggests a \$25 value for toys, and \$25 gift cards for purchasing toys are also needed. If you would like to contribute toys or cards, they can be taken directly to TCV at 37350 Joseph St, in the Centerville area of Fremont. Morning is the best time for delivery. If delivery is a problem, please contact Beth at the email or phone listed above to make other arrangements. Toys and gift cards may also be brought to church on December 7. While not the preferred donation method due to time constraints, checks can be made out to Tri-City Volunteers with TOYS on the memo line. Mail checks to TCV or bring them to church on December 7 where they will be collected at worship time.

Thanks for all the contributions of time and toys this year and in past years.



NDC HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE CHRISTMAS AT FREMONT NAVIGATION CENTER

By John Smith



Once again Santa will be delivering packages to the 42 residents of the Housing Navigation Center in Fremont thanks to the generosity of Niles Discovery Church and friends, each person will receive a bag of goodies to let them know that we are cheering them on as they find stability in their lives.

The major gifts are purchased using donated money from Niles Discovery Church Homelessness Fund

and they are supplemented by friends and elbow grease. You can be part of this holiday effort by putting toothbrushes and toothpaste into 45 coffee cups you will find in the fellowship hall. You can also put wrapped candy and deodorants in the basket or add small toiletries. The Homelessness Task Force will be collecting gift cards to include in the packages. Please purchase them from Barbara King (in \$25 denomination) - as many as you are comfortable buying.

The packing is a fun and somewhat crazy event in our fellowship around December 17. Cars will be needed to take the gifts to the center after the chaos. Watch for the coffee mugs to appear in the hall! This is an All-Church Effort to let 45 people know we are cheering them on.

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

TO HONOR MEMBERS OF THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY



Please join us for an outdoor interfaith candlelight vigil to commemorate those in the homeless community we lost this year.

Please bring your canned goods to donate to our food drive.

Monday, December 1, 2025
6:00 to 7:00PM

St. James' Episcopal Church
37051 Cabrillo Terrace
Fremont, CA 94536
(Thornton Ave. at Cabrillo)

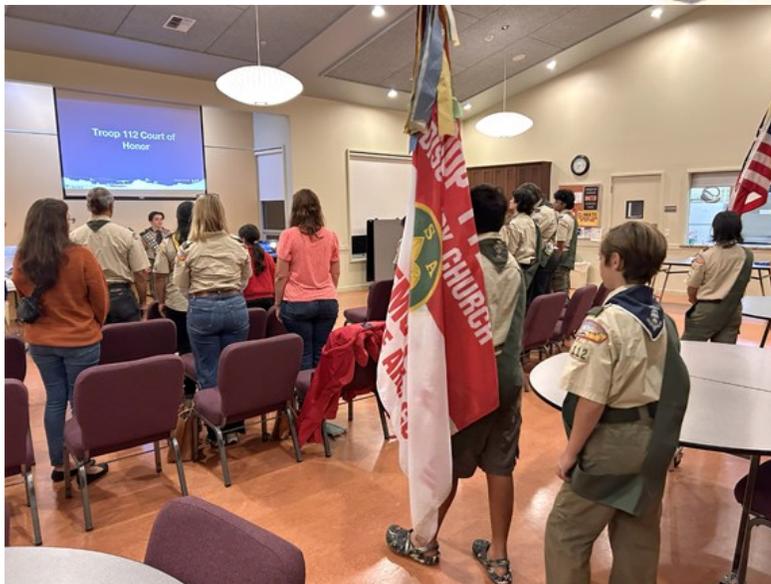
For more info, contact events@abode.org.



BOY SCOUTS COURT OF HONOR

By Bill Palleschi

Scouting America (Boy Scout) Troop 112 meets twice a month at Niles Discovery Church. Three times a year, the scouts celebrate their achievements with a Court of Honor. Families attend the ceremony and watch as their scouts earn merit badges, new ranks and other awards. Three scouts earned a new rank and together they earned over 40 merit badges such as First Aid, Music, Genealogy, citizenship in the Community, and Nuclear Science.



IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!! CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

By Amy Gunnarson

Sunday, December 14, 2025, after Coffee Hour, in the fellowship hall

Join us to build a beautiful and tasty cookie tray for your holiday happenings

Guidelines for participants in the Cookie Exchange:

- ✿ Bring **four dozen** of your favorite holiday cookies. Your cookies will be shared to produce a perfect platter to take home.
- ✿ Bring one copy of your recipe (handwritten is fine; make sure to include your name!)
- ✿ Cookies can be either homemade or purchased. (If purchased, share from where, so we can buy some too!)
- ✿ Large platters will be provided to take your ready-to-eat cookies home.

There will be music, warm cider, a group photo, plenty of time to talk with friends, lots of laughter, and fun for all. Everyone is welcome to participate!

Questions? Contact Amy Gunnarson (301) 693-6397 or Melissa Palleschi (510) 396-7932.

LIBRARY UPDATE

By David Gregory



Thanks to ongoing donations, the following books were recently added to the Church Library. They are listed here by broad subject, but on the shelves, these titles are arranged by the author's last name. Enjoy!

AUTOBIOGRAPHY/CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE



Evans, Rachel Held. *A Year of Biblical Womanhood: How a Liberated Woman Found Herself Sitting on Her Roof, Covering Her Head, and Calling Her Husband Master* (2012)



Norris, Kathleen. *Dakota: A Spiritual Geography* (1993)



Smith, Sally Stevens. *To Go Out Not Knowing: My Story* (2007)

(NOTE: The Rev. Dr. Smith is a former pastor at Niles Congregational Church and Pastor Emerita of Niles Discovery Church. The library also holds copies of Rev. Smith's 2011 book, *Voices from the Story*.)



Taylor, Barbara Brown. *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* (2009)

BIBLE: STUDY & INTERPRETATION



Ehrman, Bart. *Lost Christianities: The Battles for Scripture and the Faiths We Never Knew* (2003)



Ehrman, Bart. *Lost Scriptures: Books that Did Not Make It into the New Testament* (2003)

SOCIAL JUSTICE: LGBTQ+



Robertson, Brandan. *Queer & Christian: Reclaiming the Bible, Our Faith, and Our Place at the Table* (2025)

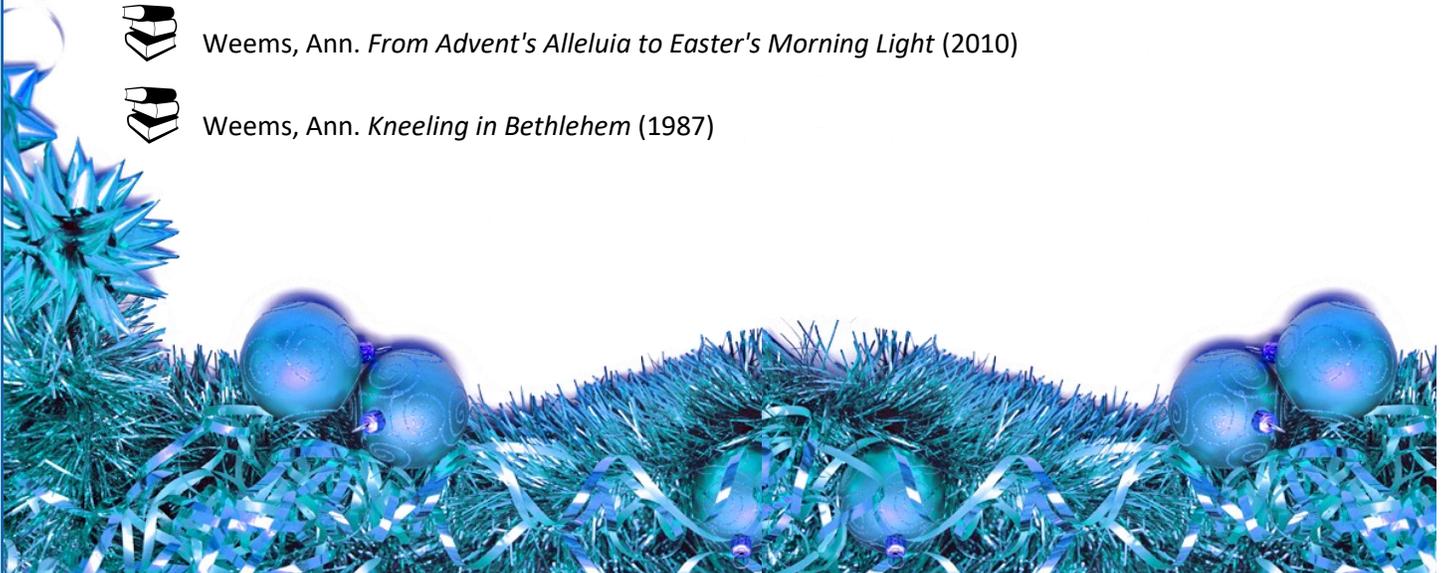
POETRY



Weems, Ann. *From Advent's Alleluia to Easter's Morning Light* (2010)



Weems, Ann. *Kneeling in Bethlehem* (1987)



RESULT OF THE VOTE

By Beth Armstrong

There was no clear “winner”. Every animal/share that received at least one vote was purchased. Multiple animals were purchased for the top vote getting group (5-7 votes), including honeybees, goats, pigs, chick, and send a girl to school.

1 share Heifer:	\$ 50	2 Pigs:	\$240
1 share Fish:	\$ 30	1 Garden seeds:	\$ 60
1 Clean Water:	\$300	4 Honeybees:	\$120
2 Send a Girl to School:	\$550	3 Flock of Chicks:	\$ 60
2 Goats:	\$240	1 Alpaca:	\$150
1 Sheep:	\$120	Total:	\$1920

A big thanks to all!

HEIFER'S MOST WANTED

Check out Heifer's Most Wanted — most wanted by struggling farming families around the world, that is!
Each animal provides life-changing products like eggs or milk, helping families around the world lift themselves from poverty to self-reliance.

HEIFER Alias: Milky Mama Crime: Moo-ving families on a path to prosperity Bail: \$500	GOAT Alias: Billy the Kid Crime: Clearing the path out of hunger Bail: \$120	SHEEP Alias: Woolly Wonder Crime: Being a sheer delight for families in need Bail: \$120	CHICK Alias: Chickadee Crime: Counting her eggs before they hatch Bail: \$20	ALPACA Alias: Spit Monger Crime: Spitting in the face of poverty Bail: \$150	PIG Alias: Babe Crime: Rooting up soil in the garden Bail: \$120	HONEYBEES Alias: Queen Bee Crime: Taking away the sting of poverty Bail: \$30
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BAIL OUT YOUR FAVORITE ANIMAL AT HEIFER.ORG/CATALOG.

This motley crew of criminals truly are some of the most wanted creatures on Earth.

Why?
Because they have the power to transform the future for struggling farming families. For the price of "bail," you send that animal to a struggling family around the world ... giving them the resources, education and opportunity to lift themselves out of poverty.

BOY SCOUTS FOOD DRIVE

By Bill Palleschi

The scouts of Troop 112 collected 1700+ units of food and provided 72 hours of service for their annual “Scouting for Food” food drive. Thank you to all who donated!





DECEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING: HOMELESSNESS MINISTRIES

The Special Offering in December will be for the Homelessness Ministries of Niles Discovery Church. Please consider



supporting efforts as we, together, continue to live out the Niles Discovery Mission: "Following the example of Jesus, Niles Discovery Church welcomes all people, grows in our relationship with God and each other, and serves our neighbors near and far."

Some of the activities and projects of the Homelessness Task Force:

- ♥ Home Warming/Rapid Rehousing with Abode Services. We sponsor clients who are being moved out of homelessness into their new home. This can include first and last month's rent required by landlords.
- ♥ The Little Free Pantry. Provides food and hygiene items for our unhoused neighbors.
- ♥ Mobile Van Food Pantry with Tri City Volunteers. We provide people who drive the Mobile Food Pantry to some of the 18 locations in the Tri City area.

- ♥ Safe Parking Site. Niles Discovery Church provides a Safe Parking Site approximately twice a year.
- ♥ Fremont's Giving Hope to Seniors for the Holiday's, with the city of Fremont. We provide gifts, gift cards to Seniors in need throughout the Tri City area.
- ♥ Housing Navigation Center (with the city of Fremont). We provided Holiday gifts to the 42 sheltered individuals.

As with all our special offerings, you are welcome to give at any time. To donate, go to nilesdiscoverychurch.org/give and choose "Homelessness Ministries" in the "Select Option" frame; or mail a check to the church. 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/NDCSpecialOfferings.

Many thanks to all that participated in our November Special Offering for Puente de la Costa Sur. At the press deadline, we had collected \$1184.60. for this important ministry. Your faithful contributions are greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Members and friends of Niles Discovery Church are invited to submit short notices that may be of interest to the rest of the congregation. Note, no commercial notices or partisan political announcements are allowed. Niles Discovery Church makes no representations or endorsements about the events or services listed.

Tidings of Joy

HOLIDAY 2025 CONCERT

Saturday, 12/13, 3pm
 Sunday, 12/14, 3pm
 Tuesday, 12/16, 8pm
 Wednesday, 12/17, 8pm
 St. Matthew's Lutheran
 3281 16th Street

GOLDEN GATE MEN'S CHORUS CONCERTS: The Golden Gate Men's Chorus (the chorus Pastor Jeff sings in) will present "Tidings of Joy" on December 13 (3:00 p.m.), December 14 (3:00 p.m.), December 16 (8:00 p.m.) and December 17 (8:00 p.m.), at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3281 16th St, San Francisco. Tickets are available at ggmc.org.

This concert will offer soaring harmonies, candlelit warmth, and the sparkle of celebration. The program includes the expansive music of Vaughan Williams, traditional carols arranged by the King's Singers, contemporary holiday songs arranged by BYU Vocal Point, and more.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS: On Saturday, December 6, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in the sanctuary at Niles Discovery Church, the local chapter of the League of Women Voters presents a program on the hot topic of Immigration. James Wood, a retired litigation attorney with pro bono experience, will educate attendees on topic of sanctuary cities. He will provide examples of excellent, as well as inferior, sanctuary city policy statements. Additionally, he will evaluate the policies of Fremont, Newark and Union City. Also on the panel will be a local immigration attorney/advocate. Q & A will follow. More information at lwwfnucmembership.clubexpress.com.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS



REGISTRATION REQUIRED

To enhance the safety of your Zoom experience, we typically require advance 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.



MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Monday Afternoon Bible Study continues to Zoom from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The scripture studied is typically the scripture for the coming Sunday's worship service. Everyone is welcome. You can register to join the Zoom meeting at bit.ly/MABSreg.



SUNDAY LUNCH BUNCH No Lunch Brunch on 12/14

Join a small group that is in the habit of going to a restaurant for lunch with Pastor Jeff after coffee hour on most Sundays. This "Lunch Bunch" has a rotation of restaurants to eat at, and head off to that Sunday's restaurant at 12:30 p.m. If you would like to join the Lunch Bunch on a particular Sunday, let Val Parker know by 12:10 p.m. that day so she has a headcount to bring to the restaurant. Look at the church calendar (the second to last page of *The Bell*) to see which restaurant the Lunch Bunch is going to.



LAP ROBE TYING GROUP No Lap Robe Tying until January

The Lap Robe Tying Group will be on hiatus until January. Contact Judy Molander, 925-201-7335 or 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 December 3

You're welcome to join the Green Team, a group leading our congregation to address the climate crisis. They typically meet the first Wednesday of the month, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., on Zoom. For questions, contact Susie Claxton (veroclax@sbcglobal.net) or Bee Newell (beenewell2@gmail.com). Here is the link to the Zoom meeting bit.ly/greenteam25.



PUZZLE EXCHANGE AND SCRIP SALES Closed on 12/26

You're welcome to drop by the fellowship hall each Friday, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., to exchange a jigsaw puzzle and/or buy some scrip. Some people stick around to work on a puzzle, just for the fun of it.



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



George Roeding;
Diana Roeding;
Bruce Roeding;
Carl Nordling;
Liz Musgrave;
Jim Roletto;
Wayne Fralin;
Marty Williams;
Karen Haughey;
Barbara Swint;
Maria Sicalbo;
John Zlatnik;
Judy Zlatnik;
Ginny August;
Helen Boyer;
Charlie Smith;
Hermann Attinger;
Keith Moody;

Luke Boyer;
Diane Kindle;
Sandra Frisbey;
Cecilia Le's spouse, **Linda Carpenter**;
Ann Finlinson's husband, **John Cant**;
Sharon Yool's daughter;
Riki and Mark Twist's daughter, **Shelly**;
Liz Musgrave's friend, **Stephanie Roden**;
Liz Musgrave's friend, **Mary Richardson and her husband Jon Richardson**;
Peter Wilson's dad;
Jasmine Zartman's mother, **Karen Trepte**;
Shaun Moeller's brother, **Dave Nyman**;
Ron Adamson's sister, **Joanne Orput**;
Diane Harvey's sister, **Linda**;
Priscilla Taylor's friend, **Paul Folkestad**;

Priscilla Taylor's friend, **Jayne Gallagher**;
Priscilla Taylor's cousin-in-law, **Michele Arcelo**;
Priscilla Taylor's friend, **Michelle Campbell**;
Priscilla Taylor's father-in-law and mother-in-law, **Steve and Angie Taylor**;
Rich Gallegos' mother, **Esther**;
Helen Boyer's sister-in-law, **Marjorie Boyer**;
Joy Barnitz's friend, **Rachel**;
Michael Thomson's sister, **Mary Thomson**;
Katy Wharton's mother;
Katy Wharton's sister-in-law, **Hedi**.

THE SPOUSES, PARTNERS, CHILDREN, PARENTS, AND EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE CARING FOR AND/OR JOURNEYING WITH SICK, FRAIL, AND/OR ELDERLY LOVED ONES (ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE NAMED ABOVE).

THE PARENTS, CHILDREN, AND EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS WHO WISH THEY COULD BE DOING MORE TO SUPPORT THEIR SICK, FRAIL, AND/OR ELDERLY LOVED ONES, BUT FOR WHOM DISTANCE AND/OR OTHER FACTORS MAKES THAT DIFFICULT.

THOSE WHO ARE SEEKING RENEWAL, REBIRTH, OR A NEW START.

THANKSGIVING FOR ALL THE WAYS GOD BRINGS HEALING.

PRAYERS FOR ALL WHO ARE GRIEVING, ESPECIALLY:

Maolin Li and the friends of Larry Herb, who died on August 3; the family of Charlotte O'Donnell who died on July 4.

EVERYONE IMPACTED BY GUN VIOLENCE, INCLUDING LISA RASLER'S COLLEAGUE GUILLE WHO SON JACOB WAS KILLED BY GUN VIOLENCE IN AUGUST.

PEOPLE (AND ALL OF CREATION) AROUND THE GLOBE SUFFERING FROM HUMAN-MADE DISASTERS AND FROM NATURAL DISASTERS (OFTEN MADE WORSE BY HUMAN ACTION AND INACTION ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS).

PEOPLE WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED AND UNDER-EMPLOYED, ESPECIALLY MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH, THAT THEY FIND EMPLOYMENT THAT FULFILLS THEIR HEARTS AND SOULS.

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.

December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe Parking 9:15AM Choir Warm-up 10:00AM Worship 12:15PM Lunch Bunch - Black Bear Diner 	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00PM Bible Study 7:30PM Ministry Team Meetings 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30AM Ministry of Christian Education Team meeting 7:00PM BSA Troop 112 Committee Meeting 7:30PM Ohlone Audubon Society Membership Meeting 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30PM Indivisible Fremont 7:30PM Choir Rehearsal 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30PM Pride Team organizing meeting 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00PM Puzzle Exchange and Scrip Sales 2:00PM Facilities Cleaning 	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:15AM Choir Warm-up 10:00AM Worship 12:15PM Lunch Bunch - Classic Diner 5:00PM BSA Troop 112 PLC Meeting 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00PM Cabinet Leaders meeting 4:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM Finance Committee Meeting 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30AM Bridge Interest Group 7:00PM BSA Troop 112 Meeting 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00PM Vigil of Love 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00AM Bell Deadline 8:00AM Serra Center Med Class 7:30PM Choir Rehearsal 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00AM TCV Toy Party Set-up 2:00PM Facilities Cleaning 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00AM TCV Toy Party
<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:15AM Choir Warm-up 10:00AM Worship 12:00PM Christmas Cookie Exchange 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00PM Bible Study 7:15PM Cabinet 	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30PM PPRC meeting 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00PM Serra Center Christmas Party 7:30PM Choir Rehearsal 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00PM Puzzle Exchange and Scrip Sales 2:00PM Facilities Cleaning 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00PM Choir Rehearsal
<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:15AM Choir Warm-up 10:00AM Worship 12:15PM Lunch Bunch - Frodo Joe's 2:30PM Baptism of Darian Johnson 7:30PM Longest Night Service 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00PM Bible Study 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30PM Book Group 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00PM Christmas Eve Service 	<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day - office closed</p>	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00PM Facilities Cleaning 	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:15AM Choir Warm-up 10:00AM Worship 12:15PM Lunch Bunch - Carmelita's 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00PM Bible Study 	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p> <p>New Year's Day (office closed)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30PM Pride Team organizing meeting 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00PM Puzzle Exchange and Scrip Sales 2:00PM Facilities Cleaning 	<p>3</p>



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