



Forward *in faith*

From the Pastor's Desk

From your Senior Pastor

In the words of one of the Christmas favorites, "It's the most Wonderful Time of the Year." December and Advent are now upon us! Advent is a time of Excitement, Expectation, Anticipation and Preparation. There is so much to do to get ready for Christmas. Shopping to do, cards to send, presents to buy, menus to plan and company to prepare for. We get so busy with the necessities of the Season that we forget the most important things.

During Advent, we are called to actually journey once again with Mary, the young Virgin from Nazareth who is pregnant with the child of God and Joseph her betrothed husband. The journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem is a long and arduous one. And after the difficult journey, there will be "no room in the inn..". The only place for the Savior of the world to be born will be a humble stable, and a manger will become the resting place for the One who has come to bring Light to the darkness.

From my perspective, the best way to begin to grasp the magnitude of the events of Advent and Christmas is to take advantage of the many worship experiences offered at UMCCSC. My Sermon Series for the Sundays in Advent is entitled "Upside Down." Strange name for a Sermon Series, particularly during this time of year. It seems to me that much of the world sees Advent and Christmas Upside Down. In other words, Christmas is all about us - all about gifts, parties and getting what we want. This Sermon Series is to help us see, understand and experience Christmas for what it really is! Pastor Sam will be bringing the Sermon Series, "All Wrapped Up for Christmas" on the Saturday afternoon services

in Advent. Two great Sermon Series offering two different perspectives! Please plan to worship at one or both of these services on Nov 30/Dec 1; Dec 14/15; Dec 21/22.

Of course, we look forward to the Christmas Cantata under the Direction of Jeff Jordan on Saturday, December 7th and Sunday December 8th. This is sure to truly be one of the highlights of the Advent Season. A Blue Christmas Service will be offered on Sunday December 8th at 6:45PM. Our annual Sights and Sounds of Christmas is on December 18th at 5PM and 7PM. Note that Christmas Eve Service are different times than in years past.

**4pm - Contemporary Christmas Eve
Candlelight in LEC**

**5pm - Traditional Christmas Eve
Candlelight in Sanctuary**

**6pm - Contemporary Christmas Eve
Candlelight in LEC**

**7pm - Traditional Christmas Eve
Candlelight in Sanctuary**

**10pm - Traditional Christmas Eve
Candlelight and Communion in Sanctuary**

I will be bringing the message at the 4,5,6 and 7pm Services. Pastor Pam DeDea will be bringing the message and leading the 10pm service as well as bringing the Saturday and Sunday messages on December 28/29. I truly look forward to this beautiful and special season as we prepare to gather around the Manger and welcome our Newborn King and Savior.

Pastor Charlie



Pastor Charlie Rentz

Scripture of the Month

***"For unto us
a child is
born,
unto us a
son is given"***

Isaiah 9:6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Online Giving

Online electronic giving is a convenient, consistent way to help our church grow! Sign up by going to our website, www.sccumc.com and click on the online giving picture like the one at the top of this page. Electronic contributions can be changed or discontinued at any time. Try it out—we think you will like it!

CHURCH DINNER

We are on the patio Sunday mornings selling tickets for our December 10th, church Dinner. The menu is Salad, Sugar Glazed Ham, Sweet Potato Casserole, Broccoli Casserole, Bread & Dessert. The entertainment will be *Frank Cimino and friends*. Stop by our table on the patio and get your tickets today! Only \$10 for dinner and entertainment!



SWAG - SINGLE WOMEN ALWAYS GOING

There will be no Meeting in December because our date would be December 24th. Merry Christmas, and we will see you Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE - Monday, December 9th

We would like to invite all Ladies to join us for a Christmas Luncheon, Monday, December 9 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 19. Reservations can be made by calling Anne at 813-633-4031 . Cost of the Luncheon is \$10.00. Our wonderful Fellowship Committee and Cook--Kirk and will be serving us. We will have devotions, a beautiful Concert presented by Marleta Newberg and, most importantly, a time of Friendship and Joy. A "Christmas Gift" of food for our Food Pantry would be a great way to help someone in need.

SOUTH BAY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING December 17th, 2019

On **Tuesday, December 17th**, the South Bay Genealogical Society will meet in the Life Enrichment Center (LEC). We begin at 10:30 am with a Round Table Discussion. That will be followed by a sit-down luncheon at noon, and then the main presentation by our guest speaker at 1:00 pm. This month's speaker will be Annette Burke Lytle. She will be talking about timelines and how they can be used in your research. The cost is \$15.00 per person for lunch. For reservations and information, call Dotty Love at 813-634-2749. Mail checks to "SBGS" P.O. Box 5202, Sun City Center, Fl. 33571. Your check must be received by **December 5th, 2019**.

EMPTY BOWLS - 'SAVE THE DATE'

We are hosting an 'Empty Bowls' Event on Wednesday, **January 22, 2020** from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm. Empty Bowls is an international project created to fight hunger, personalized by artists and art organizations on a community level.



For a \$15.00 donation, guests will select one of the bowls and will be served a meal of soup, bread and water. These participants will then take home their bowl as a reminder of how many bowls go empty around the world.

100% of the proceeds will benefit the underprivileged in the South Hillsborough County community. Tickets are limited so please purchase yours in the Church office soon!

IT'S ALMOST CHRISTMAS

Blue Christmas Service

Christmas is almost here! So much to do. Soon cards and packages should be in the mail. Church will be full of special events and opportunities for fellowship.

Yet even during this exciting time there is sorrow in my heart. My loved one won't be holding my hand on Christmas Eve. I'm not alone, I know many people feeling the same loss. How do we find some comfort during this season of joy?

Please consider joining us for our annual Blue Christmas candle lighting service. Led by Amanda Jordan, accompanied by beautiful music, Blue Christmas is linked to The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting. This event unites family and friends around the globe in lighting candles to honor the memories of loved ones that have passed away.

Believed to be the largest mass candle lighting on the globe, this event creates a virtual 24-hour wave of light as it moves from time zone to time zone. This is a time of remembrance of those that have passed but will never be forgotten.

Our service will be on Sunday, **December 8th** beginning at **6:45 pm**. Please join us and share this information with others who may find meaning and comfort here.



FROM TIMELY TREASURES



A big THANK YOU to the over 100 volunteers who worked each day during the six days of this fall's Timely Treasures setup and sale. We're so grateful for those who stepped up and said "what can I do to help?". Sometimes the answer was sweeping the floor and taking out the trash. Thanks to Ray, Kirk and the whole kitchen staff who kept us going all week with healthy food and drinks.

Our gross proceeds stand at just over \$33,000. These funds will be used to support the missions and ministries of the church. Some of the projects we've supported so far this year include providing camp scholarships for the UTC youth and the Boy Scouts, providing a meal for the

Watoto Youth Choir and contributing funds for capital projects such as a new projector in the LEC, lights in the sanctuary and the new church-wide computer server. In addition, we were able to purchase two new storage units to cut down on the monthly off-site storage costs.

While we're pleased at the amazing growth of Timely Treasures, we've also outgrown our space! Accordingly, we have instituted some new policies for the future. We will no longer accept the following:

Appliances, Sofas/Loveseats, Recliners, Upholstered chairs, Entertainment centers, China cabinets, Large dressers, Armoires, Beds, Kitchen/Dining tables & chairs, or Particle-board furniture. Any other large pieces determined before or at pickup time.

These items are too big to store and too much for our overworked pickup crew to handle. Thanks for your understanding.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the next sale, February 27 – 29, 2020. Contact Hollie Fox at holliefx@gmail.com if you would like to be added to the volunteer email list.

2020 MISSION OF THE MONTH

After prayerfully reviewing and considering all applications submitted for Mission of the Month for 2020, the Mission Team has selected the following:

January -- Campaign Against Human Trafficking

February – United Methodist Children’s Home

March – JAM (Jesus And Me)

April – India Sister Church

May – UTC (Under The Cross)

June – Cuba Sister Church, San Luis

July – Watoto Children’s Home

August – Pastors’ Discretionary Fund

September – Anchor House and Alzheimers

October – Disaster Relief Team

November – Breakaway Respite Care

December – Haven of Hope

Your Mission Team is made up of knowledgeable and enthusiastic individuals with a heart and passion for missions, both local and international. The members come together to fulfill the Team’s Mission Statement of “Sharing Jesus’ love worldwide through spiritual, educational, physical, and financial support to empower change”. The Team would like to thank the congregation for their continued support.



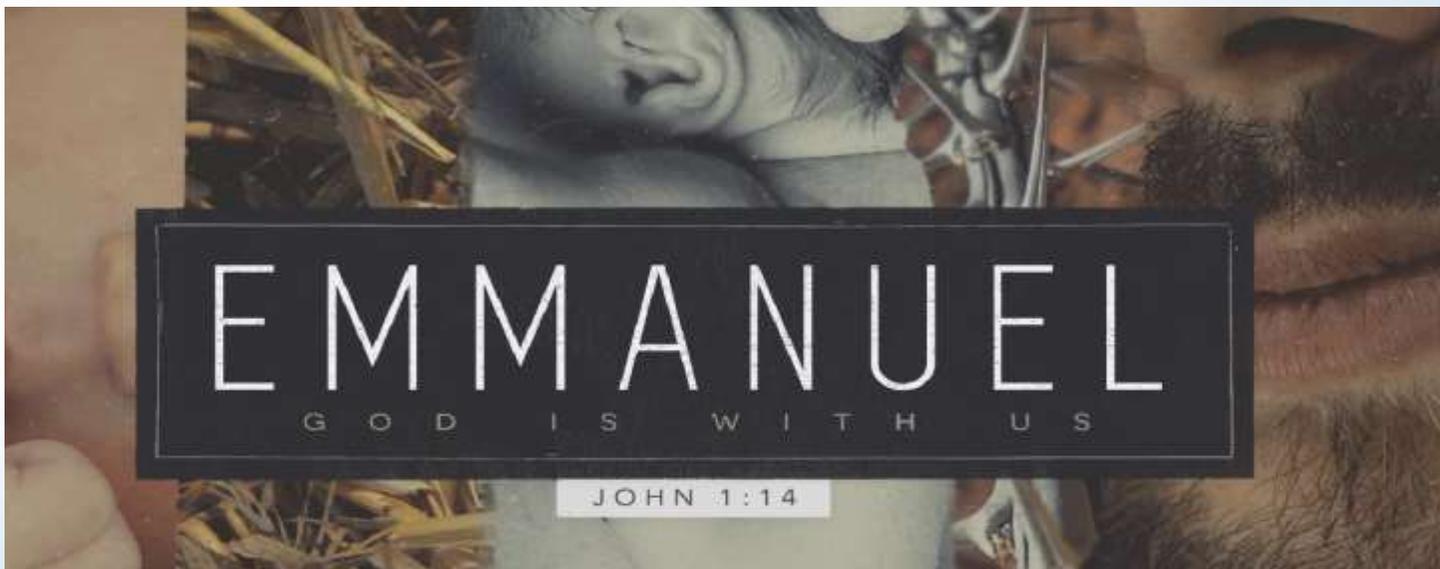
MISSIONS

Love GOD + Love OTHERS + Change the WORLD

Mission of the Month-December

Good Samaritan Mission

The Good Samaritan Mission, established in 1984, is a charitable, non-profit Christian ministry dedicated to holistic approach of enhancing the spiritual, emotional and physical quality of life of migrant farm workers and others living in poverty, by equipping and training individuals to lead healthy and purposeful lives through an incentive learning program. This innovation program allows students to attend classes where they receive tokens they can exchange for food and other goods at the mission's food pantry. Rather than a handout, the "Seeds of Change" program offers recipients an opportunity to educate themselves out of poverty with a sense of gratitude, dignity and community. The goal is to instill its core values of purpose through equipping and training individuals to lead healthy, purposeful lives and bring them closer to God.



FROM MARY PETRO

With prayers of thanks, the Mary Petro Fund recipients accepted warm sweaters, jackets and sweatshirts donated by the Nearly New shop and the Interfaith Council. The Christmas surprise was a fun addition to the December Mary Petro services! Tags were attached to each gift by the Respite Care Ministry (Breakaway) of the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center.



The Mary Petro Food and Medicine Fund serves permanent residents of Sun City Center and Kings Point whose income is less than \$17,000 a year. The office is located at the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center, 1210 Del Webb Blvd. West, and is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am until 2pm. For more information please call the Mary Petro office at 813-634-8306. Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make this happen.

TGIV EVENTS



**Christmas with the Celts
Marcille Wallis & Friends**
Friday, December 6
7PM (\$10 at the door)



**The Promise of Light
UMCSSC Christmas Cantata**
Saturday /Sunday, Dec. 7/8
4PM/9AM & 11AM
Worship Services

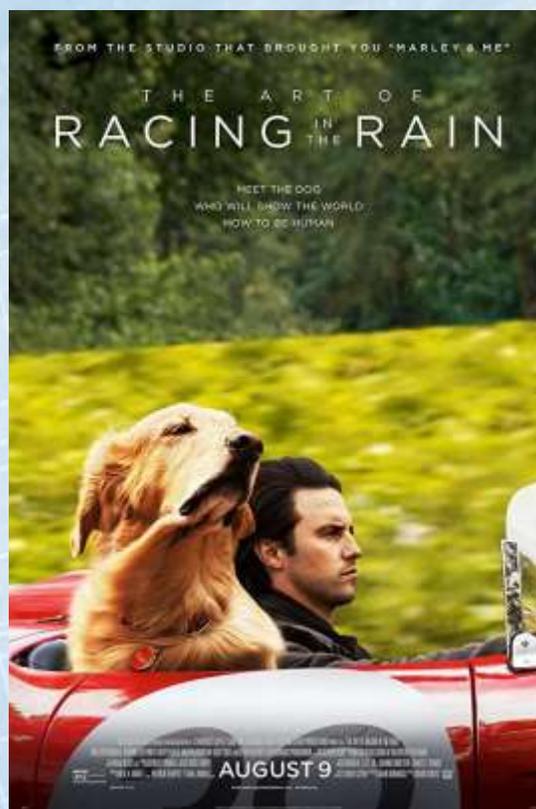


MESSIAH SING-ALONG

Handel "Messiah" Singalong
Sunday, December 15
3PM (free will offering)



Sights & Sounds of Christmas
Wednesday, December 18
5PM & 7PM (free tickets)



December Movie December 13th- free 3:00PM & 6:00PM

Based on the best-selling novel by Garth Stein, **THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN** is a heartfelt tale narrated by a witty and philosophical dog named Enzo (voiced by Kevin Costner). Through his bond with his owner, Denny Swift (Milo Ventimiglia), an aspiring Formula One race car driver, Enzo has gained tremendous insight into the human condition and understands that the techniques needed on the racetrack can also be used to successfully navigate the journey of life. The film follows Denny and the loves of his life - his wife, Eve (Amanda Seyfried), their young daughter Zoe (Ryan Kiera Armstrong), and ultimately, his true best friend, Enzo.

From the *Director of Worship Arts*

Well, THE Season is here, and once again it seemed to sneak up on us very quickly! While the Worship Arts Ministry has been preparing [for months, actually], I'm always surprised when it arrives. The other night Amanda mentioned that she didn't really, as Pastor Charlie likes to say, "get to Bethlehem" last Christmas season. That comment has haunted me since. We were so busy last year with family and church that we barely had time to put up a tree at the house. We've decided that needs to change this year, so we are going to do our best to participate as much as possible in the JOYS of welcoming our Lord and Savior into our lives again. What is that going to take? Well, as Sam preached a couple of weeks ago, we [all] need to try to draw closer to God during Advent. It is, after all, a season of preparation, and preparation means cleansing, purifying, praying, meditating – whatever it takes to move closer to the One in the Driver's seat! What will that bring us – JOY!!!

And there ARE going to be PLENTY of joyous seasonal worship services and events this December. The first of these is a very cool and folksy concert called *Christmas with the Celts* on Friday, the 6th, followed the next two days by our annual Christmas Cantata on Saturday and Sunday the 7th and 8th. This year's beautiful offering, composed by one of our favorite musicians (Joel Raney), is entitled *The Promise of Light*. Just a reminder that the Chancel Choir and instrumentalists will be performing the cantata on Saturday at 4PM as well as at 9 & 11AM on Sunday, and you might find it easier to park for the Saturday presentation [a word to the wise...?]. New this year will be our first ever *Christmas Messiah Sing-Along* on Sunday, the 15th. There will be a single 'warm-up' rehearsal the day before in the sanctuary at 11AM if you'd like to do a little preparation for the 'performance' the next day! On the 18th, most of our musical ensembles along with



the children, youth and Hispanic congregation will present the 5th Annual Sights & Sounds of Christmas. Tickets for the congregation will be available starting on the weekend of the 7th & 8th. Finally, our Christmas Eve Candlelight Services have new times as follows:

- 4PM – Contemporary in the LEC
- 5PM – Traditional in the sanctuary
- 6PM – Contemporary in the LEC [had to add one since we were SRO last 2 years!]
- 7PM – Traditional in the sanctuary
- 10PM – Traditional Communion in the Sanctuary [led by Pastor Pam & Steve]

I wish all of you a very merry and blessed Christmas season. Thanks for spending part of it with your church family... you ARE loved!!

Soli Deo Gloria
Jeff



From Our Ministries

Support Groups

CARE GIVER SUPPORT GROUP

As a caregiver, you may get tired, frustrated and may feel alone in your daily care giving. Care Givers Support Group is here to share, give each other support, and you will find out there is no judgement. Come see that you have friends that are here to help you cope by listening, laughing together, offering suggestions and support with your 24-hour-a-day journey. We also have written material that you can take home to read that may help. This is a Christian based group, but you do not have to be a member of the United Methodist Church. All are welcome. We meet twice a month, on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday, at 2:00 p.m. in room 12. If you have any questions, please call Kit Carson 706-897-9526 or Sharon Carson 706-897-9770 or our home phone, 813-419-4735.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE DRT (Disaster Response Team)

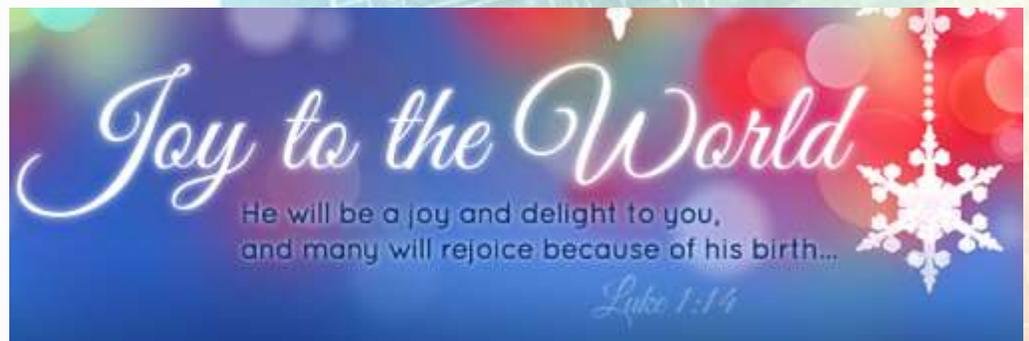
Mission of the Month

First of all, the DRT wants to thank everyone who supported DRT during November Mission of the Month through donations and purchases of the nail crosses!

Recycling

The DRT collects both aluminum cans and scrap metal to raise money. If you have either cans or scrap metal, please check out the bins in back of the church by the storage sheds. The bins are clearly marked and have directions. Remember, your junk can help the efforts of the DRT as well as recycling metals. In 2019 the DRT has received \$765.00 from the sale of aluminum cans and \$1600.00 from the sale of scrap metal. Please do your part to help the environment and the DRT.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!



NEW BIBLE STUDY

Christianity and World Religions: Wrestling with Questions People Ask

ADAM HAMILTON
**Christianity
AND
World Religions**
Wrestling With Questions People Ask



Why are there so many different religions? How should Christians view other religions? How is God at work in other religions? Presenter Adam Hamilton will describe how Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism began, present some of their essential teaching and suggest ways in which they differ from and are similar to Christianity. A leader from each religion will be interviewed as part of the study. Adam Hamilton will also explore some of the basic beliefs of Christianity that are at the core of our religion. We will explore how these religions affect us in our diverse society.

This Christianity and World Religions study is for both men & women and has been requested after the conclusion of Hamilton's study of various denominations. We will be offering two opportunities to participate in this 6 week study beginning Tuesday **January 7** through February 11 in room 19. Join the discussion at either 10:00am or 6:30 pm. Study books will be available at Pages of Life. Please call the office to register for this study.

SEE YOU AT THE CONCERT!

KEVIN GOODENOW

Concert Coordinator

So it's December, already? Who approved that? Wow, that's hard to believe. But here we are. We still have one more concert this year, *Christmas With The Celts* on December 6, 2019. More on that in a moment.

Thank you so much for supporting our TGIV Concert Series. Of course, we do it for you! We know you love great music, whatever style and whoever might perform it. But that's the thing. We began as far back as 2017 to really take a hard look at what kind of concerts we were bringing you. We looked at attendance, crowd involvement and enjoyment, feedback, etc. We wanted to figure out just what kind of shows you really wanted. And I think we have learned a lot in that time. We have historically had attendance of around 6,000 people per year at our concert series, and it hasn't wavered much. Until 2019. By the end of November we were already over 7,000. With the same number of concerts. But we have "tweaked" the mix of styles and music genres we have brought to you, and it seems to have worked. Of course, I invite you to give me your honest feedback about any concert we host. It's how we learn. And we want to bring you what you enjoy!

Back to *Christmas With The Celts*. This will be the 10th consecutive year We have kicked off the Christmas season with this concert. Marcille Wallis And Friends have always presented a wonderful program, complete with her mastery of the hammered dulcimer, Don Pigeon's excellence on many traditional Celtic instruments, and Matt Miller's "monster" playing on his award-winning fiddle. And it's all rounded out with Sebastian's world-class Celtic dancing. What a terrific way to begin the Christmas season and get into the Christmas spirit. Come check out this concert at 7:00p.m. on December 6. You'll be glad you did.

As a general reminder, we have many other wonderful music events to attend in December that are not part of our TGIV series. There is our choir's annual Christmas cantata presentation on Dec 7 and 8 during our weekend traditional worship services. Then on Sunday afternoon, December 15 (3:00) there is a "sing-along" presentation of *The Messiah* featuring our own chancel choir with friends from the community. And then on Wednesday, December 18 we will again host "The Sights and Sounds Of Christmas". What a wonderful opportunity to invite your friends or neighbors to our church. And what a way to share your faith. So consider bringing a guest to our church in December. They will enjoy some great music. And who knows? Maybe they will come back again and again. As always....See you at the concert!

Come
celebrate
with us!

Holiday Events & Services

SouthShore Community Thanksgiving Service

November 26th at 7PM

Christmas with the Celts

December 6th at 7PM

Christmas Choral Cantata

December 7th at 4PM and 8th at 9AM & 11AM

Blue Christmas Service: When Christmas Hurts

December 8th at 6:45PM

Handel's Messiah Sing-Along

December 15th at 3PM

The Sights & Sounds of Christmas

December 18th at 5PM & 7PM

Christmas Candlelight Services

December 24th at 4PM & 6PM - contemporary
5PM & 7PM - traditional

FROM OUR YOUTH

Hello Church Family!! It has been another amazing month!! Last month we went on our Fall Retreat and this retreat has been like no other. The theme for this retreat was ARMY OF GOD! We learned and discussed how we can be great soldiers for God. We talked about the armor of God. We learned of the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shoes of peace, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit. We learned how we can use the armor of God in our everyday lives. We talked about the importance of each piece of armor and how it could bring us closer to God. We understood that each piece of armor was a way to protect us from letting Satan into our hearts and minds. But we also realized that each piece of armor was a good way to KEEP and PROTECT God in us. A bible verse that went really well with our retreat is Ephesians 6:11, "Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."

We had such an incredible time with the activities. We did some really fun team building activities where we actually managed to grow closer to each other. We were able to do the rope course. The two activities we were able to do was the "catwalk" and the "leap of faith". Both of them included harnesses and ropes and helmets and courage and a lot faith...but was really an amazing

experience. And as always with our retreats we were able to open up completely and allow God in while we worshipped. We had some very emotional moments that were needed for quite a few of us.

A few of the other youth wanted to say a few words about the retreat, Anthony says, "It was an opportunity for me to make a stronger relationship with God and the other youth."

Liam said "It was a nice vacation for me to make a stronger relationship with God and the other youth."

Uvaldo said "God really showed himself and I felt like I got some stuff off my chest."

Donaldo wanted to say "We all got closer, it was a great and moving experience, and we learned and got closer to God."

We had such an amazing, wonderful, life changing experience and we couldn't be more grateful. The Youth would like to thank you for making this trip possible. This trip was definitely like no other and I will remember this retreat for the rest of my life.

God bless you all!!

-Keilah Ramirez

5th ANNUAL SIGHTS & SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, December 18th at 5PM & 7PM



*Sights and Sounds
of Christmas*
Wednesday, December 18th

Celebrate this holiday season with the 5th annual Sights and Sounds of Christmas. An exciting evening of music and drama created by our talented and multi-generational ministries. There will be identical shows at 5PM and 7:00PM and free tickets will be available at the church starting Monday, December 2nd during church office hours 9AM to 4PM. For more information please call the church office.

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Please plan to attend our annual "Sights & Sounds of Christmas". This free event is a gift to the community from our church and sponsored by our Community Connections team led by Jane Keegan. "Sights & Sounds" offers a variety of Christmas music featuring children, youth, bell choir, dancers, and choral and instrumental ensembles from our Anglo and Hispanic congregations. This magical evening of light and sound culminates with a living tableau of the Nativity to remind us of the greatest gift of all - our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Although the event is free, space is limited. Tickets may be picked up beginning Saturday, **December 7 at the 4PM worship service, and Sunday, December 8** and thereafter.

A PRAYER FOR THE
First Sunday of Advent

God of light and life,
give us hope as we wait
for your coming again.
When we are tempted
to be grateful to have found you
while others are lost,
send us out into the darkness
in search of those
who need you most.
Amen.



A PRAYER FOR THE
Second Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you came among us
with the irresistible power of a baby,
requiring both our hands
and captivating our whole hearts.
Help us to cast aside the sin
and brokenness that we cling to,
so we might be ready to hold you
when you come again.
Amen.



A PRAYER FOR THE
Third Sunday of Advent

Joy-filled Giver of Life,
let the anticipation of your birth
fill us with overflowing joy.
May our excitement and anticipation
be a sign to the world
that you are always near.
Amen.



A PRAYER FOR THE
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you are constantly coming to your people,
even when we fail to see you.
In each and every moment that we are blessed
to recognize you here and now,
give us the courage to leap with joy at your coming.
Amen.



Some ideas for you to help celebrate Advent!

Making An Advent Wreath and more!

Advent is the season when we prepare ourselves to receive God's gift of Jesus. It is a time of getting ready for the celebration of Christmas. Here are some ways you can prepare yourself and your family for celebrating Jesus' birth:

Make an Advent Wreath.

The wreath, because it is a circle, symbolizes God's never-ending love. The wreath, because it is green, symbolizes life. An Advent wreath contains 4 candles representing the four Sundays leading to Christmas. In the center many people place a white candle symbolizing Jesus. You can make a wreath using a foam base, greenery, and purple candles. If you do not have a foam base, place your candles in candle holders. Arrange them in a circle, with the white candle in the

middle. Place greenery around the candles. Use the devotions on this page.

Make an Advent prayer chain.

Use construction paper cut into 24 strips. Write a prayer concern on each strip. Tape the first strip into a circle. Take the second strip and insert into the first before taping into a circle. Continue until you have a chain. On Sunday November 28, open your first strip and pray together as a family for what is on the strip.

Make a family blessing jar.

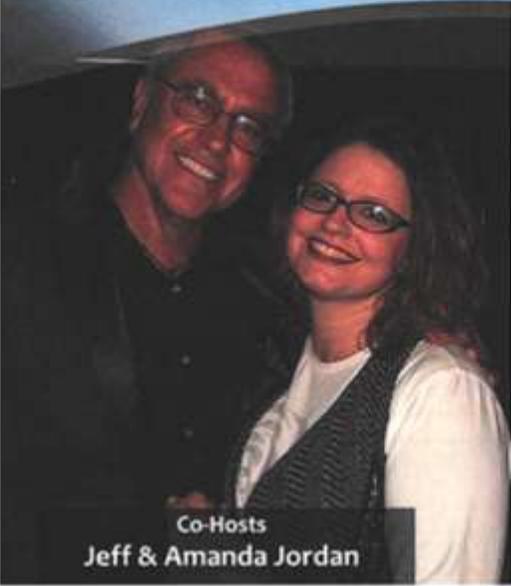
Place an empty jar on your dining table. Each day during Advent, think of one blessing for which you are thankful. Write it onto a slip of paper and put it in the jar. On Christmas day, pour out the blessings. Read them together and give thanks to God for the blessings you have enjoyed during Advent.

FROM OUR HISPANIC MINISTRY

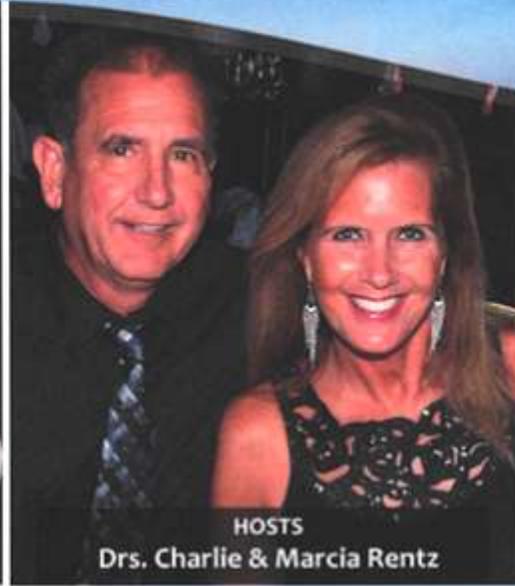
The Hispanic Ministry celebrated its 7th Anniversary at the end of August. In case you didn't attend, Se lo pierdo!!! When Hispanics say that, it means you missed out (on something good). We had such a great time celebrating all what God has given this ministry in 7 years. We thank the Pastors and Anglo congregation and Rev. Rinaldo Rivera and his wife who came to celebrate with us. Our ushers and members gathered to decorate the church beautifully. Once everything was set and the service started the group of worship sang bilingual songs, and then *The Debora* dance group performed, which was coordinated by our sister Claudia. It was so beautiful. The dance even brought our Pastora into tears, the women dancing have prayed hard for their families, their husbands, and children and for themselves. God has come through in his promises, and it brought Pastora to happy tears. *The Generation del Reino*, danced with their teacher Ivelisse with tambourines. It was beautiful to see how many girls are dancing for the kingdom of God. We thank God for their teacher who has not only helped them perform a praise dance but has also insisted the girls to bring their bible to practice so she can teach them the word of God and understand that they are dancing for God. The Youth did a glow in the dark skit, and afterwards some of the Youth showed the skills they have been learning on the guitar

from our brother Felix. Our newest ministries were Generation de Gigantes (Gigi). They are the grandparents in our church and they performed a poem. Afterwards, the children's ministry "Chiquitos pero fuertotes" which means "Little ones but strong ones" sang 'My God is not old' and the group with Magali had everyone to get up and sing. Afterwards, Rev. Rinaldo came with a powerful sermon. He stated when he entered into the service in the beginning when we were praying, that God had revealed to him words that the congregation needed to hear. Rev. Rinaldo proclaimed what the Spirit told him, "Today is the 1st day of the 8th year. Seven years have passed, a cycle has ended and a new cycle of seven more years has started. This is the new cycle for the church. This is the year of fulfillment, to start new things, the cycle of multiplication. Seven years you have spent harvesting, now is the time of harvest. This is the cycle of expansion, this is your Jerusalem, and we will extend until the end of the Earth. This is time of explosion of God. The fuel needed comes from The Holy Spirit." Overall, a powerful service filled with The Holy Spirit as our special guest of honor. Now that the word of God has been given to his church, like Psalm 20:4 says, "May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed." Amen.

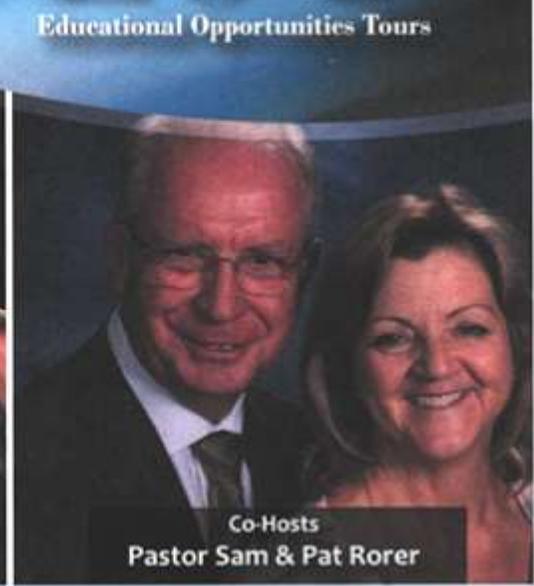




Co-Hosts
Jeff & Amanda Jordan



HOSTS
Drs. Charlie & Marcia Rentz



Co-Hosts
Pastor Sam & Pat Rorer

Join Drs. Charlie and Marcia Rentz

Return to Israel 2021

September 13-24, 2021



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8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

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Sunday
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Senior Pastor

Rev. Samuel Rorer
Sr. Associate Pastor

Rev. Pam DeDea
Associate Pastor

Pastora Yamiley
Martinez
Hispanic Pastor

Rev. Frank McClendon
Pastor of Visitation

Saturday Service Times

4:00 PM Casual, *LEC*

Sunday Service Times

8:00 AM Contemporary, *LEC*

9:00 AM Traditional, *Sanctuary*

10:00 AM Contemporary, *LEC*

11:00 AM Traditional, *Sanctuary*

4:00 PM Hispanic, *LEC*

“The Pages of Life Bookstore”

Christmas is quickly approaching. Stop by the bookstore and avoid the crowds at the mall! We have all your Christmas needs from Devotionals to gifts for grandchildren. The bookstore is located outside Creason Hall.

Hours:

Pages of Life is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:30AM-12:30PM and Sunday 10AM - 12:30PM