

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, December 26: First Sunday after Christmas

10:30AM In-person Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall
BRING A GIFT TO EXCHANGE (\$10 LIMIT)
No Children's Worship

Wednesday, December 29:

Choir will not meet
No Children or Youth Activities

Saturday, January 1: **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

11-1:30PM Take-out Lunch (Kitchen)
All Volunteers Are Welcome!

Sunday, January 2: Epiphany and Holy Communion

9:30AM **Adult Bible Study:** "The Light of Home"
John 1:1-9, 10-18 (Facilitator: Rev. June Grubb)

10:30AM **Worship Service:**
IN THE PULPIT: Rev. Evan Sieges

Following Worship
Prayer Circle

WAYS TO SERVE OTHERS

- **Through December 31:** Give Alternative Gifts for Christmas **OR** place an angel on our Angel Tree to support our church benevolences
- **Through December 31:** Donate to The Christmas Fund (*formerly The Veterans of the Cross and The Emergency Fund*)
- Volunteer to **serve or cook** for Saturday Lunch Ministry
- Sort clothes or fill orders in Clothes Ministry

Contact the church office if you have questions.

More details may be found in the December 2021 Newsletter.

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First Reformed United Church of Christ

Where People Discover...

The Love of God...

The Power to Love Others...

The Ability to Love Ourselves.

December 26, 2021

The Worship of God

Frist Sunday after Christmas

Prelude

Christopher Kiser

Welcome

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

***Congregational Hymn**

"Joy to the World"

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Prayer

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:41-52

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. When he was 12 years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to their custom. After the festival was over, they were returning home, but the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't know it. Supposing that he was among their band of travelers, they journeyed on for a full day while looking for him among their family and friends. When they didn't find Jesus, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple. He was sitting among the teachers, listening to them and putting questions to them. Everyone who heard him was amazed by his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were shocked.

His mother said, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Listen! Your father and I have been worried. We've been looking for you!"

Jesus replied, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that it was necessary for me to be in my Father's house?" But they didn't understand what he said to them.

Jesus went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. His mother cherished every word in her heart. ⁵² Jesus matured in wisdom and years, and in favor with God and with people.

Meditation

"Finding Home"

Intergenerational Activity

Closing Song

Keri Hartle

Gift Exchange

***Benediction**

Postlude

Christopher Kiser

Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Ps. 98:4

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth re-
 2. Joy to the earth! the Sav-ior reigns; let all their
 3. No more let sins and sor-rows grow, nor thorns in-
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev-ery heart pre-pare him room,
 songs em-ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless-ings flow
 na-tions prove the glo-ries of his right-eous-ness,

and heaven and na-ture sing, and heaven and na-ture
 re-peat the sound-ing joy, re-peat the sound-ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won-ders of his love, and won-ders of his
 (1.) and heaven and na-ture sing,

heaven and na-ture sing,
 joy, re-peat, re-peat the sound-ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won-ders, won-ders of his love.

heaven and na-ture sing,

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719; para. of Psalm 98
 MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1848; based on G. F. Handel, 1742

ANTIOCH
 C.M.Repeats

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IS AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

We welcome into the full life and ministry of the church all people, regardless of ability, age, education, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, income, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction. At the baptismal font and at the communion table, from the nursery cribs to the church leadership, whether you were raised in a church or have never, before attended one, you are welcome here.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

LITURGIST: June Grubb

USHERS: Ann Hoffman, Doris Sink, Rich Johnson

SOUND TECH: Dave Fulton

ACOLYTE: Lucas Peterson

BIBLE STEWARD: Ethan Lovell

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



We extend Sympathy to and share Christian Hope with Eddie Yates and family upon the death of his father, Ronald Yates, who passed away December 16th.

Jeremy Lovell (recovering from surgery), Alisa Johnson (recovering from surgery)

AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Peggy Bates, Sherry Bonner, Lee & Ellen Bouchard, Ruth Essick, Pattie Everhart, Vogen Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Jeff Hutchens, Marguerite Leonard, Deanna Michael, John Potts & Janette Neal, Lib Sink, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

OUR FRIENDS:

*Nicole Holste (Alane Holste's sister-in-law), *Family of Will Swaim (friend of Alane Holste), Ed Leonard (Sylvia Walser's brother), Miller Abernathy (Sylvia Walser's son-in-law), The family of Evelyn York (friend of Alane Holste), The Family of Ruth "P-nut" Kennedy (friend of Alane Holste), Marc Frye (son of the late Doris Frye, Ashley Thomason (Ron & Heidi Hutcheson's daughter-in-law)

CELEBRATIONS

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

27th...Renee White

28th...Walter Hoffman

Susan Miller

30th...Keith Johnson

Belinda Yates

31st...Camill Freeman

Myrtle Latimer

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

1st...Geraldine Hill

Tom Phillips