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Notes for the Journey

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Library—New Book

We have a wonderful church library with books for all ages and interests. If you haven't checked it out, we encourage you to do so to find something for the upcoming cold winter months.

We are also excited to announce we have a new book, "The Alphabet Prayer" by Linda Seger and Peter LeVar. It is a book of short devotions and prayers. It also includes beautiful calligraphy work by our very own Matthew Wright. Matt donated a copy to us as "a thank you for all the support he received from the church, its leaders, and the wonderful church family throughout the years. Thanks Matt.

Christmas Outreach Meal

Just about 3 weeks before preparations will begin for the Christmas Outreach Meal at the Immanuel United Methodist Church. They begin on December 22 and will deliver the meal on Christmas Eve morning.

As in the past they will need cakes for dessert. If you can provide a cake, please deliver it on December 23.

Help on each day will be greatly appreciated. There's lots of cooking and cleanup for an undertaking like this. Go any time and they will put you to work.

Miss A Sunday?

Have you ever missed a Sunday and then when you came back Pastor Steve made a reference to something in the previous week's sermon and you wondered what it was about?

You don't have to wonder any more. An audio recording of each week's sermon is posted on our church website each Wednesday along with that week's newsletter.

Lectionary Scripture

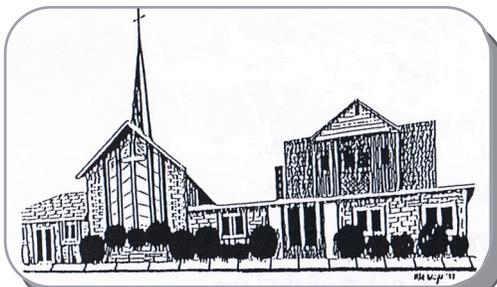
(for December 11, 2016)

Isaiah 35:1-10

Luke 1:47-55

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11



Thought of the Week

This week we looked at the incredible trust Mary demonstrated, allowing God to break into her life and use her to be a part of His plan. In Luke 1:26-38, we observed three things.

1. She embraced the fact that God was with her so she need not fear.

2. She embraced the fact that she was highly favored. She was loved by the God.

3. Because He loved her and was with her, she was able to allow Him to break into her life and use her "I am the Lord's servant, . . . May your word to me be fulfilled." This resulted in her song in vs. 46-55 often referred to as the 'Magnificat'. As she trusted in God, she learned to focus on/magnify the God who was with her and loved her instead of the problems/circumstances surrounding her.

May we embrace His love and presence this holiday season, magnifying Him and allowing Him to break into our hearts and lives in such a way that His hope, love, joy and peace overflow to all we meet.

Mission Trip Fundraiser

Hey everyone, come out to Monical's Pizza on Wednesday, December 14, all day, for some great food and help the Youth with fundraising for their 2017 Mission Trip.

Use the flyers available when you go so they can give us credit for your purchase. Thanks for your help.



Mission

A community of believers
endeavoring to live and love
as Jesus taught.
Come—Experience
Community!

