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WORSHIP IN DECEMBER

Sunday Worship at 10:30 AM

December 4th -2nd Sunday of Advent - Peace, we end our Stewardship drive by looking back at the early Christian community and how they came together, learning how to pray, grow, and share. May we have hearts and minds and a strong community that echoes their Faith and Giving.

December 11th 3rd Sunday of Advent - Love, love is patient and kind, but it also seeks the best for our neighbors and even our enemies, which is why justice cannot be separated out from God's kingdom or loving our neighbors. The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John the Baptist sending disciples to Jesus in order to find out if Jesus is truly the Christ, the Messiah. Jesus responds in a surprising way.

December 11th— 4:00PM -Blue Christmas Service, many people struggle through the holidays for a variety of reasons. They can't find peace, love, or joy and have little hope that it's going to get better. Come and join us to remember that all don't have a Merry Christmas and that it is alright to have feelings of anxiety, depression, grief, and even anger. During this service, we will also be honoring and remembering EvaLyn Carlson

December 18th—4th Sunday of Advent- Joy, on this Sunday, it is time to get together and have some fun. We will be inviting everyone and anyone to show up at 9:30 to practice for our Christmas Pageant 2022. We will need narrators, Mary and Joseph, Shepherds, Angels, Wise Ones, and an Inn Keeper. We also need townspeople to keep us going.

December 24th—Christmas Eve Service, we will gather once again outside to sing some Christmas carols and then go inside the sanctuary to hear the story of Jesus' birth as told by the Gospel of Luke. We will end our service with candle lighting and singing Silent Night to fill the world with the peace that passes all understanding.

No Christmas Day Service: Sleep in and spend time with family and friends.

Pastor's Column

We know that Advent is a season of preparation. We decorate our homes, bake Christmas cookies, prepare Christmas cards, buy, and wrap Christmas presents, prepare ourselves for the Christmas parties we don't want to go to, traveling by car or plane, receiving guests, and, for some people, we prepare for the assault of our senses with lights, smells, and songs that seem to blast 24/7.

Advent is the beginning of the church's calendar year. We are preparing for the birth of Jesus. The church also tells us we are preparing for the return of Jesus. That is why we often have the prophets speaking during the season of Advent focusing on John the Baptist who helps to prepare the way, not just for the Babe in the Manger, but for Jesus' ministry as well.

Advent can also be a time to prepare to meet the incarnate Christ. The one with flesh and bone, joys, and sorrows. Namaste is the Buddhist greeting of the god in me greets the god in you. Jesus tells us that he is in God's heart and God is in his and we can be in their heart and them in ours. AND, we also have Jesus tell us that as we have helped the least of these, we have helped him. In other words, our neighbor, created in the image of God, is the person in whom we find Christ. "Where two or three are gathered, I am also there."

We need joy! We need to be surrounded by love, music, sights, smells, and good things that remind us that the world and all that is in it is God's and blessed. Good things are abundant! There is enough for all our needs! Love is in the air!

We need peace! We need those quiet moments away from the ruckus of the world. We need gentle light, comforting food, and a safe place away from the worries and dangers of the world. We are to lie down in green quilts beside crackling fireplaces.

Thus, sing with gusto and nap when you can. It has never been an either/or, but always is a both/and. Jesus was born in a barn, surrounded by animals, shepherds, angels, and a whole host of people. We sing Joy to the World and Silent Night, hopefully with trumpets and a cappella.

May this Advent and Christmas season bring you a little hope, love, peace, and joy! May we, as the church, bring our community some of those as well.

Peace,
Pastor Enno

DECEMBER PRAYER OF THE MONTH

God of Light, as the days get shorter and night gets longer, we turn our attention to you. Your true light shines in our hearts, in our lives, and through our church. Through this season of Advent, help us prepare our hearts and our homes to receive you. May we be renewed in our relationship with you. May we see you in this world and in our neighbors. May we share your hope, peace, joy, and love with all. In Jesus' name we pray, who with you and the Holy Spirit reign over our world and our hearts. Amen

A Message From a Board Member

From Jenny Delfs

It's dark a lot these days. Daylight savings time doesn't help. It just gets darker and darker as we get closer to the winter solstice. I like that I get to bed earlier, but the days are too darn short, and my engrained holiday striving/stressing makes them feel shorter. There is a lot of darkness in the world too. It all makes me a tad melancholy and looking for ways to add a little light in this time.

There are 3 odd little windows in the house that Jeff built. Every year, after Thanksgiving, I put battery powered candles that glow when it is dark, turn off in the day. It's not an easy job. I have to use a ladder to get to 2 of them, carry it upstairs. The batteries last most of the winter but then the candles wait unlit and gathering dust till next year. It is ridiculous how much these 3 silly plastic candles cheer my heart.... As do the over-the-top bright pink flowered sheets I put on our bed.

The wood stove brightens and warms the living room. I light real candles when I chat at home there in the evenings... just because they are pretty. Eventually, we'll add an overloaded spindly Christmas tree and with its colored lights. It's all kind of cozy. I try to remember to breathe.

There is a light box in my office at work that tricks my brain into forgetting the sun wasn't up when I got there and is already down when I leave. I try to at least get out at lunch time for a few minutes... doesn't always happen.

Even after dark, I can celebrate that I live in a dark enough place to see the stars, even in town. Winter sunsets and sunrises amaze. And if I'm lucky, I'll see the dancing lights of the aurora borealis.

I love the ritual of the advent candles and the lights for hope, peace, joy, and love. A time to prepare. A time to reflect. What do I hope for? What can I do to bring peace to the world around me? What joy quickened my soul today? How can I show love more fully? Each week brings us closer to Christmas when we celebrate the arrival of the Light. *The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. John 1:9*

Pastor Enno often reminds us, during his benediction, that we are called to be salt, leavening and light to the world. Let's strive to bring what ever light we can. Let's see it in each other and celebrate that. *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:5.*
Happy Advent.

ON THAT NIGHT by Jan Richardson

A Blessing
On that night when
you are holding
your very last hope,
thinking to let it go
as too small to be saved
or sanctified.
on that night when
you turn away at last
from the far horizon
over which you had thought
your life would come
to find you;
on that night,
believe me,
this is where
the ache
will give way
to the mystery
and the blessing
that seemed so distant
will quietly
come to meet you,
holding your heart
in its two
luminous hands.

**First Congregational United Church of Christ, Grand Marais
Board of Directors Meeting
November 15, 2022**

Present (on Zoom): Tom Yuhasey, Carol Bennett, John Bottger, Jen Delfs, Kevin LeVoir, Bruce Tyler, Carol Winter, Enno Limvere

Call to order 5:05 p.m.

We heard a presentation by Sandy Stover on the Maple Hill Cemetery Details later in minutes.

Mission Statement read by Tom

Brief statement of Joys and Concerns by members. Check-in requested for recently widowed member.

Pastor's question omitted due to length of agenda.

Communication Agreement read by Tom.

October BOD minutes previously approved for November newsletter.

Agenda as amended was approved. Motion by Jen Delfs; seconded by Carol Bennett. Unanimous acceptance.

Maple Hill Cemetery:

Sandy Stover, who represents this church on the Cemetery Board, reported on the history and current situation, clarified a number of questions. Noted that the Church voted a few years ago to sell the cemetery, but now that appears unfeasible as it is not possible or cost-effective to contact all heirs of those buried in the cemetery for their approval.

-It is feasible to lease the property to the Maple Hill Cemetery Association for a nominal fee, granting them the obligation for care and management and releasing the church from liability.

-Reviewed a draft Lease Agreement; document needs editing of details to be ready to sign.

-Sandy will write up the history for the January Newsletter in preparation for the January Annual Meeting vote on the lease agreement.

Current business

Financial Report: Kevin LeVoir submitted the written documents in advance of the meeting:

-Income is a few thousand dollars less than budgeted or pledged to date. Expenses were less than anticipated, October cash flow was positive.

-Congregants are to be reminded to complete their pledges before year's end.

-Donations for Neighbors in Need, other national gatherings received to date have been sent.

-The Bookkeeping software (Quickbooks) will substantially increase the subscription fee in 2023; Alternatives are being sought:

1-Share the prorated cost of software used by the bookkeeper.

2-Subscribe to Realm, the UCC church administration software available from the national setting.

-Draft Budget for 2023 will be presented at the December BOD meeting.

-Motion to accept: Jen Delfs, second John Bottger; Unanimous.

Newsletter articles due: November 28. Jenny will write the Board reflection.

December BOD Meeting: Tuesday, December 13.

Helping Hands Request: A request by a congregant was discussed to have the church enter into what was termed a "helping hands" assistance program to aid individuals in the county who need more help in their lives than is presently available. The services suggested would have varied from giving rides, picking things up for people as well as assisting at their homes- which could involve light plumbing and electrical work. The board agreed there are cases where needs are not being met but to commit the church to such an endeavor, and possible liability, would be difficult. The board concluded that it would be best for our church to support existing programs and assist those in need privately, as most are already doing. The moderator will contact the congregant as soon as possible to explain our decision.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Enno sent a report prior to the meeting.

Highlights:

- Attended the Restorative Justice Workshop in Schroeder, Nov. 11-12
- New people are checking us out.
- Advent and Christmas Services
 - Blue Christmas. Dec. 11, 4 p.m.
 - Christmas program Dec 18 Worship;
 - Dec. 18, after worship: Cookie Sale to benefit Youth Trip, Donations of cookies needed
 - Carolling with bonfire, Weds, Dec 21, 6 p.m. Daytime caroling at Care Center not advisable at this time.
 - Christmas Eve Worship, Saturday, Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
 - Christmas Day on Sunday: no service

Procedure for Nov. 20 Vote on Electrification Resolution; Brief business meeting to continue in person only.

Informal Discussion on Mission Statement following business meeting.

Note: the task force agreed to meet on Monday, Nov. 28, 7 p.m. at church to collate comments and craft the next round of possible texts.

Request to offer nametags to wear during worship and gatherings: Motion to accept Steve Aldrich's offer to purchase a box of nametags for self-identification: Carol Bennett; second? _____ Nametag discussion outcome was a qualified yes - dvantages narrowly outweighing reservations - try and see and no one has to wear one....

Thanksgiving Dinner arrangements: Bruce

Food ordered from Johnson's and the Hub; planning for at least 120 plus volunteer meals. Helen Carter taking both reservations and volunteer names. As of 15th had 106 reservations.

Committee Business

- Care Team: It was decided that this report is no longer needed, as the pastor is taking those visits and calls. (Once the pandemic is over there may be a need again?)
 - Pastoral relations: Meets at least 8 times yearly
 - Finance: Weekly reports of deposits; Budget preliminary for December Board Meeting
 - Stewardship: Letters to be sent. Mailing party on Thursday, Nov. 17. Tom and Kevin
 - Children and Youth: Christmas program and Cookie sale, Dec. 18.
 - Memorials: No report
 - Building and Grounds: Prioritizing major projects for coming year
 - Outreach: WOW has received the offer of a shed to store bikes off season from Beth Kennedy. Help will be needed to move bikes to storage.
 - Rooted and Rising: Raised planters are nearly ready to install. Next business: setting up the Outdoor Advent Wreath.
 - Food Team: Jenny will write notice for Newsletter (and Mail Chimp?) about the Youth Cookie Sale.
- Meeting Adjourned: 6:46 p.m.
Submitted by Bruce Tyler

Treasurer's Report for December 2022 Newsletter

The October 2022 (latest fully available information) Financial Report shows a total income of \$16,227.11 and expenses of \$10,892.91 (See Detail Below). This means that the Church's Income was more than its Expenses by \$5,334.20.

Income for October 2022	
Pledged Donations	\$ 15,060.83
Non-Pledged Donations	\$ 260.00
Loose Plate Offering	\$ 130.00
Building Use	\$ 112.00
Income from Outside Sources	\$ 663.49
Pass Through Donation	\$ -
Interest Income	\$ 0.79
	\$ 16,227.11
Expenses for October 2022	
General Expenses (Pastor, Staff, Building, Loan Interest)	\$ 10,643.06
Loan Principle	\$ 249.85
	\$ 10,892.91
Difference	\$ 5,334.20

The full report for October is available in the Church office.

Mission Statement Revision Project

The Mission Statement Task Force thanks everyone who attended our listening session on November 20 or sent us their thoughts and written suggestions. We offer the congregation the following proposed new mission statement in response to your comments and suggestions.

At First Congregational United Church of Christ,
We welcome all,
We celebrate and honor Creation,
We explore the mysteries of our Faith,
We work for justice and peace.

Please consider these questions: Does this say who we are at this moment? Is it a useful guide for making decisions? Did we leave out anything essential? Please send your comments to the members of the task force: Steve Aldrich, Jenny Delfs, Bruce Tyler, Carol Winter.

Watch for the next listening session in early January. After that listening session we hope to propose a statement that could be accepted unanimously at the January 29, 2023, Annual Meeting.

Pizza and Social Justice Christmas Cookie Sale

The Christmas Cookie Sale is Back!
And this year, it's a Youth Fundraiser!

It's been a few years since we last held the much loved Christmas cookie share/fundraiser. This year it's back, and proceeds will benefit the youth group: Pizza & Social Justice (7-12th graders)! Youth are raising funds to travel to Washington, DC next summer 2023 to learn & practice advocating for social change. The cookie share will be the first of our youth fundraising efforts.

Here's how the Christmas cookie fundraiser will work:

- * Community & members are invited to bring in baked cookies ahead of time or on the morning of December 18th.
- * After church on Dec 18, everyone is invited to come downstairs to fill a box of assorted cookies. (Boxes & gloves provided) Each box is a suggested donation of \$20. Youth will be on hand to visit and assist.
- * In particular, we'd welcome some gluten and dairy free options among the many traditional cookies!

What a fun and delicious way to support our growing youth programs and enjoy many assorted cookies without baking them all yourself!

Questions or more info: contact Kristin Wharton 218-370-8085. Thank you!

Thanksgiving 2022 Summary– COVID Safe, Round 2 - by Jenny Delfs

It takes a village of hard working, skilled volunteers ... and a little luck. The decision was made to make this meal pick up/delivery only again due to ongoing community transmission of COVID 19. This was not our historical community fellowship served family style around decorated tables -- but it was **as much hospitality as the COVID pandemic will safely allow...** and so appreciated by all who got a meal this year.

THE NUMBERS:

Meals: 155 delicious meals - 39 delivery, 78 pick-ups, 28 volunteer meals and about 10 walk-ins.

Volunteers: about 25 over the course of 2 days.

Donations: \$718.00 - typically \$500 will be kept as seed money for next year and the rest converted into food gift cards for distribution to any in need in the next year.

Special shout outs:

1. Helen Carter for taking all the calls for meals and volunteers and organizing it all into an efficient pickup schedule and execution. Everyone can hear her smiling over the phone. She was our point person this year.
2. Bob Carter for managing the turkeys and answering every request/situation with "I

can do that”

3. Bob Carter and Mike Carlson and all the home ovens for the early start Thanksgiving morning cooking birds. I'm glad I wasn't up that early.
4. Bruce Tyler for being spot on in quantities, interfacing with the Hub and making 20 delicious pumpkin pies. He is a pro.
5. Mike Carlson and Carol Bennett for really nailing the gravy this year. It was freaking awesome. No giblet was spared.
6. Jodi Yuhasey for all her stealth dish washing. I see you.
7. Tom Yuhasey for steady reliable corn management and all things Tom.
8. Carol Bennett for catching and averting several disasters and for creating clean up magic. She's a pro too.
9. Amanda Weberg running laps up and down the stairs, never breaking a sweat... and taking care of me.
10. Linda Noble for mastering stuffing prep... even under pressure.
11. Peter Bennet for making mashed potatoes fun and for photographing the event.
12. Pete Harris, Jeff Kern and Bob Carter for carving excellence.
13. John and Barb Bottger, in their first Thanksgiving participation, organizing all things pie like seasoned veterans with expert help from Max Linehan.
14. Pat Zankman and Nikki Boostrom for cranberry excellence.
15. Steve Aldrich for exceptional traffic control.
16. Donna and Orvis Lunke for showing up to deliver the goods every year I've been involved.

This is my favorite church event of the year, even in this streamlined version. I was so happy to spend the day looking busy, acting bossy but in reality, in charge of nothing in particular. I love being with my church and community family. Grateful for the day and everyone who was a part of it. Here's hoping for someday when we can linger over pumpkin pie and coffee in a crowded room soaking it all in.



Thanksgiving
2022

Many Hands
Make Light
Work!



Rooted and Rising Action Group News

The Rooted and Rising Action Group has completed its projects for this year with the building and installation of five raised planting boxes on the lawn facing Second St. near the parking lot.

In the spring they will be filled with straw, compost and dirt and offered to the Community Garden program specifically for persons who would find a ground-level garden plot hard to manage. For Advent the planters will be supports for our Outdoor Lighted Advent Wreath, which was set up on November 26. Thanks to Mike Carlson, Pete Harris, John Bottger, Jeff Kern, Steve and Byron Aldrich, and Suzanne Weber who provided materials, expertise, labor or support for this project.

Earlier this fall the group, in cooperation with the Cook County Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light group, completed the restoration of one rain garden between the library and the Coldwell-Banker office and started the restoration of the other rain garden closer to Hwy 61 at Second Ave. W.

Over the winter the group will plan another project around the church grounds on the themes of water conservation, sustainable turf, or wildlife protection. Interested folks can contact Pastor Enno or Bruce Tyler, Suzanne Weber, Mike Carlson, Barb and John Bottger, Becky Bartol, or Ann Russ for more information. We will resume meeting in January on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 3 p.m.

Suggestions for a book to read for Lent, dealing with climate change, honoring of the earth, or ecology, would be welcomed. Contact Pastor Enno or Bruce.



Mitten Tree

Please bring mittens, hats, socks, and other warm clothing to decorate the little tree in the Narthex during Advent. In January, whatever we collect will be brought to the Domiano Center in Duluth to help with their work with unhoused people in that community. Thanks.



Summer 2023 Youth Trip to Washington, DC

July 21, 2023 - July 28, 2023

Register Now for 2023 Summer High School Youth Trip!

Registration is now open for next summer's youth trip to Washington, D. C., July 21-28, 2023. (See registration links below.) Students from Conference congregations currently enrolled in grades 8-12 are eligible to participate in this service-learning experience focused on the work of legislative advocacy.

Following are some of the experiences participants on the trip will engage together:

1. Lobby members of congress and their staff about issues selected by the youth
2. Visit monuments, memorials, and museums such as Frederick Douglass National Historic Site, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, U.S. Holocaust Museum and Memorial, and other significant sites
3. Learn about root causes of systemic oppression through direct service opportunities
4. Have time for fun, reflection, and conversations that matter!
5. We hope these experiences will reinforce the need for participants to agitate for justice and to never be silent in the face of injustice!

Thanks to generous subsidy from the Ashley Endowment of the Minnesota Conference UCC the total cost for the trip is \$825 for youth and \$550 for adult companions. This cost includes round-trip airfare, all ground transportation, lodging, meals, and all activities. An initial deposit of \$200 is required at the time of registration. Registration is open November 1 through January 31, 2023.

The Conference strongly encourages local congregations to actively fundraise to help offset trip costs for participants. The Conference also has additional scholarship funds available to help offset cost for any youth who has need. Each congregational group participating needs to provide 1 adult for every 4 youth participants. The Conference will be able to connect local congregations who would like to work together to provide adequate adult to youth ratios.

For more information about the trip and to register click [here](#) (add link). Please contact Rev. Kevin Brown ([add email](#)) with any questions regarding the trip.

Registration

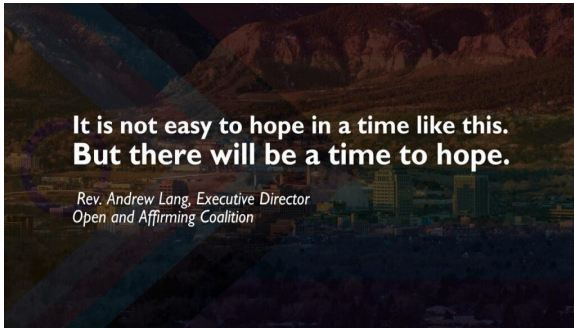
Cost: \$825/youth | \$550/adult (reflects a generous subsidy from the Ashley

Endowment; total cost is \$1,100)

[YOUTH REGISTRATION](#)

[ADULT REGISTRATION](#)

United Church of Christ News



Prayers follow mass shooting at LGBTQ club in Colorado Springs

by [Staff Reports](#) | published on Nov 20, 2022

On the eve of Transgender Day of Remembrance, [five people were killed in a mass shooting in an LGBTQ nightclub in Colorado Springs](#). At least 18 others were injured Saturday evening, Nov. 19, before Club Q patrons subdued the gunman. The [Open and Affirming Coalition, United Church of Christ](#), through Executive Director Andy Lang, immediately offered prayers for those who lost their lives, for those impacted by the violence, and for a future where all are valued. The [UCC national officers](#) also issued a statement of support. Here are the text of those statements:

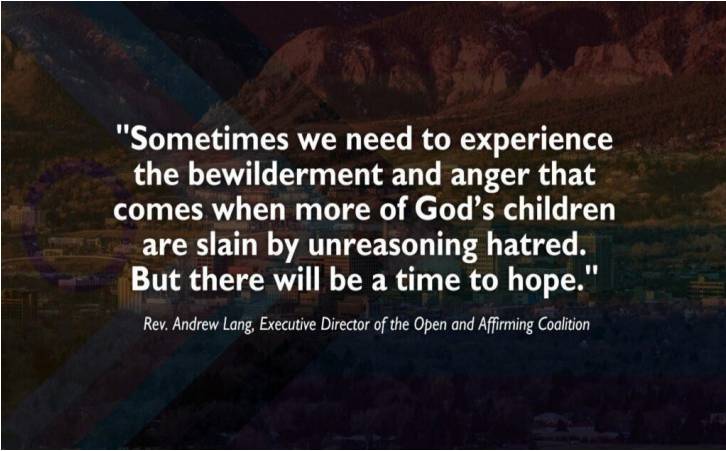
“As Open and Affirming congregations gather today to honor our transgender and nonbinary neighbors who have lost their lives to hatred, we are stunned by the news that a young man inside an LGBTQ club in Colorado Springs last night shot and killed at least five people and injured 18.

“Once again, lives have been irretrievably lost by the rising tide of hatred and gun violence in America.

“As I heard the news this morning, my thoughts went to Jeremiah 31, verse 15: ***Thus says the Lord: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.***

This morning, we join in prayer for each person murdered or injured last night in Club Q. In the coming days we will know their names. We also pray in union with the Rocky Mountain Conference and especially our Open and Affirming churches in Colorado Springs: First Congregational UCC, Vista Grande Community UCC and Black Forest Community UCC, as well as Church in the Wildwood UCC in neighboring Green Mountain Falls.

“It is not easy to hope in a time like this. Sometimes we need simply to experience the bewilderment and anger that comes when more of God’s



"Sometimes we need to experience the bewilderment and anger that comes when more of God's children are slain by unreasoning hatred. But there will be a time to hope."

Rev. Andrew Lang, Executive Director of the Open and Affirming Coalition

children are slain by unreasoning hatred. But there will be a time to hope. The prophet Jeremiah continues in verses 16 and 17:

***Thus says the Lord:
Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for there is a reward for your work,
says the Lord:
they shall come back from the land***

***of the enemy; there is hope for your future, says the Lord:
your children shall come back to their own country.***

"Today is also the feast of the Reign of Christ. As a movement, Open and Affirming churches like yours are working for the vision of God's future realm, where everyone is wanted, everyone is needed, and no one is lost to hatred. But that future realm is also taking shape here and now: in your congregations and your families in more than a thousand communities across America. Your mission is to save lives, and there will be a reward for your work: the beloved community where all of God's children can return home."

***The Rev. Andrew Lang
Executive Director
Open and Affirming Coalition***

"The officers and staff of the United Church of Christ mourn with the nation the needless death and wounding of Club Q patrons last evening in Colorado Springs. With each violent act of aggression against our LGBTQ siblings we pledge anew to confront such evil with all the power given us through the liberating love of a God whose image we all bear."

The National Officers of the United Church of Christ

The Rev. John Dorhauer, General Minister and President

The Rev. Traci Blackmon, Associate General Minister

The Rev. Karen
Associate

Georgia Thompson,
General Minister



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

SEASONS OF OUR LIVES

For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.

(Ecclesiastes 3)

Time to Celebrate....

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

12/02 Anders Tracy-Heinonen

12/06 Naomi Tracy-Hegg

12/19 Nancy Daley

12/24 Odin Weberg

12/24 Jay DeCoux

12/24 Rob Nosker

12/24 Fred Smith

12/26 Jane Ljungkull

12/28 Amanda Weberg

12/28 Cliff Berglund

12/29 Kristi Silence

12/31 Duane Cihlar



Please help keep us up to date by letting us know if you'd like to be added (or removed) from our Birthday and Anniversary newsletter announcements.

DECEMBER 2022

First Congregational United Church of Christ

Grand Marais, MN

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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FS—Fireside Room SH—Social Hall MR—Media Room SA—Sanctuary N—Narthex/Lobby SR—South Room LL—Lower Level

BOD—our Church Board of Directors AA—Alcoholics Anonymous ALANON—Families and Friends of Alcoholics
CODA—Co-dependents Anonymous