# **Announcements**



<u>Prayer List:</u> Paul Leintz, Rhonda Silence, Meredith Eliot (Church-Davison), Vicki Biggs-Anderson, Paulette Anholm, Mike Carlson, Sally Dunn, The Carter Family, All Victims of Gun Violence, Immigrants and Refugees, Countries of Ukraine, Sudan, Israel/Palestine, and Planet Earth.

<u>At home and Care Center:</u> Jean Ljungkull, Nona Smith, Lou Goodell, Bev Denyes, Nancy Cihlar, and Tom Hedstrom.

#### Measure of our Faithfulness:

The First Congregational UCC adopted a 2023 Budget at the Annual Meeting on 28 January 2023, showing a need for a yearly income of \$164,110.00.

After forty-eight weeks, the Budget Donations and Income should be \$151,261.84. The Actual Donations so far this year have been \$145,919.94.

-Kevin LeVoir, Treasurer

# This Week at the Church

## Thursday, December 7

10:00 AM - Tai Chi 11:00 AM - Building and Grounds Committee 12:00 PM - Women's AA 2:00-6:00 PM - Piano Lessons 5:00 PM: Board of Trustees Library Meeting

# Friday, December 8

7:00 AM - AA 8:00 AM - Harbor Watch 9:00 AM - Pride Meeting 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Piano Lessons 7:00 PM - Borealis Concert at Bethlehem 7:30 PM - AA

## Saturday, December 9

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Piano Lessons 7:00 PM - Borealis Concert at Bethlehem

# Sunday, December 10

9:30 AM - Pick-up Choir Practice

10:30 AM Worship Service - Inside AND ON ZOOM, 2nd Sunday of Advent: Peace. On this Sunday, we hear from the Prophet Isaiah in the 40th chapter where hope is once again given to the people of Judah. We hear part of this chapter every year and many a time, "A voice cries out: In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD." In our time of Advent, not only are we to prepare for Jesus' birth and coming again, Isaiah tells us God is also working to make the way easier for all to come and find Peace.

#### Monday, December 11

11:00 AM - Spring Forest Qi Gong 2:00 - 6:00 PM - Piano Lessons 3:00 - 5:00 PM - Food Shelf 7:00 PM - Al Anon

## Tuesday, December 12

2:00 - 6:00 PM - Piano Lessons 5:00 PM - Board of Directors

## Wednesday, December 13

2:00 - 6:00 PM - Piano Lessons 6:00 PM - Confirmation

#### Thursday, December 14

10:00 AM - Tai Chi 12:00 AM - Women's AA 2:00 - 6:00 PM - Piano Lessons

## Friday, December 15

7:00 AM - AA 8:00 AM - Harbor Watch 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Piano Lessons 7:30 PM - AA

#### Saturday, December 16

10:00 AM - Surely Discipleship Group 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Piano Lessons

#### Sunday, December 17

9:00 AM - Christmas Pageant Practice

10:30 AM – Worship Service – Inside AND ON ZOOM, 3rd Sunday of Advent: Joy. On this Sunday, we gather together to walk through, stumble through, and live out the story of our the Messiah's birth. We will once again gather at 9:00 am this Sunday for all who wish to share in a part of our Christmas Pageant. As we continue the Advent journey, don't just listen to it again, but re-imagine it for our day.

# 11:45 AM – Christmas Cookie Sale by Pizza and Social Justice

5:00 PM – Blue Christmas Service - As the nights get longer and longer, and for some the holiday season is not of joy but of sorrow when loved ones are no longer with us, or of depression as the suns hides and we feel all alone. This service is to acknowledge that for some, this season is full of mixed emotions and darkness. God's love is present, even in the darkness.