CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Wednesday Bible Study, led by Cindy Huffman
A study of the Book of Matthew meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm through Zoom. The study guide being used is The Immersion Bible Study: Matthew by J. Ellsworth Kalas. If you’d like to join the Wednesday Bible Study or need a study book, please email Cindy Huffman at lucindy1@aol.com and she will forward you the Zoom link. All are welcome!

Experiencing God Class, led by Vicki Krueger
If you’d like to join the Experiencing God class virtually via Zoom at 10:30am on Sunday mornings, please contact Vicki Krueger via email at vickilee33@aol.com and she will send you the meeting details each week.

Fresh Brewed
Fresh Brewed will meet on the first Friday of every month at 10:30am via Zoom. The next meeting is January 7th. The book we are studying is “Deeply Rooted; Knowing Self, Growing in God” by Christopher Marcie. Please contact Louise Mylin for a Zoom code and if you have any questions (727) 787-9868

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Citylight Schedule 12/13 - 12/20

**SUNDAY 12/13**
9:00 AM & 10:30 AM - LIVE STREAM CHURCH
10:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS
8:30 PM - COLLEGE GROUP STUDY VIA ZOOM

**TUESDAY 12/15**
8:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM

**WEDNESDAY 12/16**
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM - OUTDOOR CITY NIGHT

**SUNDAY 12/20**
9:00 AM & 10:30 AM - LIVE STREAM CHURCH
10:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM - YOUTH & FAMILIES
CHRISTMAS PARTY - SEE FLYER

Follow the link to view our weekly email:
https://mailchi.mp/dd87679ba78c/citylightupdate-1282020

HYMN NOTES:
#100 “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout” (Canticle of the Turning)
Rory Cooney, a Roman Catholic liturgist, wrote “Canticle of the Turning” in 1988 for Advent at the church he was serving, St. Jerome, in Phoenix, Arizona. There is a beauty and passion about this text that is intensified by the joyful Irish folk tune, “The Star of the County Down.” Cooney describes the Canticle as a revolution around. It is a paraphrase of Luke 1:46-55, known as the Magnificat. The angel Gabriel delivers a message from God to Mary (Luke 1:36) and then her song of the meeting with her relative Elizabeth recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing. “Canticle of the Turning” brings the revolutionary quality and justice focus of Mary’s lyrics into a form we as a congregation can sing. The hymn moves from the hope-filled possibility of God turning the world in the first stanza—“Could the world be about to turn?”—and into the present reality that God is turning the world in the final stanza—“God...is turning the world around”—with each refrain ringing: “My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.”

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Monday, December 14: Paul Means, Kurt Kermerer
Tuesday, December 15: Christy Rickrode, Stephanie Rickrode
Wednesday, December 16: Bailey Shields, Cheryl Roberts
Thursday, December 17: Melanie Brown, Don Stevens, Chris Curvin
Friday, December 18: Jack Alwood, Nicole Makal, Kelsey Probst
Saturday, December 19: Stephen Williams, Jim Lumia

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by

Bill & Patty Martin
In Memory of Our Parents

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2020 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. During this time when we are not meeting in person worship, please send your information directly to communications@northwoodpc.org

Please remember to mark “flowers” and the date on your $30 donation.

Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthady!

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Psalm 126:5-6
Order for the Public Worship of God
December 13, 2020
3rd Sunday of Advent
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Celtic Magnificat”
Larry Shackley

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP
Rory Cooney

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. My heart shall sing of the day you bring, let the fires of your justice burn.

We wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Prayer of the Day

Divinum mysterium

Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,

By the Word was all created; he commanded; it was done:

O, that birth forever blessed when the Virgin, full of grace,

All that sees the moon’s soft shining, all that breathes beneath the sun,

The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;

It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

We grow in the word

Scripture Readings
Isaiah 11:1-2; Luke 1:46b (NRSV)

Sermon
Advent Series: The World Is Not Yet Finished
#3 “Turning Towards Joy”
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God’s Blessing to You

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