

January
2023

The Samaritan

Worship Themes

January 1 -
"New Year's Day"
Online-only worship on
Facebook & good.org

January 8 -
"Beyond" / Epiphany /
Communion

January 15 -
"Walk This Way"

January 21 -
"Media for the Soul"

January 29 -
"Little Altars
Everywhere"

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.

~Howard Thurman

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Pastor's Page

Happy New Year to you and yours! There is much to look forward to, so this month I'm sharing a variety of things to help keep you informed.

Minnesota Annual Conference Welcomes New Bishop

A new bishop, Lanette Plambeck, will begin serving the Dakotas-Minnesota episcopal area, starting January 1, 2023. She was one of three new bishops elected at the North Central Jurisdictional Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in November of this year. I was privileged to be a clergy delegate from Minnesota taking part in the election and assignment process.

Bishop Lanette grew up in western Iowa and most recently served as director of clergy leadership and excellence as well as assistant to the bishop in the Iowa Annual Conference. Prior to that she served in a number of urban and rural settings, including as chaplain at Morning-side University in Sioux City, IA.

This is what she said about the nature of the church: "The church at its best is generative in its disciple-making, engaged in the means of grace, working toward justice, especially with the poor and marginalized. Jesus' 'on earth as it is in heaven' goal is nothing less than behaving as if God is leading and loving us toward something bigger than ourselves."

From time to time I will share a writing of hers in the newsletter or on our Facebook page, so I wanted you to have a sense of her as she arrives.

Read the Bible in a Year

If you want to read through the Bible in the Year 2023, see the schedule on page 7, or pick up a copy at the welcome desk in the narthex. A few weeks ago in worship I issued a challenge to read the Bible through in 2023, and I hope you'll join me in giving this a try.

All Church Conference

Our Annual Church Conference will be held Sunday, January 29, 2023, following worship. We will receive reports from Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), Board of Trustees, and Finance, as well as vote on the 2023 budget. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

2023 Pledge Cards



It's not too late to return your completed 2023 pledge card. Doing so helps as the Finance Committee and Church Council continue to work on the 2023 budget.

In ministry with you,

Pastor Carol



Worship

Come and Sing!

Choir singing at Good Sam is stronger than ever, but we are always looking to get more singers involved! There are many ways to lend your voice to the music ministries:

Chancel Choir

- Rehearses regularly on Wednesdays 7-9pm
- Sings at ~2 Sundays/month, as well as major festive Sundays

Sunday Morning Pickup Choir

- Perfect for less experienced singers, or those unable to commit to weekly rehearsals
- Rehearse at 9am, sing in service 10am
- Spring pickup choirs: Jan. 29, April 30

Easter Choir

- Join the Chancel Choir to prepare for and sing in Good Sam's Easter service
- Rehearsals Wednesday evenings from March 1 to April 5. Easter service Sunday, April 9.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, you can contact Paolo Debuque at paolo@good.org, or just show up to a rehearsal!



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Farewell to Jack Soden

Our dear tenor section leader, Jack Soden, will be leaving us in the New Year to pursue a new opportunity as a flight attendant flying out of the west coast. Jack joined us Fall 2021 and has been an integral element of our music ministries, first as a tenor section leader and cantor, then stepping in as a substitute choir director when needed, and most recently as the director of our children's choir special project for Advent and Christmas. We will dearly miss his musicianship and warmth and we wish him the very best in his future endeavors!

~Paolo Debuque

January Worship Series - Spiritual Spotlight

Prolonged stress can have an effect on our physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing. What is our faithful response to such stress? What if everyday life activities could become spiritual practices that serve to deepen our experience of a meaningful life and help us shine our light into the world? Join us for worship 10:00 am Sundays in person or online (Facebook or good.org) to explore these questions for a few weeks starting January 15, 2023.

Worship January 8 will be a celebration of Holy Communion and Epiphany, which is the day we recognize the star leading the Magi to visit the baby Jesus. Hope to see you soon!

~Pastor Carol

Congregational Care



by Nikki Holm

God of and beyond all time,

*As we embark upon a new year, we
enter it amidst a whole host of feelings,
expectations, assumptions, and plans.*

Bless them and us all.

*Bless us in our worry
Bless us as we dream
Bless us in our stillness
Bless us as we move
Bless us in our planning
Bless us as we intuit
Bless us in our grief
Bless us as we rejoice*

Bless it and us all.

*Bless what changes
Bless what stays the same
Bless what breaks
Bless what repairs
Bless what appears
Bless what fades away
Bless what fulfills promises
Bless what disappoints*

Bless it and us all.

*Bless all that teaches, liberates, and heals.
Bless all who teach, liberate, or heal.*

*Most importantly, God of
accompaniment,
hold, keep, and love us through it all.*

Amen.

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Edina Coalition for Grief Support 2023 Dates

The Edina Coalition for Grief Support's Winter season begins Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 4:30pm at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 5071 Eden Ave, Edina. Per their description, the focus of this series is on education and group support in a safe and confidential environment. Please locate their 2023 brochure at Good Sam in the Narthex or in the Office reception area. For more information explore: www.edinagriefsupport.org or contact: Bonnie Cool at 612-382-6504 or info@edinagriefsupport.org.

Wed. January 25th, 2023
6-7:00pm at Good Sam. UMC

*Learning
Your Limits:
a Resource
Session*

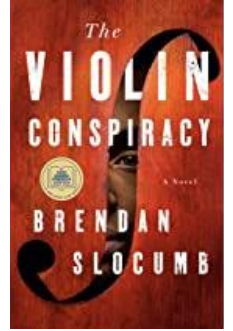


Using the "Window of Tolerance", a tool from Sensorimotor Psychotherapy, come learn how to better understand how your body holds and shifts energy contributing to how your psyche tolerates everyday experiences. In this shame free environment, Nikki Holm will invite you to begin exploring how you're wired, where you commonly get triggered into unhelpful levels of activation, and what sorts of resources you can employ towards your own best interest. No RSVP necessary. Nursery care available. Contact Nikki with questions.

Congregational Care

Thursday Afternoon Book Club January Meeting

The Book Club will meet on Thursday, January 12, at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room. Lynn Timmer will lead the discussion of *The Violin Conspiracy*, a novel by Brendan Slocumb. It is the story of a Black classical musician and his desperate attempt to recover his heirloom violin. Barb Englemann will provide refreshments. Join us for fun, food and fellowship! Questions: Vicki Dunn, victoria.dunn@q.com (952-930-3431).



Welcome New Members

Nellie Neil



Nellie returns to Good Samaritan UMC after a number of years helping with grandchildren in New York. She joined November 13 by way of transfer of membership from Kingslawn Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn, NY.

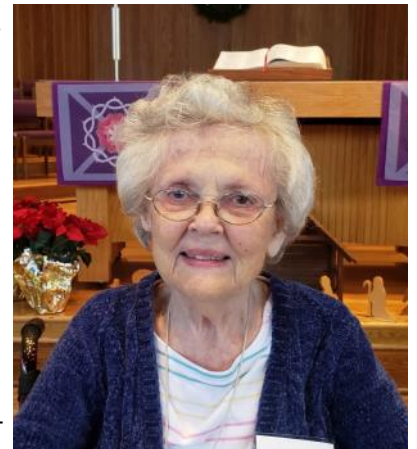
Nellie spent the majority of her working career in Kingston, Jamaica, where she taught at Holy Childhood Catholic School for over 30 years. She was teaching 7-year-olds when the secondary school needed a teacher. The principal said to Nellie, "I'm recommending you." So Nellie went to college on scholarship for the additional education needed.

One of Nellie's favorite writings is the Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi, and she has enjoyed good friends in the Tuesday Bible Study group here at Good Sam, as well as fun with the Out to Lunch Bunch. Please greet and welcome Nellie when you see her.

Judith Leill

Judith joined December 11 by way of transfer or membership from Central Presbyterian in Lafayette, IN. She grew up near Lake Nokomis and attended Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis. She moved to Lafayette, IN, as a teenager and returned to the Twin Cities three years ago where she is closer to her youngest son, Eric and his family.

Judith began studies for her teaching degree once Eric started school. She graduated from Purdue and began teaching elementary school just as Eric began 4th grade. When Isuzu built a manufacturing plant in Lafayette, they sent Judith among a team of 18 educators and leaders to Japan to learn about the culture. Upon her return, she was instrumental in creating curriculum to help students also learn about Japan.



Another fun fact is that Judith's second son was enlisted in the Air Force and helped her earn her pilot's license a few years after she started teaching. Be sure to say "hi" the next time you see her.

Children, Youth & Family Ministries

January Jump Start

Faith Practices don't have to be complicated, and consistency is key. Try one of these in 2023!

Candle Prayer: Light a candle every morning for yourself and others.

Gratitude: Say out loud one thing you are grateful for.

Mindfulness: Notice the sights, smells, sounds, and tastes that bring you joy.

Compassion: Consider how to show kindness to another person each day.



Our Children's Christmas Pageant was such fun on December 18.



Need a Sub for the Super Bowl?



The ASP mission trip youth will be taking orders for sub sandwiches January 29th and February 5th at a table in the narthex. Subs will be available for pick up on Super Bowl Sunday, February 12th, after the service. Watch for more info in the e-newsletter January 11th.

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Confirmation 2023
next class January 8
4:15 - 6:00pm
In the Fireside Room
with mentors.
Pizza included!



January Service Events

Sandwich Brigade

Sunday, January 15
11:00am



SignUpGenius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4AAEAA2CA31-sandwich>



Serving Dinner at Simpson Housing's new location!

Wednesday, January 25
4:30pm

(Meet at Good Sam Lower lot to carpool)

SignUpGenius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4AAEAA2CA31-cooking>

52 Week Bible Reading Plan

Week	Epistles (Sunday)	The Law (Monday)	History (Tuesday)	Psalms (Wednesday)	Poetry (Thursday)	Prophecy (Friday)	Gospels (Saturday)
1	<input type="checkbox"/> Rom 1-2	<input type="checkbox"/> Gen 1-3	<input type="checkbox"/> Josh 1-5	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 1-2	<input type="checkbox"/> Job 1-2	<input type="checkbox"/> Isa 1-6	<input type="checkbox"/> Matt 1-2
2	<input type="checkbox"/> Rom 3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Gen 4-7	<input type="checkbox"/> Josh 6-10	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 3-5	<input type="checkbox"/> Job 3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Isa 7-11	<input type="checkbox"/> Matt 3-4
3	<input type="checkbox"/> Rom 5-6	<input type="checkbox"/> Gen 8-11	<input type="checkbox"/> Josh 11-15	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 6-8	<input type="checkbox"/> Job 5-6	<input type="checkbox"/> Isa 12-17	<input type="checkbox"/> Matt 5-7
4	<input type="checkbox"/> Rom 7-8	<input type="checkbox"/> Gen 12-15	<input type="checkbox"/> Josh 16-20	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 9-11	<input type="checkbox"/> Job 7-8	<input type="checkbox"/> Isa 18-22	<input type="checkbox"/> Matt 8-10
5	<input type="checkbox"/> Rom 9-10	<input type="checkbox"/> Gen 16-19	<input type="checkbox"/> Josh 21-24	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 12-14	<input type="checkbox"/> Job 9-10	<input type="checkbox"/> Isa 23-28	<input type="checkbox"/> Matt 11-13
6	<input type="checkbox"/> Rom 11-12	<input type="checkbox"/> Gen 20-23	<input type="checkbox"/> Judg 1-6	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 15-17	<input type="checkbox"/> Job 11-12	<input type="checkbox"/> Isa 29-33	<input type="checkbox"/> Matt 14-16
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Rom 13-14	<input type="checkbox"/> Gen 24-27	<input type="checkbox"/> Judg 7-11	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 18-20	<input type="checkbox"/> Job 13-14	<input type="checkbox"/> Isa 34-39	<input type="checkbox"/> Matt 17-19
8	<input type="checkbox"/> Rom 15-16	<input type="checkbox"/> Gen 28-31	<input type="checkbox"/> Judg 12-16	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 21-23	<input type="checkbox"/> Job 15-16	<input type="checkbox"/> Isa 40-44	<input type="checkbox"/> Matt 20-22
9	<input type="checkbox"/> 1Cor 1-2	<input type="checkbox"/> Gen 32-35	<input type="checkbox"/> Judg 17-21	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 24-26	<input type="checkbox"/> Job 17-18	<input type="checkbox"/> Isa 45-50	<input type="checkbox"/> Matt 23-25
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11	<input type="checkbox"/> 1Cor 5-6	<input type="checkbox"/> Gen 40-43	<input type="checkbox"/> 1Sam 1-5	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 30-32	<input type="checkbox"/> Job 21-22	<input type="checkbox"/> Isa 56-61	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark 1-2
12	<input type="checkbox"/> 1Cor 7-8	<input type="checkbox"/> Gen 44-47	<input type="checkbox"/> 1Sam 6-10	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 33-35	<input type="checkbox"/> Job 23-24	<input type="checkbox"/> Isa 62-66	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark 3-4
13	<input type="checkbox"/> 1Cor 9-10	<input type="checkbox"/> Gen 48-50	<input type="checkbox"/> 1Sam 11-15	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 36-38	<input type="checkbox"/> Job 25-26	<input type="checkbox"/> Jer 1-6	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark 5-6
14	<input type="checkbox"/> 1Cor 11-12	<input type="checkbox"/> Ex 1-4	<input type="checkbox"/> 1Sam 16-20	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 39-41	<input type="checkbox"/> Job 27-28	<input type="checkbox"/> Jer 7-11	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark 7-8
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51	<input type="checkbox"/> 3John	<input type="checkbox"/> Deut 29-31	<input type="checkbox"/> Esther 1-5	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 146-148	<input type="checkbox"/> Song 5-6	<input type="checkbox"/> Rev 12-17	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 25-26
52	<input type="checkbox"/> Jude	<input type="checkbox"/> Deut 32-34	<input type="checkbox"/> Esther 6-10	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 149-150	<input type="checkbox"/> Song 7-8	<input type="checkbox"/> Rev 18-22	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 27-28

Missions

Good Samaritan Missions Team Report

Thank you for your generosity that has made it possible for Good Samaritan to contribute \$5,000 to UMCOR for US Disaster Relief. This has been a challenging year for disaster response and recovery and this is one way to make a difference.

Good Samaritan, with your help, is making a difference supporting education and diversity by contributing \$500 to the Thomas Educational Scholarship Fund at Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church in St Paul MN. In 2022 scholarships were awarded ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 to five recipients because of the generous support of other Methodist Churches, Camphor Church members and other donors. The 2022 awardees are attending major universities. The goal for the future is to increase the number of recipients and the amount of the scholarships.

The Leadership Team for Minnesota Reconciling Congregations (MRC) met on December 14 to prepare for the next meeting of the MRC on January 12, 2023 and prepare for the year ahead. More information about MRC is available on its website located at: www.mnrcumc.org. The January meeting is available by remote access for those interested in attending. Contact minnesotareconciling@gmail.com to request participation.

~Brian Boysen & Pat Deckas Becerra

Bring It Home Legislation

Minnesota is facing a housing crisis. 550,000 Minnesotans - from every corner of the state - are at risk of losing their home every month because their rent is too high. Rent vouchers help these people stay in their homes and landlords get what they deserve. They are proven to be the most effective policy to help with housing instability.

Because the voucher program is vastly underfunded, three out of four people who qualify for rent vouchers do not get one. Our kids, our seniors, our working parents, our communities are paying the price. This lack of investment is a daily penalty on tens of thousands of our friends and neighbors and fellow Minnesotans.

Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, which we know because of their Families Moving Forward program, has been fighting for this important legislation called Bring it Home MN (www.BringItHomeMinnesota.org). Help them fight: contact your state legislators https://openstates.org/find_your_legislator/ and tell them to use part of our vast surplus to fund rent vouchers.



There will also be a Rally for Housing on January 11th, 1:30 – 2:30pm pm at the State Capital.

~ Pat Deckas Becerra

United Methodist Women Status Update



Since the Good Samaritan United Methodist Women have not been active in meetings during the last few years, the decision was made to send the remaining monies of \$1,650 in the treasury to our UMW district treasurer for mission projects in the Twin Cities district and beyond. In the last 11 years, the Good Samaritan UMW has sent \$41,000 to various missions including Joyce Uptown Food Shelf, VEAP, Joyce Pre-School, Joint Religious Legislative Coalition, Good Samaritan Camp Scholarships, youth and children's programs, UMCOR, Emma Norton Services, and the Twin Cities District for missions. We can be proud of our outreach through the years.

Missions



Feed My Starving Children

Volunteer at the Chanhassen site (18932 Lake Dr E)

**Wednesday, January 11
from 9:00-10:45am**

Sign up with Jane Heimerl at
jane.heimerl@yahoo.com by January 9.

Service Project on MLK weekend

Please join us for a few minutes after the service on Sunday, January 15. We'll be making sandwiches to hand out to the needy. All over our nation, people honor Dr. Martin Luther King by doing service projects.



We'll set up our assembly line at 11:00 like we've done in the past. Children can help, too!

~ Pat Deckas Becerra

The Good Samaritan Foundation

Foundation 2022 Year-End Report

During 2022, The Board of Directors of The Good Samaritan Foundation awarded seven grants totaling \$15,000 from The Outreach Fund. Recipients were:

- Star Lake Wilderness Camp - \$2500 for camper scholarships
- UNICEF - \$2000 aid to Ukrainian Children's Fund
- Never Surrender Inc. Black Woods Blizzard Tour - \$1000. Funds raised go to individuals living with ALS, their fulltime family care givers and research. Dan Rogers Green will be riding his snowmobile in this event in February 2023.
- Grace Place Food Pantry - \$2750 for food assistance at the Grace Place School and community in Naples, Florida
- Project AgGrad - \$2000. This is a MN Annual Conference project to support agriculture graduate students at the U of MN and other universities who return to their countries to teach and work in agriculture to improve farming.
- Stonebridge World School - \$2000 grant to help fund an after-school debate team at the middle school level
- Simpson Food Pantry - \$2750 in funds to assist moving the food pantry to a temporary location

In October, the Board of Directors asked the congregation to take up the challenge of adding \$30,000 to The Foundation's three funds in honor of The Foundations 30th year in 2023. Since that challenge, \$10,710 has been given to the Foundation. Thank you to those donors!!

An updated Foundation brochure is now available in the Foundation mailbox in the church office and on the Welcome Table in the Narthex. For more information on The Foundation, and to make a contribution, please go online to <https://good.org/give/give/the-foundation/>.

The Foundation Committee meets quarterly. The next meeting is Thursday, February 16, 2023.

~ Claudia Boysen

Trustees

Roof Update

October 17, 2022, marked the beginning of the roof replacement project. It was discovered some time ago that we had hail damage to the steel roof on the Sanctuary. After quite a bit of conversation with our insurance company, along with some supply chain delays, we were at a point where work to replace the roof could begin. BL Dalsin Roofing was contracted to do the work. They provided regular updates on their progress, along with some photographs to share.

The first step was to identify a staging area. They worked with Dan and agreed on the lower parking lot just outside the music wing. From time to time, we saw a crane stationed there to help bring new supplies up to the roof, or to bring old roof panels down.

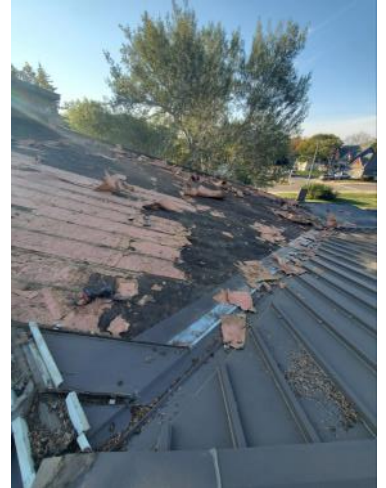


The first part of the project involved removing the old steel panels. We received updates each day on what section of the roof panels were removed.



During this removal process for the flat rubber roof areas on the corners, 552 board feet of wet insulation was discovered and replaced at a total cost of \$3,036.

Here is a photo of what the roof looked like as the old steel panels were being removed.



Once panels were removed, a self-adhesive underlayment was placed. This membrane is water and fire resistant, and is the part that looks white in the photo below:



Work was disrupted for a few days in October due to rain, high winds and a funeral.

Then in November, work began to install the new steel roof panels and trim. The crane returned to lift the new panels up to the roof.

As of this printing, there remains a few days of work left for sheet metal workers to do up on the roof, which will be done as weather permits. Here is an additional photo of the new roof install in progress:



Stan Glad (stanglad@me.com) has served as the Trustee point person for this project, so please contact him with any questions.

Trustees

Maintenance Minute

It has been a very busy couple months at Good Sam, starting when I received a call from Jan on a Sunday morning. She informed me that there was an alarm going off on our boilers. I came in to find they were both at zero pressure. This means that they lost all of their water somewhere within the pipes that go throughout the building. I found two boiler pumps leaking water in the tunnel.

With help from Mike, our Owens mechanical technician who troubleshoots and does major repairs to our HVAC equipment, we were able to rebuild one pump and had to replace the other. After the repair, we opened the valves near these pumps and began to add water. Everything seemed to be running fine at that point, and we could finally get the heat back. The affected areas were the Music Wing, Cindy and Kim's offices, various small radiators near the Peace Garden entrance, and two mechanical rooms. But upon further checks, we then found the pressure was dropping by the minute. Figuring it was just air in the system, we released that, but the pressure still kept dropping quite rapidly. Mike and I each made at least three trips around all the tunnels to try and find another leak. That could be the only reason, at that point, that the pressure was still dropping.

After two hours and still not being able to pinpoint this leak's exact location, I had to call Greg from American Leak Detection. What they did was turn the water on full blast, forcing water through the pipes. They used a device called an acoustic microphone that they put on the ground, and with headphones they went around listening for a louder than normal sound of water going through pipes. This sound would indicate a leak and could then pinpoint the exact location.

With the help of that technology, they were able to find a faulty pipe near the Teacher Resource Room and Peace Garden window. Then came the task of fixing it. Mike and I had to determine exactly where these lines ran, in hopes

acoustic headphones—
device used to
detect the leak



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marked area where
the leak was found

we could isolate the location and then continue to direct water to the other affected areas.

Interestingly, we were able to reference blueprints from 1978 to find the specific mapping of these water lines. We determined there were two lines that fed that area. One being the feed line and the other being a return line in the wall of the Teacher Resource Room. We had to cut a large hole in the wall, and were then able to cut these two lines and cap the ends off. Thankfully this only took out one radiator below the Peace Garden windows.



feed line and return line
to branch that had
the leak - before repair



both lines after they
were cut and capped off

We will determine in the future if we need to jackhammer the floor up and fix that leak for good. Since there is already furnace heat in this area from the office, we may not have to. Thanks to Jan alerting me, we were able to stabilize and remedy the situation in a timely manner.



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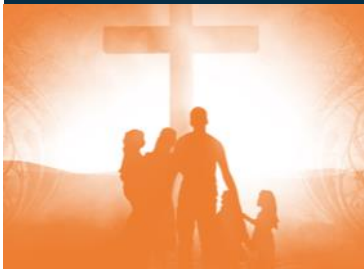
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Worship

10:00am (In-person and Online)

Nursery

9:45-11:30am, Infants - Age 3

Sunday School (Children & Youth)

Held during worship following
Children's Time. All are welcome!

WEDNESDAYS

(Nursery open from 5:45-9:00pm)

6:00pm

- Chancel Chimes Rehearsal
- Caregivers (2nd Wednesdays)

7:00pm

- Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Youth Activities

GOOD SAMARITAN OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
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