

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Scriptures for Sunday, December 13

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11
Psalm 126 or
Luke 1:46b–55
1 Thessalonians 5:16–24
John 1:6–8, 19–28

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Nancy Ziegler
Betty Murphy
Ruth Roeber
The McDermott family
Johanna Willis
Nita Kleier
Joanna Bailey
Jean Jennings' family
Emille Walden
Kelly Montana
Lynda Jaeger
Sandi Brown
Kittie Dupps

Upcoming Worship Services:

We are continuing to worship from home. You can livestream the Sunday worship services at 10:30am through the COF Facebook page or by joining the conference call. If you have any questions about how to join our services remotely, please feel free to contact us.

Session Meeting:

Session will meet by Zoom on Thursday, December 10 at 6:45 pm.

Advent Bible Study:

Join Rev. Sharon for an Advent Zoom Study on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Use this link to join the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4182893102>

Christmas Eve Service:

Mark your calendars for this year's Christmas Eve Service. We will worship together via Zoom, Facebook Live, and Conference call on December 24 at 7:00pm.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4182893102>

Advent Giving Opportunities:

As they are every year, our Advent giving opportunities are important in the life of the church, and in the lives of those in need. These include the PCUSA Joy Gift offering, Buckhorn, the Giving Tree, and Be Concerned (In addition to Nicaragua, mentioned below). Your Mission team suggests that we concentrate our giving on these known causes and non-profit organizations, with which we have had strong ties for many years. We invite you to contribute to one, two, three, or all of these causes. They are: Joy Gift offering (one of the 4 "special" annual offerings to the PCUSA); Buckhorn, the children's home with locations in Kentucky and Ohio; the Giving Tree, which provided gifts to disadvantaged children in the Ludlow community; and BeConcerned, a food bank, serving Covington and Kenton County. We also hope that you won't forget Nicaragua, helping our mission partner, CEPAD, to provide emergency relief to rural communities, ravaged by the twin hurricanes. Donate by sending your checks, with the selected cause(s) on the memo line to the church. Or, give online by Control-clicking on the GIVE NOW button, on the COF web page or Facebook page. Choose the "Other" giving category, online, and indicate which of the cause(s) you've selected, or all of them, in a note.

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Giving Opportunity - Hurricane Emergency Relief in Nicaragua through CEPAD:

As we pointed out in our spring request for contributions for CEPAD in Nicaragua, CEPAD has been working for the past 5 years with 40 villages located all over Nicaragua. The 40 villages where CEPAD has been working are all in the rural parts of the country where poverty is high and many families struggle to earn or grow enough to feed themselves. All of their struggles have been magnified by the devastating 1-2 punch of Hurricanes Eta and Iota. CEPAD needs more funding than ever before for emergency relief. They must try to meet the overwhelming challenges caused by torrential rains that face communities over half the country, not just the Atlantic coastal areas. CEPAD is looking to buy seeds for quick-growing crops because this is their growing season. Farmer's and villager's crops were washed away. They need to be able to replant right away. In addition, CEPAD wants to purchase the corrugated tin roofing material to help those whose roofs were destroyed. We plan to supplement your contributions with part of our general mission offerings. Because of the urgency of the need in Nicaragua, we are asking that you forward your contributions (by mail or online) by December 15.