

Steeple Talk

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Pastor's Message



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Nov. 27th First Sunday of Advent
- ◆ Dec. 4th Family Advent Fellowship after church
- ◆ Dec. 18th Children's Christmas Pageant @ 10:00 am during worship.
- ◆ Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Service @ 7:00 PM- Intergenerational
- ◆ Dec. 25th Christmas Day service @10:00 am
- ◆ Dec. 26th Christmas Holiday, office closed
- ◆ Jan. 2nd - New Year's Holiday. Office closed

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There's a picture hanging over my writing table here at the house. It's a picture of a young mother holding an infant in her arms. I'm guessing it's an Italian Renaissance painting. Well, it isn't a painting, of course; it's a print I bought for two dollars in a Catholic book-store in Seattle. I was hoping I could tell you who painted it, so I looked through a couple of hundred images of the Madonna and Child on-line, trying to spot the one I have on my wall, but I didn't find it.

In the process of looking for it, though, I discovered something about why I like this particular painting so much. It's the way the mother and child are looking at each other. She's holding the baby cradled in her right arm, with his head resting near her shoulder. The fingers of her left hand are gently supporting his left hand, his fingers curled slightly around hers. Her head is tilted a little to the side; her eyes are looking down into the baby's eyes; and his eyes, softly focused, are looking back up into hers. There is the faintest hint of a smile on her lips; the child's face is still, completely calm, and radiant with wonder, hope and trust. Mother and child are simply and beautifully present to one another, awake, alive, at home in the perfect peace of each other's eyes.

That's where it begins, I think. That's where we learn to live without worry or fear. In the quiet assurance that grows in us as we look up into those loving eyes, we learn that there is nothing in this world—not pain, not loss, not death itself—that can diminish or disturb this eternal moment of blessing. Looking into those serenely present eyes, we learn in our depths that, no matter what may happen, we are loved.

I'm very fond of this picture. I turn to it often when things get hard. When the world outside is beating me up with its anger and violence and greed, when the idols I've worshipped let me down and I'm worried, wounded and scared, I'll sit at my writing table and ponder this picture, and pretty soon my anxious soul will be filled with tenderness, goodness, compassion and courage again. The world around me hasn't changed; the world is still angry, violent and greedy. The idols I've worshipped still don't have the power to save me from suffering, worry or despair. No, the world doesn't change when I decide to open myself to God's tenderness and love. The world doesn't change; I do. Sitting at my writing table, pondering this picture, I rediscover something that I knew long ago—that the love that created this sad and broken world still holds it in a deep, affirming embrace and there is nothing to fear.

It's Advent—time to open ourselves to receive the tender Presence of God among us; time to reflect on our struggles and step away from the idols we've let into our lives; time to let go of the anxious worry that tightens our hearts and robs us of joy; time to relax into God's loving arms, turn our face upward to God's tender smile, give ourselves over into God's serene embrace, and find our peace in the warmth of loving eyes.

blessings,
david

First Congregational Church

December 2011



Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-12:30 pm

Pastor's Office Hours: Tues-Fri 9:00am-2:00 pm

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> 				<p>1</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00 PM-Deacons Meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00 PM-North Country Chorus Christmas Concert</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30 PM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>9:00 AM-Adult Bible study/ Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:00 AM-Worship with Communion & Sunday School</p> <p>11:15 AM-Family Advent Fellowship Lunch and Crafts</p> <p>7:00 PM-Ballroom Dancing</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Pastor's Sabbath</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00 PM-NCSC Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:30 AM-Clergy Group Meeting</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>5:00 PM-Property Committee</p> <p>7:00 PM-AI Anon/Ladies Parlor</p>	<p>7</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:30 PM-Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00 PM-Missions Meeting</p> <p>8:00 PM-Weds. Night AA</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00 AM-Ladies Ecum. Breakfast @Methodist Church Parish House</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:30 PM-??Christian Ed. Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:00 AM-Men's Breakfast Group at the Muh's</p> <p>7:30 PM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>11TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>9:00 AM-Adult Bible study// Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:00 AM-Worship & Sunday School</p> <p>11:15 AM-Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>7:00 PM-Ballroom Dancing</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Pastor's Sabbath</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00 PM-NCSC Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:30 AM-Riverglen Service</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>5:00 PM-Dinner Bell/All Saints'</p> <p>7:00 PM-AI Anon/Ladies Parlor</p>	<p>14</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>5:00 PM-Finance Committee</p> <p>6:30 PM-Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>8:00 PM-Weds. Night AA</p>	<p>15</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>12:00 PM-Ladies Society Christmas Lunch @ The Oasis</p> <p>6:30 PM-Council Meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>5:00 PM-SLLC Pasta Supper & Christmas program in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 AM-Pageant Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30 PM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>18TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>9:00 AM-Adult Bible study/ Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:00 AM-Worship Service & Children's Christmas Pageant/ ♥Food Collection</p> <p>Sunday ♥Christmas Fund offering</p> <p>11:15 AM-Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>7:00 PM-Ballroom Dancing</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Pastor's Sabbath</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00 PM-NCSC Meeting</p>	<p>20</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00 PM-AI Anon/Ladies Parlor</p> <p>STEEPLE TALK DEADLINE</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00 AM-Clergy Group/Ladies Parlor</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:30 PM-Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>8:00 PM-Weds. Night AA</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:00 AM-Ladies Ecum. Breakfast@ Methodist Church Parish House</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 PM-Intergenerational Christmas Eve Service</p>  <p>7:30 PM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>25</p> <p>10:00 AM-Christmas Worship Service</p> <p>AA in Fellowship Hall all day</p>	<p>26</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>Pastor's Sabbath</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Pastor David vacation</p>	<p>27</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00 PM-AI Anon/Ladies Parlor</p> <p>Pastor David vacation</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>8:00 PM-Weds. Night AA</p> <p>Pastor David vacation</p>	<p>29</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Pastor David vacation</p>	<p>30</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Pastor David vacation</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:30 PM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Pastor David vacation</p>



To our Wider Church Family, First Congregational Church of Littleton NH

I'd like to thank you all for inviting Epic Church to come to the Mission Fair on October. It was a pleasure and privilege to share God's heart for mission with you. I especially enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect with so many of you at the Mission Fair.

As many of you heard, Epic Church is entering the next stage of its development. We are looking for God's people to join us in praying for a new place to meet and reach out into the community. May of 2012 will be Epic's last week in our current meeting space.

Unless we can find a new place to meet we will be a homeless church.

Searching for a place to meet has been quite the adventure. We've looked at warehouses, office buildings, movie theaters and even a church building or two. Recently we met with the city of Bethlehem to discuss what zoning issues we might encounter with one promising property. We were told that it wasn't an option for a church. In exasperation Pastor Rob asked "Are there any properties that would work?" The folks from the city said "Well, there is one . . ." We're now praying about this building. It would need a lot of work, but has a good location and a lot of promise.

I would like to invite our wider church family to join us in praying for a new place to meet. If you would be willing to join us in prayer please let us now and we will send you regular updates.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Brian

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prayer partners needed!

The Advent Wreath



One of the fondest Advent traditions for both congregations and families is the lighting of Advent candles. The tradition reaches back to pre-Christian northern Europeans. During the darkest days of winter, they lit as many as twenty-four candles on an evergreen-covered wheel or wreath. By lighting a candle a day, they marked time, anticipating the return of the sun's light and warmth. By the 1500s, both Lutherans and Catholics adapted the Advent Wreath as a devotional way to prepare for the coming of Christ, the Light of the World.

Today, the Advent Wreath is usually an evergreen wreath placed on a table or suspended from a ceiling or an arch. In the wreath are four candles (usually blue or purple, occasionally one is pink); each candle represents one week during Advent. A white candle is often placed or suspended in the center of the wreath.


The symbols of the Advent Wreath are interpreted in many ways. The circle of evergreens reminds Christians of the eternal and ever-renewing promises of Christ. The lighting of candles, spanning the season, acknowledges the deepening of our preparation and the increasing light that bursts forth at Christmas. The colors of the candles also vary. Often the candles are purple or blue, noting the season's expectations of royalty, liberation, redemption, and hope. For the third Sunday of Advent, occasionally a pink candle is lit. This recognizes a shift of Advent themes in the Bible. The first two Sundays focus on the Bible's prophetic vision of Christ's future and final return; on the third and fourth Sunday, the readings focus on the coming of Jesus, the Christ. The third Sunday traditionally recalls John the Baptizer's call for repentance, and the fourth recounts God's call to Mary and her faithful response. The third Sunday has been identified in some traditions as "Gaudete," a day of joy and rejoicing. Finally, on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, a center white candle is lit. The light of Christ is fully present. Jesus is born.

From the UCC.org website "Worship Ways" on Advent

"..I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8: 12

“Classifieds and Notices”

<p><u>Wanted and Needed</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Ushers and Greeters • Coffee Fellowship hosts <p>Please sign up on board in front of church or call Ginger Miller at 444- 5565</p> <p>Coffee Fellowship and Greeters and are an important ministry and create a more welcoming atmosphere for members and visitors!</p>	<p>North Country Chorus Presents its 64th Annual <i>Christmas Concert</i> Alan Rowe, Director</p> <p>The Christmas Oratorio By: JS Bach Orchestra, chorus and soloists sung in English</p> <p>🎵 <i>Friday, December 2 at 7:30 pm</i> First Congregational Church, Littleton, NH</p> <p>🎵 <i>Saturday, December 3 at 7:30 pm</i> Wells River (VT) Congregational Church</p> <p>🎵 <i>Sunday, December 4 at 3:00 pm</i> Peacham (VT) Congregational Church</p> <p><i>Tickets available at the door: \$10 (\$5 for students) For more information visit www.northcountrychorus.org</i></p>	<div style="text-align: center;"></div> <p>The next Dinner Bell that we host is December 13th at 5:00 pm at the All Saints Church.</p> <p>Please sign up NOW to bring a casserole, side dish, rolls or dessert.</p> <p>Your help is also needed to help set up, serve, or clean up. Call Lars & Cynthia Nielson at 444-1339 for more information or to volunteer.</p>
<p>December Council Meeting Dec. 15th 6:30 PM Agenda: Budget</p> <p>Any member who would like a copy of the November council meeting minutes can call the office to request one.</p>	<p>Financial Report</p> <div style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p>AS OF October 31, 2011-YTD</p> <p><i>Member support:</i> \$111,950.21 <i>Other income:</i> \$9662.71 <i>Transf. from Trust Funds:</i> \$16,893.40 <i>Total Income:</i> \$138,541.32</p> <p><i>Total Expenses:</i> \$127,687.03</p> <p><i>Net:</i> \$10,854.29</p> </div>	<p><i>Angels explained by children:</i></p> <p>I only know the names of two angels, Hark and Harold.</p> <p>--Gregory, age 5</p> <p>Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else. --Mitchell, age 7</p> <p>Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from Holy Cows!!!</p> <p>--Jack, age 6</p> <p>Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else. --Mitchell, age 7</p>

Ladies' Ecumenical Breakfast Group

Come join us at 7:00-8:00 AM at the Methodist Church Parish House on the second and fourth Thursdays for a light breakfast, sharing of prayer concerns, and outreach through a card ministry and a brief program and discussion.

This group started about twenty-seven years ago with twelve women from area churches. Currently there are about 20 ladies attending. Over the years we have had ladies from the following churches: Assembly of God, Congregational, Episcopal, Faith Bible, Methodist, and Roman Catholic. Ladies from all churches are welcome. The size of our gatherings varies because people are free to come when they can.

This is not a club. We have no dues and no attendance requirements. We gather early because some of us have other morning commitments. These ecumenical gatherings provide a wonderful opportunity to be with friends from other churches and to grow in our understanding of one another. Please call Mary Lu Schaller (444-0466), Sue Sullivan (823-5292) or Carol Anne Gillis (444-2835) if you are interested in knowing more about this group. We always welcome new members.

Contributed by Pat Whipple

From the Moderator

In the darkening days of approaching winter, we seem to crave light: sunlight, candle light, ‘happy’ lights, fire light. The light always makes us feel better. I keep thinking about the light and my heart keeps going to THE light, the light of Jesus. Jesus said in the gospel of John “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” But he also said in the gospel of Mathew that we are the light of the world, passing us the torch and instructions to carry on.



How do we become ‘the light of the world’? How do we shine so people will know we are the Body of Christ? And then, how do we share the light?

In this advent season, I would ask you to reflect on light and how these new vision statements may help us become a light in this time and in this place. We will be publishing these statements throughout December and January to give you time to ponder them and comment on them. Try them on. See if they fit. Do they describe who we are and what we want to be as a Body of Christ? On January 8th after church, you are invited to a discussion session on these vision statements. Then, on February 5th, you will be asked to vote to adopt them as written or amended. We will use these moving forward to keep us engaged and growing, and the light Christ offers us and allows us to be.

Our Mission and Vision Statements

Our Mission Statement:

As followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we are called to provide a loving invitation and welcome to all, to inspire and uplift through the worship of God, to reach out to heal and enrich lives through the Holy Spirit, and to nurture people at various stages of their spiritual growth.

God’s Call - Our Vision

- **Vision Statement:** To offer worship that celebrates God’s love and inspires us to bring that love into our daily lives.
Value: Meaningful worship - Expressing our love for God through worship.
Goal: To use a variety of biblically based, theologically sound, and welcoming worship experiences (i.e.: music, dance, drama, preaching styles) designed to engage all generations in praising God.

- **Vision Statement:** To engage people of all ages and at all stages of their spiritual journeys in Christian faith formation.
Value: Faith Formation and growth - Life-long Christian education and faith exploration.
Goal: To provide opportunities for all parishioners to engage in meaningful, faith-based interest groups, activities and/or instruction.

- **Vision Statement:** To serve the community with compassionate hearts carrying the good news to those who need to hear it.
Value: Reaching Out to and Caring for the Community - working to make a positive difference in the lives of residents of the North Country and partnering with other churches and/or organizations to have a stronger impact on the needs of the community.
Goal: To have greater visibility and an identity within the community as a place that cares and helps “the least among us.”

- **Vision Statement:** To be intentional and consistent in our support and care for each other.
Value: Congregational Care (in-reach) - developing and maintaining strong connections with each other and with God by helping to meet the needs of each member of the congregation.
Goal: To develop a strong sense of connection and love within the congregation.

- **Vision Statement:** To be living examples of God’s love as we have come to know it through Jesus Christ.
Value: Witnessing by Our Presence - “You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5: 14 - 16)
Goal: To have our lives bear witness to our growing faith in everything we say and do.

Christian Education Update

Thank you all for the support you gave to our children's mission project to wipe out world hunger. The cakewalk event raised \$158.00 for the "UCC Mission:1" project and the children matched those funds from past events and sent another \$158.00 to the All Saints Food Pantry. Because of your generous donations, there will be a lot of needy families near and far who will not go to bed hungry. You are the heart of our church and together we can do so much. Bless you all. We give God praise and thanks for all He gives to us so that we can help others in His name.

Presenting "The Life and Times of Moses" to the congregation was such a joy for the children. They just loved performing and acting out their lessons for you. Such spirit and talent! I hope you could feel their excitement and joy. They are looking forward to sharing more with you in the future. Thank you for being a great audience.

Advent Family Fellowship and luncheon will be December 4th immediately following worship. We have lots of crafts for all ages and skills planned. Bring your family and friends for lunch (provided by the CE committee) and join us for this fun event. We will end with tree trimming in the sanctuary. We would like you to hang one of your beautiful creations on the tree as your gift to Jesus...for all to see.

Reminder: The children need to bring their "script" for the Christmas pageant to church on December 4th. Pastor David and Ms. Linda will need it to prepare for the pageant service on December 18th. We will rehearse in Sunday school on the 11th and have a full **Pageant rehearsal, Saturday, December 17th at 9:30 am.** Please mark your calendar. Following the pageant, we will celebrate Jesus' birthday with cake in Fellowship Hall. Come and invite a friend to share in the joy of this wondrous season.

There will be no Sunday school on December 25 and January 1, 2012

Merry Christmas,
Christian Education Committee

Opportunities for Adult Study

From Pastor David: I will be offering two classes for adults beginning in January: The first class will be a study of the book of Psalms. This collection of sacred poetry and prayer has been used in the worship of God since at least a thousand years before Jesus. The Temple, the Synagogue and the Church have all made the Psalms a vital part of their worship. In these writings, you'll discover every human emotion—confidence, repentance, anger and relief; despair in conversation with hope; resistance becoming acceptance—there isn't a human experience that isn't reflected in these writings. The Psalms bring us into the presence of God in all our complexity, exactly as we are, and allow God to meet us, heal us, confront us, comfort us, love us, transform us one day at a time. I hope you'll consider joining us. The class will meet on five Sundays after church: January 15, 22 and 29 and February 12 and 19. (February 5 is our Annual Meeting. We'll have a light lunch together, starting at 11:30 p.m. and we'll finish each class by 1:00 p.m. Please let me or Pat if you'd like to be part of this class so we can order materials.

The second class will be held during Lent. It's a study of the Lord's Prayer. This simple prayer that Jesus taught contains a world of insight and inspiration for those of us who aspire to live as disciples in the world. This study has six sessions, one for each of the Sundays of Lent. We'll meet over lunch and study together on Sundays after church from February 26 through April 1. I look forward to sharing one or both of these explorations of God's Word with you.

Ladies Society

Rummage Sale - The Ladies Society would like to thank everyone who helped and encouraged us in our annual sale event. We netted \$1600. We appreciate the extra volunteers we had in closing down the sale on Saturday morning. They were invaluable. The YMCA and Salvation Army benefitted from the items we were unable to sell. Thank you EVERYONE!

Ladies Society December meeting will be held at the Oasis at noon on Thursday, December 15. If you would like to join us in this annual event, call Barbara at 444-1104. You are welcome!

Contributed by Barbara Holland

What is happening at Shining Lights Learning Center?

- ✚ You may have noticed the work done to the church parking lot. Shining Lights is purchasing a shed to hold strollers and outdoor toys for the winter. A big thank you to Greg Winn and crew!
- ✚ The children are very busy putting together a holiday celebration to share on December 16th at 5:30 PM. There will also be a pasta dinner as a fundraiser. ☺ Please join us!
- ✚ We welcome back teacher Cindy Roberts who is returning from maternity leave. She had a beautiful baby girl, Abigail.
- ✚ Our numbers are up in the preschool but we still have room for more toddlers. Spread the word!

Contributed by Peggy Bromley



Mission Update

contributed by Bob Muh

MISSION:1: The mission committee would like to thank all of our members and friends for their generous support of the MISSION:1 campaign toward an adequate food supply for all and confronting food-related injustice. 304 items of food and household goods were collected for donation to the All Saints Episcopal Church Food Cupboard, along with \$219.00 in donations by cash or check. Nationally, MISSION:1 exceeded its food collection goal through donations of nearly 1.4 million items, and has almost reached the goals of \$111,111 each for Neighbors in Need hunger-related ministries and East Africa famine relief. Our local food cupboard relies on your generosity and the next two *Food Offerings* dates are Sunday, November 27 and Sunday, December 18.

CHRISTMAS FUND: On Sunday, December 18th, you will have an opportunity to give to *The Christmas Fund* (formerly known as “Veterans of the Cross”). This offering, one of the four special offerings within the United Church of Christ, enables the UCC Pension Board’s Ministerial Assistance program to give Christmas “Thank You” gift checks, monthly pension supplementation, quarterly health premium supplementation, and emergency grants. In 2010, over 1.5 million dollars was given out to approximately 1600 retired and active clergy recipients. More detailed information may be found in church bulletin inserts during Advent, or you may visit www.christmasfund.org to learn more or donate online.

SAVE THE DATE! The church council has authorized the mission committee to hold a fundraising pork supper in conjunction with the Friends of the Grafton County Drug Court on February 18, 2012. “Friends” is a 501 (c) (3) charitable foundation which raises funds to supplement government funding in areas such as providing rewards and incentives for drug court participants, making available modest grants and loans to help participants meet some of their basic necessities, and for other beneficial purposes for which operational funds may not be used. The net proceeds of the supper will be divided equally between the church and “Friends”. More detailed information will be provided in the January edition of *SteepleTalk*.

“SPOTLIGHT”: Commencing in January 2012, the Mission Corner will feature a “Spotlight” section which will serve to highlight the activities and needs of a selected mission partner or other local charitable or service organization. The January “Spotlight” will be on the Littleton Area Senior Center.

Support your church!

Here is how you can make sure our church can continue to carry out our mission and can grow into the church we feel God is calling us to be.

- Come and join in the fun: study groups, special events, choir, coffee fellowship, mission projects ...
- When asked to serve or volunteer, SAY ‘YES, I’d love to!’ Better yet, contact Tina Peabody or the church office to let us know you are ready to serve and where!
- Call someone you have missed seeing in church or bring a friend to church with you.
- **Send in your pledge card TODAY.** Prayerfully consider increasing your pledge if possible. Our main financial support is from our members and friends. Fundraisers and fees provide less than 5% of our income.

Stewardship update:

- Last year 62 families pledged \$125,710.
- This year 165 pledge requests sent.....49 responded with a pledge...5 are new. Thank you all!
- 19 who pledged last year have not responded.
- \$99,231.40 received in pledge support.....\$160,000 is needed!
- Of those pledging, 7 reduced their pledge, 21 increased it.

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Advent Family Fellowship



December 4th ~ after church
**JOIN US FOR LUNCH
AND
CRAFTS FOR ALL AGES**

Sponsored by the Christian Education Committee