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Disciples of Christ

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"Rejoice! In the Messenger!"

November 27 — Hope

Welcome Rev. J. Dale Suggs!

December 4 — Peace

Installation of Rev. J. Dale Suggs
and Celebration following Church

December 11 — Joy

The Christmas Cantata will be performing
"Rejoice: A Celebration of Christmas Carols."

December 18 — Love

Join us for worship at 10:00 a.m.

December 24 — Christmas Eve

5:30 PM - The Kids and Youth will be performing "Bows of Holly." Please see back page for donations needed.
11:00 PM - We will have our evening service.

December 25 — Christmas

10:00 AM - Casual Christmas Worship

The advice, "Don't shoot the messenger," was first expressed by Shakespeare in Henry IV, part 2 (1598) and in Antony and Cleopatra, when told Antony has married another, Cleopatra threatens to treat the messenger's eyes as balls, eliciting the response 'gracious madam, I that do bring the news made not the match'. Prior to that, a related sentiment was expressed in Antigone by Sophocles as "No one loves the messenger who brings bad news." (Wikipedia)

The Bible also has some characters, usually prophets or apostles, who do not fare well when sharing the message sent by God. Jonah was so afraid to go to Ninevah to share God's wrath that he found himself in a big fish for three days. Paul's letters and messages got him killed, along with the others who were sharing the story of Jesus.

During the Advent season, much of the scripture text is focused on John the Baptist. John was the messenger sent to prepare the way for Jesus. Ultimately his fate did not turn out well either. (Getting your head served on a platter is not a nice way to be remembered.)

It is not easy being the messenger.

Over the past few weeks, we have been able to listen to a variety of messages from the pulpit, as we have prepared ourselves for a new interim voice in our midst. Dale will begin sharing his insights on November 27th, and he will bring with him many messages that we will need to hear as a church. Some, but not all, of these messages may be difficult during this time of adjustment. It is these difficult insights, however, that should get us excited as a church. We should embrace this time of change as a way to grow into an even better community of faith. We should truly "Rejoice!" that God is doing something new in our midst.

Advent is a time of preparation. Let us rejoice in the biblical voices of the past that have challenged our faith; let us rejoice in the voices today which encourage questions; and, let us hear the voice of God as we prepare for the child who continued to challenge us all with his message. Let us rejoice in the messengers!

See you in Church,

Olivia

Olivia Bryan Updegrove, Associate Pastor

COME WORSHIP WITH US

November 27, 2011 - ADVENT 1

"How Long?" God's messengers call us to hope in a season of darkness.

Scripture: Psalm 80:1-7, Mark 13: 24-27

We invite you to come and worship, bring friends, sing and celebrate God's loving grace. Worship leadership includes **Sandy Hansen, Nora Jacob, J. Dale Suggs, Dean Shepherd, Phil Chap**, and others.

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December 4, 2011 - ADVENT 2

"Prepare the Way!" God's messengers call us to prepare for the Inbreaking of God's Reign.

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-5, Mark 1:1-8

We invite you to come and worship, bring friends, sing and celebrate God's loving grace. Worship leadership includes **Nancy Brink, Maria Perez, J. Dale Suggs, Olivia Updegrove, Dean Shepherd, Phil Chap**, and others.

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December 11, 2011 - ADVENT 3

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

We invite you to come and worship, bring friends, sing and celebrate God's loving grace. Worship leadership includes **Don and Susan Dewey, Chancel Choir, Chancel Ringers, Orange Pealers, J. Dale Suggs, Olivia Updegrove, Dean Shepherd, Phil Chap,** and others.

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December 18, 2011 - ADVENT 4

"The Lord Is With You!" God's messengers call us to welcome our role in the Incarnation.

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 1:26-38

We invite you to come and worship, bring friends, sing and celebrate God's loving grace. Worship leadership includes **Ed and Erin Cooper, J. Dale Suggs, Olivia Updegrove, Dean Shepherd, Phil Chap,** and others.

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December 24, 2011 - CHRISTMAS EVE - 11 PM

"To All People and To You." God's messengers call us to experience the presence of the Living God.

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

We invite you to come and worship, bring friends, sing and celebrate God's loving grace. Worship leadership includes **Ed and Erin Cooper, J. Dale Suggs, Olivia Updegrove, Dean Shepherd, Phil Chap,** and others.

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December 25, 2011 - CHRISTMAS DAY - 10 AM

There is something really special about going to church on Christmas day. Come in your casual clothes, for a worship that reminds us what all the fuss is about.

We invite you to come and worship, bring friends, sing and celebrate God's loving grace. Worship leadership includes **Olivia Updegrove, Dean Shepherd, Phil Chap,** and others.

Disciples Women

DECEMBER 2011 STUDY GROUPS

LONG Group - Wednesday, December 14, at 11:00 AM, at hostess **Wanda Avery's** home. **Bev Weatherill** is co-hostess.

PAL Group - Thursday, December 15, at 9:30 AM, at the home of hostess **Louise Hall**.

YOUNG AT HEART - Sunday, December 18, at 2:00 PM, in the Fireside Room.

KOINONIA GROUP - Wednesday, December 21, at 7:00 PM, at hostess **Charlene Kempf's** home.

There is no Study Leader in December.

COMING EVENTS

DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON AND HOMEGROWN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. Thursday, December 8, at Noon, Fireside Room. Bev Weatherill is facilitator.

DISCIPLES WOMEN Board will not meet in December.

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Adult Learning / Searcher's Classes

THE PSALMS AND ME AND YOU - During **November**, **Dwight Messenger** will share insights into the Psalms as Pastor and Poet. Along the way, he will give a brief history of the Psalms, address the issues of God's presence and absence, highlight three specific Psalms (23, 42 and 46), and with Miller Messer at the piano, the class will sing the "Lord's Song in our Strange Land." If the Psalms intrigue you, please join us at 9:00 AM in Room 2A.

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CHRISTMAS CANTATA

On Sunday, December 11, the FCCO Chancel Choir will present, "Rejoice: A Celebration of Christmas Carols," by Roger Ames. Born in 1944. the son of a church organist in Cooperstown, New York, Mr. Ames developed a passionate love for creating music as well as teaching and conducting it. Fascinated by choral music, Mr. Ames' works are performed world wide and recently, his "Requiem for Our Time" was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in Music.

In "Rejoice," Mr. Ames weaves a vast array of Christmas carols together in new and original ways. In addition to the traditional Christmas Carols, such as "Angels We Have Heard On High" and "What Child Is This?", Roger Ames includes a bold musical telling of "Good King Wenceslas." Although only a Duke (of Bohemia) in his time, Wenceslas made it his duty as a Christian to sneak out at night and regularly frequent God's churches, giving alms to widows, orphans, and those afflicted with difficulty. His chamberlain, similarly made famous in the carol, would accompany him.

We hope you enjoy this potpourri of seasonal favorites and like Wenceslas himself, spread the news of Jesus' love and birth to all this Christmastide!

Musically yours, Dean Shepherd

Alternatave Christmas Faire

Well, believe it or not, it is that time of the year again. On **Sunday, November 20, 8:30 AM to Noon,** in the **Fireside Room,** the Christian Action and Outreach will sponsor the Alternative Christmas Faire; which is an opportunity to help organizations such as Third World Gifts, CASA, Habitat for Humanity, Friendly Center, All Peoples, Stephen Ministry, and many more. Instead of giving traditional gifts, give a gift of worldly love. Questions? Call Craig Vail.

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Progressive Dinner

It's time to prepare for the Progressive Dinner, to be held the evening of **Saturday, December 3**. We are looking for people to host dinners. No shopping required! If you are interested, please contact Becky Vance. We will begin selling tickets at $12 per person, this Sunday in the Courtyard. Child care will be provided at the church the evening of the dinner.

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Amazin' Greys Christmas Party

Mark your calendars to join in the holiday fun on Tuesday, December 20, at 11:30 AM, in the Fireside Room. Please bring guests with you to enjoy the Orange High School Choir as they bring Christmas music to all. Be sure to reserve your space by calling the Marge Carter or the Church Office. The cost per person is $6, to cover the foods that our wonderful cooks and bakers, Sharon Kay Prenzlow and Marge Carter will prepare.

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FCCO SCHOLARSHIPS

The Memorials Committee congratulates **David Ruby, Kortni Ingebrigtsen, and Jared Wallace** as recipients of three scholarships for the 2011 school year.

The scholarships were funded through a combination of contributions from the **Shari Sluder Permanent Endowment Scholarship Fund**, the **Bert Williams Memorial Fund** and the **General Scholarship Fund**. We thank the families associated with these two funds for their support, which allows us members of FCCO continue their college educations.

Anyone can contribute any amount to the "General Scholarship Fund," which will help us offer scholarships next year. As you may have noticed last year, we funded five scholarships; however, we were only able to fund three this year. Any size contribution is appreciated.

Greg Tabor, Memorials Committee - Chairperson

December 2011 Birthdays & Anniversaries

Personal information has been removed from this version of Church Life that is being published on our web site. Please refer a hard copy of the Church Life or call the office to receive this information.

Important Note: If we have missed any special dates, please let the church office know right away. It is important to us to celebrate these events correctly.

The next Church Life Deadline is **January 17, 2012**

The Loving Tree
By Stephen Ministry
November 27 through December 25

Have you lost a loved one this year and wish to honor them? Bring a picture, no bigger than 5" x 7," of your loved one, to the church Narthex. Your photo will be taped into one of our frames, and placed on the Loving Christmas Tree set up in the Narthex. At lease one Stephen Minister will be near the tree to assist you. It is a way to honor those loved ones we miss dearly at Christmas time. Your photo will be returned to you by Stephen Ministry after the first of the year, so please put your name on the back of the photo. Any questions can be directed to Pam Latimore.

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Blue Christmas Service
Wednesday, December 14, 2011
7 PM in the Chapel

Getting through the holidays without a family member or a dear friend who has died can be a lonely and painful time. Stephen Ministry would like to invite you to our Blue Christmas Service on Wednesday, December 14, at 7 PM in the Chapel. This brief and meaningful service will offer you quiet time and prayer. You will join others who are also grieving. If you are or have experienced a loss, or you know of someone who has, you are invited to join us. No need to register, just be there and bring a friend of family member. Your Stephen Ministry would like to walk with you during a time when you need it most.

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Fall 2011 Pictorial Directory

The Church Pictorial Directory is almost here! If you would like an electronic copy (PDF) emailed to you, please send an email request to Linda at the church office.

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A Request from your Church Secretary

When you bring things into the church office for handling, please leave a note with them explaining what they are and what you wish done with them. It can be perplexing to find sacks of items with no note directing us as to their purpose. Thanks!

Continued Prayers for:

Gwen Shaw, Ken and Lois Worden, Paul Roberts, Doris Luraschi, Nikolas Mills, Tom Gregg, *Our Military/State Members*: Nick Aguilera, Tyler Fassina, Josh Reynolds, Erica Prenzlow, and…

Sharon Stephens - Niece - Dealing with cancer. (Meryl Benjamin)

Our Concerns since Last Church Life

Bobbie Bidwell - Sister - Brain tumor is cancer. Further testing being done to identify the kind. Treatment will then begin. (Renee Bidwell)
Jake Brown - Recovered from emergency dental care.
Jackie Burchell - Sister - Pneumonia has improved; however, still struggling to quit smoking. Prayers needed as she faces life issues. (Barbara Wigginton)

Our Celebrations since Last Church Life

Our wonderful **Interim Minister Search Committee!**
20 people from FCCO attended the **Regional Gathering** in San Diego.
The approval of **J. Dale Suggs** as our Interim Minister, starting November 27.
The marriage of **Holly Fraumeni to Christopher DeJesus.**
Regional Ministers on Sabbatical.
Rev. Dr. David Charles Downing - Interim Regional Minister through January 2012.
Ruth Jacob - Mom - Is doing better. Blood and circulatory issues have stabilized for now. Thanks for prayers. (Nora Jacob)
The life of **Betty Gregg**, who passed away November 4, and whose memorial service was held at Fairhaven Memorial Park on Friday, November 11.
The life of **Donna G. Cucunato**, who passed away October 22, and whose memorial service was held at Chapman University on Saturday, November 12.
Successful "Gourmet Repast" (BBQ) - We raised $828. (Disciples Women and Disciples Men, Craig Vail and team)
Ruth Raheb and Kathy Sorensen for their hard work cleaning and painting the Bride's Room.
Happy 128th Birthday, FCCO!
Thanks to our **Visiting Clergy** for insightful and memorable messages: **Jim Ruby; Nancy Brink; Erin Wathen; and Jon Berquist.**

NOTE: Names of children and youth have been removed from this list.

Elders Prayers in Worship

October 30, 2011
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Provider Lord, we thank You for these offering and for the givers. We ask for Your blessing upon these donations, that they will be used wisely by all who receive portions. We also ask for You to bless the givers, for their careful stewardship of their money, time, and talents. Help us to remember that "Do this in remembrance" applies to more than just communion - that we should remember You as we give to help others. Amen. — Estelle Worden

November 6, 2011
COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, we gather at this table to share in these emblems to rededicate ourselves to You. Renew and deepen our faith as we break this bread and remember how the Body of Christ was broken for us. Likewise, as we partake of the cup, help us to celebrate Your presence in our lives. We thank You for the promise of forgiveness. We seek Your guidance, Your blessings, and amazing grace, as we strive to renew our spirits in Your all encompassing love. Amen. — Linda Tuman

November 13, 2011
COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Creator, we come to this table, Your table, as we do each week. We come in anticipation and longing, seeking to be fed and nourished. As we come in anticipation, we also need to remember to be patient. It is so easy to become impatient and forget all that You provide and give us daily. We ask that You bless this bread and cup to the nourishment of our bodies as well as our spirits. In Christ's name, Amen.
— Barbara Post

November 13, 2011
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord, we seek Your guidance for the use of these offerings just as each day we seek Your advice in all our decision. We are reminded we can give more and be more with You at the center of our lives. Radiate our souls with generosity as we give back a small amount of what You have provided. Lord, we ask Your blessing on these offerings that You may send them along lovingly to those in great need. Amen.
— Suzanne Vaugine

First Christian Church of Orange - December 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 5:15 PM Orange Pealers 6:15 PM Chancel Ringers 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	**2**	**3** 11:00 AM Crystal Withey's Memorial Service (Chapel/FSR) (10 AM-3 PM) **5:30 PM -10:00 PM CHRISTMAS PROGRESSIVE DINNER**
4 **ADVENT 2** 9:00 AM Adult Learn/Search (2A) 10:00 AM WORSHIP & INSTALLATION OF J. DALE SUGGS (Sanc) 11:30 AM Welcome Dale Suggs (Ctrd) 3:00 PM Musical Rehersal 4:00 PM Kids Groups 5:30 PM Youth Groups 7:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study (2D)	**5** 10:00 AM Staff Mtg (Lib) 5:45 PM Stephen Ministry (FSR)	**6**	**7** 5:30 PM Campfire Task Group (2D)	**8** 12:00 PM DW Luncheon and "Homegrown" Christmas Program (FSR) 5:15 PM Orange Pealers 6:00 PM Project HOPE School Team Mtg (2A) 6:15 PM Chancel Ringers 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	**9** 7:00 PM Staff Christmas Party & Pot Luck (Mary Lou Savage's Home)	**10** 9:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
	Bride's Room Roof Repair					
11 **ADVENT 3** **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** 9:00 AM Adult Learn/Search (2A) 10:00 AM WORSHIP/CHRISTMAS CANTATA (Sanc) 11:15 AM CONGREGATIONAL MTG (Sanc.) 11:30 AM DM Make Sandwiches 11:30 AM Trustee's Meeting (Office) 3:00 PM Musical Rehersal 4:00 PM Kids Groups 5:30 PM Youth Groups 7:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study (2D)	**12** 10:00 AM Staff Mtg (Lib) 5:45 PM LEADERSHIP NIGHT (FSR) 7:00 PM Committees, Task Groups, Teams 8:30 PM Area Mtgs (FSR)	**13**	**14** 11:00 AM DW Long Group (Wanda Averys) (Louise Hall's Home) 7:00 PM Blue Christmas Service (Chapel)	**15** 9:30 AM DW PAL Group 4:00 PM Stephen Ministry Mgmt Team Mtg. (Ofc) 6:00 PM FCCO Choir Party (Chap Home)	**16**	**17**
		CASA Gift Wrapping (FSR)			**Chi-Rho Overnight (Schmidt Home)**	
18 **ADVENT 4** 9:00 AM Adult Learn/Search (2A) 10:00 AM WORSHIP (Sanc) 11:30 AM DM Make Sandwiches 2:00 PM DW Young at Heart 3:00 PM Musical Rehersal 4:00 PM Kids Groups 5:30 PM Youth Groups 5:45 PM Stephen Ministry Christmas Party 7:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study (2D)	**19** **Church Life Deadline** 10:00 AM Staff Mtg (Lib) 6:30 PM Elders' Christmas Party	**20** 11:30 AM Amazin' Greys Christmas Party (FSR) 7:00 PM Pastoral Relations Spt Grp (Lib) 7:00 PM Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group (FSR)	**21** **Publish Church Life** 7:00 PM DW Koinonia Group (Charlene Kempf's Home)	**22** 3:00 PM Musical Rehersal (Sanc.)	**23**	**24** **CHRISTMAS EVE** **5:30 PM Christmas Eve Service** **11:00 PM Christmas Eve Service**
25 **CHRISTMAS DAY** **CHRISTMAS SUNDAY** 10:00 AM WORSHIP (Sanc) 3:30 PM S-N-T @ Grand St Ctr	**26** **Church Office Closed**	**27** Church Office Hours 10 AM to 2 PM	**28** Church Office Hours 10 AM to 2 PM	**29** Church Office Hours 10 AM to 2 PM	**30** **Church Office Closed**	**31**
		Linda - Vacation				

December 2011 Serving Schedule

SERVING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

WORSHIP LEADERS: ..... Nancy Brink, Maria Perez
CHILDREN'S TIME: ..... Nora Jacob
ELDERS: ..... Clarice Friedline, Della Gabelsberg
DIACONATE:
SERVE: ..... David Ruby, Jenice Carter, Randy Carter, ... Sandy Hansen, Natalie Nevin, Kay Melcher, ... Chie Chap, Cindy Shrout, Roger Worden
PREPARE: ..... Jim Ruby, Nanci Carol Ruby
CLEAN-UP: ..... Ruth Raheb, Kathy Sorensen
ACOLYTES: ..... Matthew Qualls, Meghan Qualls
WORSHIP & WONDER: Marilyn Miller, Natalie Nevin, Cathy Perring
GREETERS: ..... Martha & Ron Causey
COUNTERS: ..... Marc Harper, Jenice Carter
USHERS: ..... Joyce Miller, David Weatherill
SOUND TECHNICIAN: ..... Paul Coleman
IMAGE TECHNICIAN: ..... Dean Thomas
WELCOME TABLE: ..... Gabe Spuckes
SCRIP: ..... David & Vickie Burch, Marc & Lura Harper
OPEN/CLOSE: ..... Ruth Raheb
COFFEE PREP: ..... Sharon Addington
YOUTH SUPPER: ..... Mittelstaedt and Arnold Families

Chancel flowers are thanks to our congregation's generosity in celebration of Advent and Christmas

SERVING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

WORSHIP LEADERS: ..... Don & Susan Dewey
CHILDREN'S TIME: ..... Brian Shrout
ELDERS: ..... Jim Gabelsberg, Donna Gladson
DIACONATE:
SERVE: ..... Cathy Perring, Tom Perring, Mark Perring, ... Courtney Bramstedt, Natalie Nevin, Kay Melcher, ... Chie Chap, Cindy Shrout, Roger Worden
PREPARE: ..... Randy Carter, Sandy Hansen
CLEAN-UP: ..... David Ruby, Jenice Carter
ACOLYTES: ..... Polett Juarez, Bob Hunt
WORSHIP & WONDER: ... Courtney Bramstedt, Sue Miller, Rose Thomas
GREETERS: ..... Michel & Jeff Johnson
COUNTERS: ..... Bruce Borden, Roger Worden
USHERS: ..... Vince Fraumeni, Penny Fraumeni
SOUND TECHNICIAN: ..... Paul Coleman
IMAGE TECHNICIAN: ..... David Ruby
WELCOME TABLE: ..... Don Latimore
SCRIP: ..... Marc & Lura Harper, Ron & Stephanie Pollard
OPEN/CLOSE: ..... Ruth Raheb
COFFEE PREP: ..... Bev Weatherill
YOUTH SUPPER: ..... Ringgold and Bramstedt Families

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SERVING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

WORSHIP LEADERS: ..... Ed & Erin Cooper
CHILDREN'S TIME: ..... Barbara James
ELDERS: ..... Carol Harnack, Carol Quartucci
DIACONATE:
SERVE: ..... Cathy Perring, Tom Perring, Mark Perring, ... Courtney Bramstedt, Ruth Raheb, Kathy Sorensen, ... Jim Ruby, Nanci Carol Ruby, Roger Worden
PREPARE: ..... Chie Chap, Cindy Shrout
CLEAN-UP: ..... Natalie Nevin, Kay Melcher
ACOLYTES: ..... John Harnack, Wesley Ruby
WORSHIP & WONDER: ... Lura Harper, Joyce Miller, Gabe Spuckes
GREETERS: ..... Claudia & Rick Burris, Marlene Spear
COUNTERS: ..... Christine Baker, Martha Causey
USHERS: ..... Craig Vail, Kathy Vail
SOUND TECHNICIAN: ..... Paul Coleman
IMAGE TECHNICIAN: ..... Kevin Kamp
WELCOME TABLE: ..... David Burch
SCRIP: ..... Ron & Stephanie Pollard, David & Vickie Burch
OPEN/CLOSE: ..... Ruth Raheb
COFFEE PREP: ..... Linda Tabor
YOUTH SUPPER: ..... Gee Family

HOME COMMUNION

ELDERS: ... Clarice Friedline, Della Gabelsberg, Nora Jacob, Dan Randall
DIACONATE: ..... Mike Reynolds, Dean Thomas, Rose Thomas

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SERVING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

WORSHIP LEADERS: ..... NA
CHILDREN'S TIME: ..... Chie Chap
ELDERS: ..... Don Latimore, Richard Kempf
DIACONATE:
SERVE: ..... Ruth Raheb, Kathy Sorensen, Jim Ruby, ... Nanci Carol Ruby, David Ruby, Jenice Carter, ... Randy Carter, Sandy Hansen, Chie Chap
PREPARE: ..... Mark Perring, Courtney Bramstedt
CLEAN-UP: ..... Cathy Perring, Tom Perring
ACOLYTES: ..... Amanda Johnson, Tommy Roberts
WORSHIP & WONDER: ..... NA
GREETERS: ..... Pam & Don Latimore, Martha Braun
COUNTERS: ..... Gene Miller, David Burch
USHERS: ..... Jim Gabelsberg, Della Gabelsberg
SOUND TECHNICIAN: ..... Paul Coleman
IMAGE TECHNICIAN: ..... Stephen Pollard
WELCOME TABLE: ..... Gary Gettman
SCRIP: ..... NA
OPEN/CLOSE: ..... Ruth Raheb
COFFEE PREP: ..... Lura Harper
YOUTH SUPPER: ..... NA

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FCCO YOUTH AND KIDS

Operation Holly!

This year's Christmas musical is about collecting items for those in need. Please bring items with you to the 5:30 p.m. worship service. Any type of item is welcomed! These items will be collected before and during the service, and given to our outreach organizations.

Specifically, there are items needed to help with Sunday Night Together for Christmas Day (80 Homeless People).

SNT Meal: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Boxes of Stuffing, Cans of Corn, Pies, Desserts, and Candy Canes

SNT Goodie Bags: Socks, Gloves, and other items like this that can be divided into small gift bags.

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Christmas Musical Schedule

Those participating in the Christmas Musical MUST be at the regular scheduled choir time, if they want to participate. Starting **Sunday, December 4th**, all cast members are to be at church Sunday afternoons at **3:00 p.m.** This continues **through December 18th**.

Dates to Note:

Sunday, December 18th, at 3:00 p.m., Dress/Tech Rehearsal

Thursday, December 22nd from 3:00-7:00 p.m., we will have our final rehearsal.

Saturday, December 24th, Youth to arrive at 3:30 p.m. and Kids to arrive at 4:00 p.m.

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Junior High JAN-Boree
Loch Leven Christian Camp

Friday, January 13 – Monday, January 16, 2012

Registration Forms can be downloaded from: www.scncucc.org/youth_young_adults/janboree.htm or from Linda in the church office.

Please bring your completed form, along with your $175 fee. Turn both in to Olivia by **December 11**.

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There will be No Kid or Youth-Groups December 25th or January 1st!
(We restart the 8th!)

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Parent's Meeting Following Worship on January 8th.

Who We Are

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Church Staff

Interim Pastor	Rev. J. Dale Suggs
Associate Pastor	Rev. Olivia Bryan Updegrove
Admin. Secretary	Linda Smith
Bookkeeper	Wini Chuidian
Minister of Music & Arts	Dean Shepherd
Organist	Phil Chap
Children & Youth Choir Director	Jazmine Harnishfeger
Children & Youth Choir Accompanist	Pam Wykoff
Chi Rho Coordinator	Natalie Nevin
CYF Coordinators	Erin Cooper and Jeannie Oliver
JYF Coordinator	Dana Gray
YD Coordinator	Sandy Reeley
Custodian	Miguel "Mike" Cosme

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Holiday Gift Guide

Scrip Ideas for Everyone on Your List

For Moms

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For the Fashion Forward

Aeropostale
American Eagle
Banana Republic
Buckle
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Macy's

For Dads

The Home Depot
Lowe's
Outback Steakhouse
Sears
Sports Authority

For Outdoor Enthusiasts

Cabela's
Bass Pro Shops
Dick's Sporting Goods
L.L. Bean
Lands' End

For Business Gifts

American Express
Best Buy
Cheesecake Factory
Staples
See's Candies

For Cooks and Foodies

Bed Bath & Beyond
Crate & Barrel
Pottery Barn
Omaha Steaks
Williams-Sonoma

For Teachers

Papa Murphy's
Panera Bread
Bath & Body Works
Barnes & Noble
Shutterfly
Starbucks

For Stocking Stuffers

AMC Theatres Gold Ticket
Baskin Robbins
Chipotle
Regal Entertainment Premiere Ticket
Starbucks
Subway

For Toys for All Ages

Target
Disney
Toys-R-Us
Best Buy

For the Tough-To-Shop-For

amazon.com
Barnes & Noble
Red Lobster
Groupon.com
Regal Entertainment
Overstock.com (O.co)
iTunes

Available from shopwithscrip.com

Important Stewardship & Finance Committee Update

As of October 31, 2011, we have received $299,223.66 in pledge income which is slightly more than the $297,069 that was pledged. Your pledge cards are exactly what enable the Committee to learn and share this good news.

Your commitment cards also enable our congregation to plan our budget for the upcoming year. We budget for our expenses such as payroll, property improvements, and ministry programs, using your pledges as our best estimate of income for the coming year.

For the recent 2011 Stewardship Campaign, we received 105 pledge cards pledging a total of $308,430 in estimated income for 2012. We are far below what was received in comparison with the 109 pledge cards returned in 2011 for a total pledged of $325,000. Based on giving observed in 2011, the Stewardship and Finance Committee estimates that the total giving for 2012 may increase to $331,430; however, this projection is still $21,518 below the Committee's projection of $352,948 for the total income estimated for this year's budget.

We invite you to either return your commitment card this Sunday if you have not done so already or increase the commitment you have already pledged. Commitment cards will be available this Sunday at worship in the Narthex and pew backs.

Budget negotiations will take place on Monday, November 28, 2011. If our pledge amount does not increase, necessary budget cuts from <u>all</u> programming will be made from the 2012 proposed committee budgets.

Your prayers for God's guidance in our leadership are greatly appreciated during this challenge.