



FIRST AND TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2020 CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Through Jesus Christ, we use our hearts, our minds, and our hands to meet the needs of God's people. We will prayerfully attend to our congregation, our community, and our world.

Pastor Kim Speaking:

Looking back at 2020, it has been a very different year from before. COVID-19 started from other countries far away but has spread around the world and came to our community, friends, family members and even to ourselves. Setting aside anxiety or fear of the virus, the way of our lives and how people see, treat or greet each other have changed in many ways. We often miss when we gathered and shared meals, laughter and fellowship together. Will there be any hope for us to go back to our past normal? Can we hug our family members who come from the place far away without hesitation? Maybe most of us want to have those moments back as soon as possible.

The Israelites longed for the restoration of the kingdom of David when they had been powerful and peaceful as the prophets prophesied. That's why they were eager for Messiah's coming. But they didn't know the coming of the Messiah didn't mean only for the restoration of the glory of Israel, but also of the relationship between God and all humankind.

"Advent" means "coming." We remember our Savior's first coming and await His return in this season of Advent. When Jesus came to earth, He proclaimed "the kingdom of God," which was the ultimate theme of Jesus' teaching. We wait and hope for God's kingdom in this Pandemic situation. It is not limited to the restoration of our life before Pandemic. It is something more than that. Beyond human condition, God has been reigning the world. No matter what is happening in our lives or our society, we await God's reign within us and among us.

As hands and feet of God, we commit ourselves for His kingdom with our Talent, Time and Treasure. That's what the disciples of Jesus are supposed to do as faithful servants. Now, I'd love to invite you to the Advent worship services to join in the Altogether peace, hope, love and joy and to think about how you can commit yourself to God through the ministry of our church and through your daily life for the transformation of the world.



"God is with us! Stay healthy! Stay connected!"

Peace!

Rev. Young Je Kim

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**CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS:**
Monday thru Friday
8:30 a.m-12:30 p.m.

Items to Share

Messages for December

- 12/6** (2nd Sunday of Advent): "Almost Christmas: Altogether Hope" (1 Peter 1:3-5)
12/13 (3rd Sunday of Advent): "Almost Christmas: Altogether Love" (Romans 8:35-39)
12/20 (4th Sunday of Advent): "Almost Christmas: Altogether Joy" (Luke 1:39-45)
12/24 (Christmas Eve): "Immanuel" (Matthew 1:18-23)
12/27 (1st Sunday after Christmas): "Grace and Hope" (Romans 5:1-5)

December Calendar

All events are tentative based on protocols by our Health District.

- 12/2** (Wed): "Ready, Action!", 3:30 pm
12/6 (Sun): "Ready, Action!" Christmas musical, during worship
12/8 (Tue): Trustees Zoom Meeting @ 6:30 pm
12/13 (Sun): Commitment Sunday
12/24 (Thu): Christmas Eve Service @ 7 pm



WOMEN IN MISSION

No meetings scheduled until further notice.

PARISH CIRCLE

To be announced.

UMW

No meetings scheduled until further notice.

Christmas Poinsettia



We are not sure at this point if we can have on-site worship in December. If you want to send a poinsettia in memory of loved ones, you may do so. If we are unable to hold on-site services, some of the plants will be placed on the altar and others will be shared with the Nursing Homes and Jonesbrook. After you have ordered your poinsettia, please fill out a form (found in the door of church office) or call LeAnn (402-245-3281) and have her fill a form out for you.

Deadline for the January newsletter is Dec. 18.

The **Carry-Out Soup Supper** that was served on the night of Saturday, Nov. 7 was a big success. Approximately 180 bowls of soup was served. This was accomplished with lots of hard work by a dedicated crew that came up with a plan that made this event possible. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

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FUMC Commitment in 2021

Each end of the year, our congregational focus is on preparing for next year's ministry. We ask you to consider how you will support your church with your Time, Talent, and Treasure as a faithful steward. We also ask you to make a commitment to our ministries with your Commitment Form that is enclosed in this newsletter and will be dedicated on Commitment Sunday on December 13. Please join in this opportunities of serving God and people through the ministries of your church family.

Malawi Clean Water Well Project

Imagine walking to the Nemaha River or the Muddy River every day to collect the water to be used in your home. Each of us reading this newsletter is blessed to have access to safe, clean water to use for drinking and washing. Now, imagine assisting a person in another village (town) in another country across the Atlantic Ocean and south of the Equator, to have access to safe, clean water to use daily.

This Advent season begins with an exciting opportunity for us to do more than imagine – we can give assistance to a village in the small African country of Malawi to have a Clean Water Well dug in their community. The Mission Team at Falls City First UMC has partnered with another, larger congregation in the Great Plains Conference to support the drilling of a "borehole well" in Malawi. A single well can support 4,000 people. ... which is comparable in size to our little town of Falls City. There are plans being made to drill ten wells next year. We have agreed to sponsor one well to be dug in the late 2021-2022 dry season. The cost to have a well drilled and to have village leaders trained in the maintenance of the well is \$5,000. A generous donation of \$1,000 has been received to get this project started off. In addition, the Christmas Eve offering for 2020 has been designated to support this Malawi Well Project. Whether we worship in-person or virtually, our special offerings can be received in the church office. When you make a gift, please indicate "Malawi Well Project" or "Christmas Eve" in the memo line of the check. We will continue to collect donations through 2021 to achieve the goal of \$5,000. Our progress will be tracked on the poster hung on the bulletin board by the north entrance.

If you have questions, please, contact the church office at 402.245.3281 or Joyce Jones (Mission Chairperson) at home, 402-245-3407.



SENCA CHRISTMAS DRIVE



SENCA is asking for help this holiday season. In an effort to keep everyone as safe as possible and cut down on the amount of people handling food and gifts, they have decided to request gift cards this year. They will accept any gift cards, but remember that when you purchase a SunMart gift card, through the church, it earns the church money. They are available in \$25, \$50 and \$100 values. Please contact Tami Dunn (402-245-3255) to purchase.

SENCA will also accept monetary donations enabling them to purchase additional gift cards. These may be sent to: SENCA, 1700 Stone St., Suite 101, Falls City, NE 68355.

Thank you for helping make the holidays better for families in need in our area.

P.S. These make good gifts for anyone on your Christmas list, as well as to use yourself.

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December
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Falls City, Nebraska
First United Methodist Church
Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Heard on Radio 1230 AM or 107.1 FM)
Adult Bible Study Sunday 9:15 Children Sunday School during worship

Rulo , Nebraska
Trinity United Methodist Church
Sunday Worship - 8:45 am

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~Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors~