

"A Vision for the Future of Unity and Justice" An Open Pastoral Letter to the United Church of Christ

Today, Leaders of the United Church of Christ have offered a courageous, inspiring Pastoral Letter to the whole UCC Community. The letter opens with powerful words of Christ from the Gospel (John 14:27), and the letter concludes with this beautiful prayer:

God of hope and love, you are ever-present with us. We wait patiently for you, knowing that you hear our prayers. The call to do justice is on-going. As governments come and go, we are called to bring healing and care to those in need. This is such a moment. A time when there will be the hungry to feed, the homeless to house, and the widows and orphans who will need our care. This is a time when we will continue to honor the inherent dignity and worth of each of your children. This is a time when the church will be prophetic, calling for truth and for change. Provide your church and all who lead and minister within it hope and healing for the living of these days. Amen.

Please click on this link to find the full letter.

Every Child's Hope THANKS Ivy Chapel for the bountiful donation of \$575 in gift cards! This will provide a joyful Christmas for many children served by ECH. Thank you Ivy for your generosity again this yearit was \$250 MORE than last year!

> "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done." Proverbs 19:17

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

8 Michael Winship 10 Jan Wirtz 12 Jane Farrell 13 Valerie Waterman



8 Dec — Donna Grote and Jan Wirtz 15 Dec — Kay and Earl Kreder

Men's luncheon Dec 20 HuHot Mongolian Grill 12675 Olive Blvd.

OUTSIDE GROUPS: JUNIPER ROOT WOODLAND MICROSCHOOL M-F; SQUARE DANCING 2ND F; TKD M/W/TH; AA MEETINGS TUE & SAT, WOMEN'S TUE/THUR, YOUNG PEOPLE'S- SUN





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Deacons appreciate everyone's cooperation in maintaining a safe and welcoming worship environment. We ask that everyone continue to respect those with compromised immune systems and take precautions as needed.

8 Dec 2024, Second Sunday of Advent: Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6

15 Dec 2024, Third Sunday of Advent: Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18



