



The Church office will be closed December 25th through January 4. If you have a pastoral emergency, you can call Candy Schauer and she will have a list of pastors covering while Pastor Julie is on vacation. There will be no zoom coffee hour on December 27.



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Chapel Challenge

A Special Award for Stuart Harvey

"A San Diego man has won AARP California's Andrus Award - the organization's highest honor. At age 85, Stuart Harvey is a retired civil engineer and a founding board member of the Volunteers in Medicine free clinic in El Cajon. As part of the award, AARP will donate \$1,000 to the nonprofit of Harvey's choice - so of course, he chose the clinic. "All of the doctors and nurses are all volunteers. The patients actually pay nothing," Harvey said. "The only thing that they ever pay for is the prescription drugs from the pharmacy." The clinic sits on the property of Chapel of the Valley United Methodist Church, where Harvey has volunteered for more than 40 years. The clinic serves 3,000 uninsured patients a year. He received the award in a virtual ceremony on Facebook on AARP California's pages on Facebook and YouTube. Nancy McPherson, state director of AARP California, said the Volunteers in Medicine staff is doing critical work to help San Diego get through the pandemic.



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"Individuals like Stuart and the team that he works with, they are the front-line workers," McPherson said. "They are putting their lives and their health on the line every day to support the health of our communities. They deserve our thanks." The award is named after AARP's founder, Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus, who also founded the National Retired Teachers' Association."

We celebrate with Stuart and the Volunteers in Medicine who nominated him. **Congratulations!**



Order Your Poinsettia

If you would like to donate a poinsettia for display at our Christmas Eve outdoor service, you can order one or more in honor or memory of someone special. They will be \$8 and you can pick them up after the Christmas Eve service. You can order by calling the

office, sending in the form and a check or turning in the order form sent with this newsletter at the December 13 in-person service, The deadline for ordering a poinsettia is December 21.



In December we will still be having our worship experiences on the web and through the devotion guides. Each week we will be having a Zoom “Coffee Time” at 10:00 am. At 10:30, we will be lighting our advent candles and having communion each week on the zoom call. Look for the zoom address on the email or letter that comes with your weekly devotion guide. See you on the web! We will have an in-person worship service on December 13 at 10:30 am. Please look on the other page for details. We will still be having our online presence if you feeling safer still at home. We will be having a Christmas Eve in-person service outdoors at 4:00 pm. Please join us.

- Dec. 6 *Create.... Peace*
2nd Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 13 *Create... Joy:*
3rd Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 20 *Create...Love*
4th Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 24 *Create...Life*
Christmas Eve Service
- Dec. 27 *New Beginning*
A special service by Conference
- Jan. 3 *Create...Light*
Epiphany

From Julie’s Journal

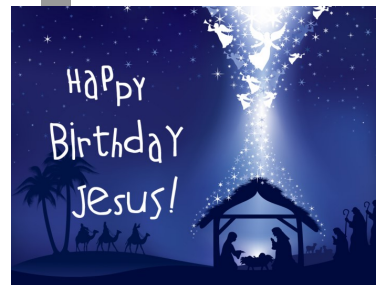
Just a short journal note today. I know this Advent and Christmas season is so different then we have ever known. It seems that we have been doing this pandemic way of living for so long and I know we want to be together again. Yet until the time where we get a safe vaccine, we need to continue to monitor this. During the time Jesus was born, there were hardships as well. People were looking for hope, peace, joy and love just as we are today. Please note that God is with us! The angels still sing “Peace on Earth’ and Jesus comes into our hearts anew...it just takes searching and finding the Christ Child with the directions of the angels. May you have a blessed season. You are always in my prayers!

You are loved!
Together on the
Journey!
Pastor Julie



Pastor’s Day of Prayer

This month the Pastor’s Day of Prayer is scheduled for December 17. If you have prayer concerns to be included in her prayer time, please let the office know by December 16. Please join Pastor Julie in prayer on That day as well.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Barbara Rosner	12/08
Donna Seaton	12/10
Marley Harlow	12/17
Kathleen Messenger	12/19
Ron Crise	12/23
Jeff Messenger	12/23
Agustin Valdez	12/25
Robert Draper	12/26
Renee Calsmer	12/27
Sonia & Arnie Aranico	12/10

COTV Staff

Pastor: Rev. Julie Elkins Lay Leader: Edna Munro
Organist: Mary Ellett Treasurer : Phyllis Lyle
Choir Director: Elaine Harvey

Henry Brown
Robert and Ellen Draper
Patsy McKinney
Becca McLachlan
Vi Moore
Steve Mohr
Donna & Jim Seaton
Renee Calsmer
Agustin Valdez
Lee Carrick
Betty Rudolph



Kay Roberts
All Healthcare workers
1st Responders and all others
having to work in different
ways
*Friends and family dealing
with illness, treatment, and
transitions*

If you have a prayer concern, please call the church office, or Pastor Julie, or Candy Schauer and we will start the prayer chain (both email and phone).

Church Administrative Board Meeting

The Church Administrative Board will be having our monthly meeting by zoom on December 14 at 7:00 pm. If you do not get the zoom information, please contact Pastor Julie.

In Person Worship Services—December 13 and December 24!

We will be having two in-person worship services. One is on December 13 at 10:30 am. Like our first one, it will be outside. Please bring your own chairs. There unfortunately will be no singing or recitation allowed. The service on December 13 will include communion (with individually wrapped communion elements.) The service will be approximately 30-40 minutes and include special music, prayer, scripture, a homily/reflection and communion. Check in begins at 10:00 am. Face coverings must be worn at all times while on the church campus and a minimum of 6 feet of social distance between households will be maintained. The lawn will be clearly marked. Temperature and symptom check screenings are a part of the registration. If there is inclement weather, it will be cancelled. We are following the guidelines of the United Methodist Conference and the County of San Diego. We look forward to worshipping together live and in person. If you still feel the need to stay at home, we will have our regular recording and devotion guidelines sent out.

Christmas Eve Service will be an outdoor service as well. The same procedure will be followed with the screenings, temperature, bring your own chairs, wear masks, etc. If you have been making luminaria bags each Sunday from your advent kit, please bring those with you. There will still unfortunately not be congregational singing, The service will be a service of scripture, special music, stories, and candlelight. We hope you will come.

Pledges and Stewardship

Thank you to all who turned in your pledge cards for 2021. We, of course are still accepting them. You can bring them to the outdoor service on December 13 or mail them into the office. If you did not receive one, please contact the office and we will get you one as soon as possible. You are so incredibly faithful during this time and we gratefully appreciate all that you do.

For those who would like to make an extra donation or finish your 2020 pledge at the end of the year, we will be accepting those gifts and the last deposit will be done on December 31. Thank you again for your faithfulness.