

# CHAPEL CHALLENGE Chapel of the Valley

### From Julie's Journal

Greetings! I am having a tough time believing it is nearing the end of the year and it will be Christmas very soon. I pray that you are taking time to remember the reason for the season is the birth of Jesus Christ. Please celebrate all the holidays have to offer (without stressing yourself out!) Take time for family and friends. Reach out to help those that may need it during this season. And look for those God moments of Hope and Peace and Joy and Love. Share stories of what Christmas means to you to those around you. I hope to see you all at our remaining advent worship services and then our Christmas Eve Service on the 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. May your days be truly blessed! May your moments of darkness be lit up with the star of hope and promise. And may Christ, the light of the world, be born in your heart again this season! Merry Christmas and may we all have a blessed 2026.

Together on the Journey, Pastor Julie

### **News Item**

This is a new design for our Chapel Challenge. I am just introducing it with a quick modified Chapel Challenge for December. We will be sending out a full version starting in January. Just wanted to get out upcoming events and schedule for the rest of December.

# **Christmas Eve Service**

Join us to our candlelight Christmas Eve service, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We will be having dessert following and Pastor's special holiday drink, Wassail.

# **Poinsettia Orders**

If you would like to order poinsettias, please do so by December 18<sup>th</sup>. You can call pastor Julie or email her or the office. The cost is \$10 per poinsettia and please let us know if you are dedicating it in memory or in honor of a loved one. They will be displayed on December 21 and December 24 and then you can pick them up. Thank you.

# **Children's Books**

We are still collecting children's books (preferably new but okay if very gently used) until December 17. We will then be bringing them to Rady's Children Hospital. Please bring them to the church service and place them in the manger or bring to church office. Thank you.

# **Worship Series**

December 14. The Story Brings Joy (Joy) Luke 2:8-20 Third Sunday of Advent

December 21 The Story is For Everyone (Love). Luke 2:1-7, John 3:16. Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24 The Story Comes to Life Luke 2:1-20; John 1:1-14. Christmas Eve

December 28. The Story is Recognized. Luke 2:22-40 1st Sunday of Christmas

January 4 Epiphany Sunday and Holy Communion

# **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Barbara Rosner 12/08

Marley Harlow 12/17

Kathleen Messenger 12/19

Ron Crise 12/23

Jeff Messenger 12/23

Renee Calsmer 12/27

Arnie & Sonia Aranico 12/10

