

December 19, 2023

A Word from Rev. Alice Hupp



We are in range of welcoming the Christ child into our midst. As of this writing we are less than a week away from Christmas! Wow! We are on the cusp of a new and renewed experience. I believe God is preparing us for an amazing year. I wonder what will unfold and how we will be transformed through it all! So to prepare and be open to the future, we must open our hearts, our minds and our spirit. One way to do that, is the acknowledgements of things we are thankful for. Some of you have agreed to write 100 gratitudes before the end of the year. If you haven't done gratitudes and would like to join us, please do!! Writing gratitudes helps to open the heart and when our hearts are open, we are able to receive gifts prepared for us by the spirit of God. As we do them together, we will all feel a shift in spirit and a grateful heart expands.

Or maybe your thoughts have been obsessed with gift giving and the stress that goes with that...that you don't feel any room to open your heart, spirit, or mind to the process of gratitude. Maybe you are feeling the crunch of time and maybe by now you have people you would like to give a gift to but are all out of ideas. For the person who has everything, a great gift is one that changes lives and produces much gratitude. Heifer International offers the ability to give a gift that helps people and communities in need all around the world. For as little as \$20 you can "purchase" a flock, (10-50) of chicks! They grow to provide nutritious eggs, as well as income through selling eggs. For \$30 you can "purchase" a hive of honey bees along with a box and beekeeper training. Beehives can double fruit and vegetable yields of small farms. A gift of \$72 can help a community form a Women's Self-Help Group where they receive education and support to create better lives for themselves and their families. Even a \$5, gift can be pooled with someone else's \$5 gift to provide many animal gift options. Your gift can help to provide clean water to a village, help to fund a Dream Basket that includes a sheep, heifer, goat, rabbits, a flock of chickens and education in their care. Go to www.heifer.org for more information. However we open our wallets and/or our hearts...the spirit of God is upon us to bring us Good News that there is a Savior to be born, and his name is Emmanuel, God with Us. He will transform us. Merry Christmas!! A Son is Born!!

Rev. Alice

Park Place News

Park Place Christian Church

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Church Office Hours:
 Monday & Tuesday 9-12
 Friday 12-4

Submit newsletter articles to the church office by Friday.

Ministry Opportunities



Upcoming Schedule:
We are **DELIVERING** again on Fridays!! Please see schedule on page 7.

INTERFAITH'S



Needs for December:

- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly

Download our App Today!

We recently got the Church Center App and *highly* encourage you to download it or use a PC to sign in and check it out. In the app is our calendar, complete with links to virtual meetings, and a virtual directory.

You can download the Church Center app in your app store and connect to Park Place or visit <https://parkplaceccwf.churchcenter.com/home> to connect on a desktop or laptop.

Our Advent Mission

During the month of December, we will be collecting books for Early Head Start. This organization assists in the development of newborns through age 2. EHS programs provide intensive, comprehensive child development and family support services to low-income infants and toddlers and their families. EHS nurtures healthy attachment between babies and parents. The books we collect will be used to encourage and teach young parents. The books we collect will be used to encourage and teach young parents (particularly fathers) to read to their children at an early age. Books can be brought to church any time in December and placed under the Christmas tree in the sanctuary.



Christmas Eve Worship Service



Get ready for something very different after our Christmas Eve Service! We'll sing a medley of carols, hear the Christmas story, and light the Christ Candle to welcome the Christ Child. Then we'll do what

missional churches do— serve our community!

As we've done in the past, we'll make an assembly line of goodies to fill 6 stockings for the EMT, drivers, and dispatchers at TransStar Ambulance (down the street), and another 8 stockings for the firefighters at Station 4 on Johnson Rd.

Join your church family on Christmas Eve at 6:30pm to get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus and give back to those who serve our community on Christmas Day.

Thanks!

Susan Cusenbary



OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 25th and 26th
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLLIDAYS

SOS Update

Hey Everybody....Don't forget we are continuing to collect your spare change to off set school lunch for our kiddos at Jefferson Elementary School....

We are also continuing to collect items for the homeless to pass out to them in baggies.

Pictures with Santa at SOS!!

Thank you to *Patty Jernigan* from Park Place who brought cookies and punch and helped *Carla Kephart*, our SOS photographer, and all the SOS team, for giving the kids an exciting evening eating treats and meeting Santa!

We had at least 18 children and their families get a picture with the man in red! A big Thank You to *David Morgan* for coming to play Santa for the kids!

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 7, 2024 12:00pm

To vote on the 2024 Board nominees according to the 2022 version of the bylaws.

There was a mix up on the proper bylaws/constitution.



Meals on Wheels Schedule

December 22: *Maley* December 29: *Maley*
January 5: *Maley*

Tuesday, December 19th

Newsletter

2:00pm Tech Meeting

Wednesday, December 20th

9:00am SOS Franchise Audit

7:00pm Choir Practice

Friday, December 22nd

10:15am Meals on Wheels

2:00pm Staff Meeting

Sunday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

9:15am Round the Table

10:45am Worship (**In Person/YouTube**)

6:30pm Christmas Eve Service

Monday, December 25th

Christmas Day

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, December 26th

OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, December 27th

7:00pm Choir Practice

Friday, December 29th

10:15am Meals on Wheels

2:00pm **NO** Staff Meeting

Sunday, December 31st

9:15am Round the Table

10:45am Worship (**In Person/YouTube**)

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

When: Sunday, January 7, 2024 @ 5:00pm

Where: Park Place Christian Church sanctuary

What: The contemplative prayer form that has become known as "Taize Prayer", takes its name from the **Taize Community of France**, founded in the early 1940's by Roger Schutz. Brother Roger arrived in the village of Taizé, France in 1940. In the midst of World War II, he dreamed of creating a community where reconciliation was a daily reality. He began by giving shelter to refugees of the war, especially Jews. Brother Roger recognized that the search for reconciliation was within each individual as well as within the community. Initially, the Taizé founder lived alone, until brothers from various Protestant and Catholic backgrounds followed. Today, as an ecumenical monastic community, Taizé is a sign of reconciliation. People from around the world, especially young people, come to Taizé looking for meaning in their lives as they prepare for responsibilities in their own communities.

What you will encounter at a Taize service: meditative music, prayers, scripture, silence. Through singing simple chants, the mind is quieted, and the heart is opened as the song becomes prayer.

"Nothing is more conducive to communion with the Living God than a meditative common prayer with singing that never ends but continues in the silence of one's heart when one is alone again."

Brother Roger Schutz, founder.



One Minute Tech

During the holiday season, it's crucial to remain vigilant and exercise caution when dealing with emails. Cybercriminals often capitalize on the festive atmosphere to launch phishing scams. Be wary of unsolicited emails, especially those claiming urgent action or irresistible deals.

Avoid clicking on suspicious links or downloading attachments from unknown sources. Verify the legitimacy of emails, checking for subtle signs of phishing, such as misspellings or unfamiliar sender addresses. When in doubt, contact the supposed sender through a trusted channel to confirm the authenticity of the email. Staying informed and maintaining a skeptical eye can help safeguard your personal information and prevent falling victim to holiday-themed email scams.

If you have questions about any of your tech, I am always here to help!

+Mike+



*In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.
Psalm 5:3*

Intercessory Prayer Requests

MEMBERS

Diana Rhoades
Gaye & Sonny Warren
Harvey Troutman
Jackie Lenehan
Linda Burks
Matt Mitchell
Melissa Birk

CONTINUAL PRAYER

Cancer patients
Members & Families of the
Armed Services
Shootings
Racial issues
War in Ukraine
Fires/Floods

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Alan Boughton (Robert)
Alecia Valdez (Robert)
Ann Cowart (Cindy)
Austin & Bethany Laughlin
(Stephanie & Mike)
Bob Elliott (Susan E)
Barry Stevens (Vicki)
Beverly Parr (Linda)
Bradford Family (Woods)
Charles Sanders (Cindy)
Christie Littlejohn (Sarah W)
Cindy Smith (JoAnn)

Claudia & Husband (Katie)
Crystal Ruiz & Babies (Lisa)
Dakota (Sarah W)
Francis (Randy M)
Doug Mackey (Lisa A)
Eric Peters Family (Susan H)
Evelyn Lowe (Maggie)
Gabriel, Whitney, (Tara)
Gerry McAninch (Kathryn)
Jeff Gordon (Candy)
Joe Bernal (Nathan)
John Paulsen (Susan M)
Jonathan Martz (Randy H)
Kevin Cimini (Robert)
Kevin & Stephanie Biggs (Chris J)
Lexie and Josh (Kelley P)
Mabel Teddlie (Linda Bu)
Margaret Brown (Kathryn)
Martha, Barry and Lottie Turner
(JoAnn)
Michal Roberts (Traci R.)
Mike King (Sarah W)
Milo Hensley & Family (Candy)
Milton Family (Susan H)
Monte Elliot (Susan E)
Nancy Hinds (Rev. Alice)
Pete, Christine & Claire Peterson
(JoAnn)
Peggy Mue (Sandra M)
Ray Dickenson (Linda)
Rene Haub (Sarah W)

Rev. Chuck Blaisdell (Rev. Alice)
Rev. Coretha Loughridge
(Rev. Alice)
Robert Cabe (Karel)
Sarah V. (Robert)
Shawn Stewart (Jackie)



Upcoming Worship

December 24, 2023

Sunday Morning

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

Sermon: *A Favor Granted*

Preacher: Rev. Alice Hupp

December 24, 2023

Candle Light Service

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

Sermon: *A Savior is Born*

Preacher: Rev. Alice Hupp

December 31, 2023

Scripture: Genesis 4:1-9

Sermon: *That's a Good Question!*

Preacher: Kenny Mayo

Record of Faithfulness



August 22, -October 10, 2023

General Received

\$8,303.60

Royalties

\$71,141.07

Specials Received

Playground \$ 450.00

Reconciliation \$ 25.00

COME AND SEE WHAT GOD IS DOING IN THIS PLACE!



Park Place
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Disciples Of Christ

Our Mission - To Glorify God!

- By dedicating ourselves to God's will
- By proclaiming Christ's resurrection
- By loving one another
- By praying
- By sharing experiences in both word and deed
- By being faithful stewards of what God has given us.

Join us this Sunday:

**10:45 am Worship Service
(in-person and online!)**

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Opportunities to Serve

- ◆ Pray ~ see our prayer list and remember our playground project
- ◆ Invite ~ family, friends, neighbors to services and events
- ◆ Donate ~ underwear, packaged snacks for Jefferson Elementary School
- ◆ Donate ~ food for Interfaith Food Pantry
- ◆ Participate ~ Christian art class, Faith Formation classes
- ◆ Volunteer ~ help with congregational care or preparing meals Sunday nights
- ◆ Encourage ~ fellowship with other believers
- ◆ Remain faithful ~ in attendance & giving
- ◆ Give Online ~ to the playground, projects, tithes via the website / Giving



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