

FCCE Holiday Happenings!

December 1 First Sunday of Advent: Lighting of the Candle of Hope, Hannah Cummings will sing with the congregation “Come, O Come Emmanuel,” Rev. Jim Duvall, our Music Minister, has produced a Message in Drama--“The Christmas Prayer,” and will direct the choir and accompany them. Guest Preacher is Rev. Dennis Alger (“Waiting for Godot on the Yellow Brick Road,”) and there will be Communion by intinction.

December 1 Sponsor-a-Family - If you have not already done so, please remember that all gifts need to be turned in today. They should **NOT** be gift wrapped and please label your bag with the name and number of the person you sponsored. And **thank you so very much** for your participation in this wonderful way to help people who are trying hard but could use some extra help.

December 4 First Wednesday Circle: we will gather at the **Escondido Olive Garden for lunch at 11:30am**. We are inviting all interested women to join us for our annual Christmas gathering for food and fellowship. Please RSVP, if you are attending, so we know how many to expect. Carolyn Hammock. (hammock.carolyn@gmail.com or 760-855-3209)

December 8 Second Sunday of Advent: Lighting the Candle of Peace, Rev. Jim has planned Messages in Drama and a Message through Music--“Christmas Fantasia” (a Medley of Carols), and there will be a sermon by Pastor Holgie.(Luke 3:1-6).

December 11 Sack Lunch Preparation - Join MSJ Team to prepare 100 sandwiches and sack lunches for Interfaith Community Services at the **Plymouth House at 10:00 am**. With Advent being such a busy time in our church life, we decided not to do it during our Fellowship Hour, so as not to interfere. Hopefully we can return to our normal schedule of making lunches right after church services starting in February.

December 15 Third Sunday of Advent: Lighting the Candle of Joy, Message in Drama, Hymns, Youth Talk by Rev. Maureen, and sermon by Pastor Holgie (Luke 3:7-18). More details to come.

December 22 Fourth Sunday in Advent: Lighting the Candle of Love, Message in Drama, Hymns, sermon by Pastor Holgie (Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)). More details to come.

December 24 Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. Lighting the Christ Candle. Cynthia Poole will be leading the music in Jim’s absence. Service of Lessons and Carols. Yet to confirm: Quiet carols on harp, Gosbells play “Carol of the Bells.” A traditional service of carols using choir, soloists and congregation, Christmas Meditation by Pastor Holgie. Closing in the courtyard with the lighting of our individual candles from the Christ Candle, and “Silent Night” is played on guitar as we sing while standing in a circle.

December 25 Christmas Morning at 10 a.m. Cynthia Poole will be leading the music. Casual service of “Cookies and Carols” opening with an informal “Carol Sing,” with bells and hand chimes and sharing our gratitude, Pastor Holgie will give a Christmas Meditation, and more is being planned, followed by fellowship time.

December 29 First Sunday after Christmas-this is in the planning stage. Cynthia Poole will be leading music and sermon by Pastor Holgie.