

Family Notes

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

Pastor Mac's sermon, "*So-So Expectations*," invites us to see the awesome work of God in our world and in our lives.

The Sacrament today will be administered by intinction. If you are visiting with us and believe as we do that in the Sacrament we receive God's gift of life and forgiveness, if you are a baptized member of the Christian Church, we hope you will join us at the Lord's table. Please note that we also have gluten free hosts.

During Advent:

- our paraments are blue, the color of hope
- our baptismal font with a baptismal candle is at the entry way of our church reminding us that this is how we begin our faith journey
- our confessional is led from the font each week
- our Advent banners are hung
- there are no regular altar candles or flowers
- special aisle candles decorated in blue remind us of this season of hope
- our choirs are not processing
- our Advent Wreath will be lit during the Prelude
- we sing a psalm response between our first and second lesson
- our Hymn of Praise is omitted
- a congregational response, the refrain of *O Come, O Come, Emanuel*, will be sung in place of the Alleluia verse
- we use the Nicene Creed
- we hear reflective music during communion distribution
- we gather each Wednesday at 12:15 & 7:30 p.m. for the Eucharist, to prepare for the coming of Christ
- we begin a new year of Gospel readings with most coming from St. Mark

Advent devotionals are available in the Narthex

Our Lessons:

Isaiah 64:1-9. This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40-55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9. As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming of the Lord.

Mark 13:24-37. In today's reading, Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.

TYING IT ALL TOGETHER:

Today as we gather for this First Sunday in Advent we begin a whole new church year. Our lessons invite us to come to this time hopeful and expectant for God's work in our midst. Isaiah reminds us that God is always doing things that we don't expect (thank God). Paul reminds the Corinthians and us that God gives us all that we need to share this awesome grace of God. And in our Gospel as we begin to read through Mark, Jesus points us to the future and invites us to be alert for God's work in our lives.

WELCOME

If you are visiting, we welcome you and hope you'll soon return to Faith, and that you'll feel free to share in all that is ours in Christ. Please sign our guest book and a visitor's card which you'll find in the pew. If you are interested in learning more about our community, please speak to Pastor Jim or Pastor Mac, or leave a note in the offering. Please stop by the Information Table in the narthex and pick up materials about our Family of Faith. While we encourage children's attendance and participation in our worship hour, we do provide nursery care for those needing this service. Our ushers will be happy to direct you to our downstairs Nursery.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Family of Faith is a Christ-centered servant community that strives to be loving, forgiving, healing and affirming, as it continues to seek new opportunities to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to the world.

Sustained by the Holy Spirit, we worship, serve, learn and grow together by sharing God's gifts of our time, talents and treasures.

(Check out our Mission Statement in the

Narthex.)

Pastor Jim and his family are away today. He will return to the Office tomorrow.

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Vivian Mossberg	Ron Waltemyer
John Glass	Nancy Kordistas
Ben Santore	Ruth Bentley
Jan Siberine	Paul Lutz
Lucas Reiling	Constance Burde
Katie Anderson	Curtis D. Kelly
Annie Scherba	Eric Brodbeck
Jim Connaughton	Todd Shell
Julie Floch	Heidi Santore
Joe Auchter	Bob Bell
PJ Sneeringer	Minet Merritt
Ted Moody	Andrew Stofa
Loren Zachau	Rose Ondich
Ann Bueschel	Donna Swanson
Jim Mastakas	Anna Mae Glassman
Eunice Neubeck	Theri Rossol
Tommy Byrne	Pat Bell
Bob Evans	Molly Whitney
Cynthia Burde	Bob Woodruff
Marie Varley	Linda Eriksen
Jim Daraio	Joe Valentine
Ted Suttmeir	Bobby Adair
John Jackmin	Donna Norby
Nikki Szpond	Rita Regimbal
Raymond Heuke	Frieda Andersen
Kristin	Bob Delatour, Sr.
Patti Graf	Kathryn
Kylie Joy Suiter	Pat Sheldon
Don Beckert	Paul Lissy
Madalyn Stofa	Thelma Keiser
Josh	Lorraine Shank
Pamella Schwierk	Donald Leshick
Chris Bjornstad	Dave Risavy

The Family of Harry Knipp

To add to or remove a name from the prayer list, please call the church office. Unless we hear otherwise, names are removed after three months.

Music Notes

Our music of Advent begins today... the texts of our hymns are so beautiful for this time of year, drawing us to the true meaning of the season before Christmas... The Sanctuary Choir is in the midst of preparations for Christmas, when they will be singing at the 8 pm service... The organ prelude this morning is Bach's famous setting of "Wake, awake" (# 436 in our hymnal)... the chorale tune is played on a reed sound, while the flutes and pedal surround it... Our new organ installation is complete, and it is with great joy that we use this instrument to the glory of God in ever expanding ways each week.

VISITORS CONTINUE

Last week we again saw new visitors at worship! This means we've now had at least one new visitor at worship for 1288 out of the last 1311 Sundays. Make this week the time to invite a relative or friend to join us for our worship gathering. Share the Family! Share the Faith!

PASTOR AWAY



2011-2012 WORSHIP AND MINISTRY THEME

STORIES TO TELL, LIVES TO LIVE will be a wonderful gift to enrich our worship and to lift up our servant ministry. Watch for all of our ministry brochures.

Share your story, and tell us about the lives of faith, courage and discipleship that have inspired you by writing on the Stories to Tell; Lives to Live bulletin board in hall between the Ministry Center and fellowship hall. To guide your thoughts, think how you would answer these questions:

1. When was a time or a place when you felt God come close?
2. Whose life of faith and discipleship has been especially important to you?

Feel free to post pictures, drawings, notes and more and help the Family construct a wall of witness to God's presence in our lives and in our world.



REMEMBRANCE ORNAMENTS

Since 9/11 it has been the tradition of our Family to have a "Remembrance Tree" in the narthex during the Advent season. If you would like to make an ornament for a loved one to leave on the tree here or to take home, please speak with one of the Pastors who will get you the materials you need.

COUNCIL AT THE DOOR

If you have questions or suggestions for the Church Council, stop and see the Council Representatives at the door.

Serving today are: **8:30 - Cheryl Bock**
 11:00 - David Bronocco

Cross lapel pins identify our council members. We give thanks to God for these servants who undergird and direct our ministry.

New Members

What a joy 3 weeks ago to welcome new members into our Family of Faith. Sharing our ministry in the days to come are:

Joanne & Ed Berryman	Madison
Nam Lim & Bill Picard	Scotch Plains

We are thankful for your partnership in our mutual ministry. If you are interested in learning more about our Family of Faith, please contact one of the Pastors.

AA

The gift of healing is shared through our AA ministry each Monday through Saturday morning at 6:30 a.m. We give thanks to God for this healing ministry.

Your Family of Faith

PLAN AHEAD

To help us better prepare for worship each week and to provide guidance for daily Bible reading, we publish the following Sunday's lessons each week. Take a few minutes each day to read over these Bible passages in anticipation of our sharing of the Word together. Next Sunday's lessons are:

Second Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

CHECK OFF

As we move to the final stages of construction on our Ministry Center, just a few items remain to be completed.

- Narthex Furnishings
- Cornerstones

Watch the wonderful blog KW has prepared at www.flc-mc.blogspot.com.

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Your special mailing invited your prayerful and generous gift to further fund all the work on our Ministry Center. Over \$2,000,000 has been pledged and received and now we find ourselves with almost half a million dollars in final expenses that will have to be covered by our construction loan unless we receive sufficient gifts in the coming days. Incurring this debt will impact our ongoing ministries and so we pray for your sacrificial support.

If you have previously made a commitment and have been waiting to share your gift, NOW is the time.

If you have not yet made your commitment, please contact our Capital Campaign Chairs Theri and Fred Rossol (732-534 5350).

If you need assistance with stock transfers, please call the Church Office.

And as you feel blessed by this ministry that we share, we invite your special gift at this time.

THANK YOU DORIS

Last month Doris celebrated her 25th anniversary of working in the church office and so last Sunday Congregational President Cliff Auchter presented Doris with a gift from the congregation and plaque honoring her long ministry. The plaque read...

Doris Johnson

We thank God for your faithful commitment, your rich gifts and your loving care, which have nurtured the members and friends of Faith Lutheran Church for 25 years. We thank you for being a constant presence and support for the ministry of our congregation. And we thank you for your loving ministry that has cared for so many, many people.

With our love and thanks on the occasion of your Silver Anniversary, October, 2011



World Hunger is before us as we support the ELCA's world and local hunger ministries. This includes our own outreach ministries: St. John's Soup Kitchen, Hospitality and the annual Food Collection which is now underway. Soup Kitchen and Hospitality alone have expenses of more than \$13,000 a year. Our special hunger mailing shared more about this ministry and your opportunity to share God's gifts. **Gifts after 2 Sundays total: \$2,360.**

It's Pledge Response Time!

Our Family of Faith's *Stories to Tell; Lives to Live*, keeps growing as pledges continue to be received. They show our commitment to the support for the many outreach missions and a willingness to respond strongly to the needs of many, both far and near. In November, our stewardship appeals highlight two of our ongoing ministries.

First, is our annual mission trip to Sunset Gap in Tennessee, a ministry supported by our budget along with a contribution from Faith Nursery School. For the past 14 years, a group of volunteers from Faith, made up of youth from the Peer Leader group to those still young at heart, has traveled to the Smokey Mountains of Tennessee. We provide five days of Bible camp with lunch and snacks for about 40 campers per day. The housing crew is out on the road doing repairs or new construction on the homes of the elderly or handicapped.

Second, is the annual Fall Food Drive. With the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays fast approaching, it's time to remember and respond to those most in need of this basic necessity. The food drive provides food for many local families and restocks the shelves of the Starfish Pantry in Plainfield, NJ. Faith is the collection point for the drive and last year, partnering with local Boy and Cub Scout troops and the Community Service Association of New Providence, we collected 480 boxes of food, worth an estimated \$26,200. Yesterday over 100 volunteers joined in the sorting and packing of the boxes of foodstuffs. More help is needed next Saturday, November 26, when we pack up the truck and deliver the boxes to the Starfish Pantry.

Your pledges are encouraged and necessary to support these and all of our exciting mission opportunities. Ephesians 2:10 reminds us that:

"We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Please prayerfully complete and return your pledge card today and join in strengthening our commitment to give away what has so freely been given to us.

The Stewardship Committee

**LIVING
NATIVITY -
DECEMBER 18th
5:00 P.M.**



Once again, plans are being put together for our Living

Nativity. On Sunday, December 18th at 5:00 p.m., we will tell the Christmas story. Adults, youth and children all join together in this production as the King's Caravan and Shepherds. For more information, contact Chris Melhuish at 908-451-4815.

DID YOU KNOW...

Today is the First Sunday in Advent...our Advent Craft Event was last Sunday...our Interfaith Thanksgiving Service was last Monday...our Fall Food Drive concluded this week...AA meets Monday through Saturday mornings...Faith Nursery School is still registering for the 2011-2012 school year...we've had at least 1 new visitor 1288 out of the last 1311 weeks...a special welcome to all who are visiting with our Family today...check next week's lessons...we continue to have a host of new visitors - welcome...why not bring a friend to Worship next Sunday...new 2012-2013 calendars are available at cost in the narthex ...see you in church next week!

Family Prayers

We continue to pray for ALL those whose lives have been forever affected by the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, especially the over 7300 service personnel who have been killed. Today we pray by name for the families of allied service personnel who have died in both wars. Please pray for the families of the following, all of whom died recently:

Spc. James Butz, 21, USA, Indiana
Lance Cpl. John Cagle, 19, USMC, Georgia
Pvt. Enlisted Grade 2 Danny Chen, 19, USA, New York
Spc. Richardo Cerros Jr. 24, USA, California
Sgt. Christopher Diaz, 27, USMC, New Mexico
Pfc. Andrew Drake, 21, USA, Texas
1st Lt. Rya Iannelli, 27, USMC, Clarksboro, New Jersey
Staff Sgt. James Leep Jr., 44, USANG, Virginia
Capt. Joshua Lawrence, 29, USA, Tennessee
Petty Officer 1st Class Caleb Nelson, 26, USN, Nebraska
Pvt. Rafal Nowakowski, 30, Polish Army, Poland
Capt. Drew Russell, 25, USA, Michigan
Lance Cpl. Benjamin Schmidt, 24, USMC, Texas
1st Sgt. Billy Siercks, 32, USA, Missouri
Lance Cpl. Leon Smith, 33, New Zealand Air Service,
New Zealand
Staff Sgt. Nicholas Sprovtsoff, 28, USMC, Michigan

IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN

We continue to pray for all the people affected by the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our website offers prayers for these folks and affords the opportunity to list service personnel serving there. To include a name, please see Pastor Mac. Today we pray for SPC Joe Ellis, a member of our Family, who is on active duty at Camp Drum after a year in Afghanistan. We also remember Lt. Christopher Wilk, a friend of the Daniels and Kyle Fell, Anne & Fred's nephew.

We remember Scott Farrell in our prayers. Scott is a relative of the Novaks, who is now recuperating at home after being wounded in Afghanistan.



ADVENT SERVICES

Today, November 27, is the first Sunday in Advent. Be with us each week as we journey through this season of expectation and preparation. Midweek Advent worship begins this Wednesday, November 30th, and continues on December 7th, 14th, and 21st, with liturgies at both 12:15 and

7:30 p.m. Our theme this year is "*Stories to Tell.*" Mark your calendars now for time to get ready for Christ.

NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM?

We are exploring a trip to the Holy Land a year from now. If you would be interested in learning more about this possible journey, please email Pastor Mac at pastor.mac@verizon.net or call the church office. If we have enough folks interested, we will hold a preliminary meeting to explore options.



UPCOMING –

- Nov. 27 – Advent I
27 – Nominating Committee
28 – Staff Worship Planning
28 – FNS Enrichment
30 – Daytime Bible Study
30 – Spoken Eucharist – 12:15 p.m.
30 – Evening Prayer & Eucharist – 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 1 – Staff Meeting
4 – Advent II
5 – Staff Worship Planning
6 – Broadway House
6 – FNS Lunch Party
7 – Daytime Bible Study
7 – Spoken Eucharist – 12:15 p.m.
7 – Evening Prayer & Eucharist – 7:30 p.m.
8 – FNS Lunch Party
10 – Soup Kitchen
11 – Advent III
12 – Staff Worship Planning
12 – Finance Committee
13 – Council
14 – Daytime Bible Study
14 – FNS Christmas Program
14 – Spoken Eucharist – 12:15 p.m.
14 – Evening Prayer & Eucharist – 7:30 p.m.
15 – FNS Christmas Program
16 – FNS Christmas Program
18 – Advent IV
18 – Church Decorating
18 – Living Nativity
19 – Staff Worship Planning
21 – Daytime Bible Study
21 – Spoken Eucharist – 12:15 p.m.
21 – Evening Prayer & Eucharist – 7:30 p.m.
22 – Menorah Lighting
24 – Christmas Eve Worship
4:00 p.m. – Service for Children & Families
6:00 & 8:00 p.m. – Candlelight Eucharist
w/ pre-service music
- 25 – Nativity Eucharist 10:00 a.m.
- Jan. 1 – Carol Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

ANNUAL REPORTS

To all Committee and Task Force Chairs:
Annual Reports are due in the Office by
December 31, 2011.



FAITH NURSERY SCHOOL Registration Continues

Faith Nursery School continues registration for the 2011-2012 School Year. Three different morning classes are offered: a class for 2 ½ year olds that meets on Mondays and Wednesdays; a class for three year olds that meets on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and a Pre-K class that meets Monday through Friday. If you are interested in more information or are ready to register your child, please call Susan Nord, Director, at (908) 542-1252.

SHARING TREE 2011 - Today



Our Christmas gift giving ministry is underway. This year's gifts will be collected for our Possum Way Group Home, Cheshire Home in Florham Park, ARC of Union County, local residents through the Community Service Association of New Providence, and Grace Community Lutheran Church, Ironbound. All you need to do is take a tag from the tree, sign it out, buy and wrap the gift (**no bows**), and return it no later than December 4. If you have any questions, please call our coordinator, Linda Daniels (973-514-1665).

Let's work together this year to make Malaria History! The children of St. Stephan's Grace Community want to give up some of their gifts so that children around the world might live better, healthier lives. Instead of buying \$30 or \$40 worth of gifts, please buy one small gift (\$10) and give the rest of the gift to (\$20, \$30 or more) to help the ELCA's campaign against Malaria. Please, use the attached envelope and return it to the church office with the wrapped gift. Make checks out to Faith Lutheran Church (memo: St. Stephan/Malaria).

Fall Food Drive - 2011

Over 90 members of the Family of Faith turned out to help pack and sort thousands of dollars worth of food for our Annual Fall Food Drive on Saturday Nov. 19th. Together with the local Cub Scouts, we collected, sorted and boxed nearly \$19,000 worth of food in about 4 hours time. A BIG thank you to all the volunteers for their hard work! And thanks to all the members of Faith who donated food over the last month. 175 boxes of food went directly to 38 local families in need - most living here in New Providence. The remaining 285 boxes will be transported on Nov 26th to the Starfish Pantry, an interfaith pantry in Plainfield. Very special thanks to our Task Force: Beth Bertolini, Diana Bjorge, Marie Hays, Larry Holt, Peter McQuaid, Fred Fell, Lois Rafferty, Shannon Naughton and members of the Peer Leader Servant Ministry Team.

Our special thanks to Cheryl Bock who again organized this huge ministry this year.

A Gift for You

Thanks to Faith Nursery School for again providing Advent calendars as gifts for our entire congregation, one to a household. Pick yours up today.



On Earth as in Heaven:
Praying at the Crossroads
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a close reading and study of the Lord's Prayer and an ongoing conversation about being in relationship with God, discerning God's will and making decisions. Invite some friends. To sign-up, please use the registration sheet in the narthex or e-mail Pastor Jim (Pastorjim2006@verizon.net). Classes will meet each Wednesday, November 30 - December 21.

ADULT FORUM

Our Adult Forum continues its weekly educational ministry this morning at 9:40 in Franklin Nelson Hall. Plan on joining us each week for these rich educational opportunities that share the faith and Faith. We gather at 9:40 each week for Coffee and light refreshments followed by our 50 minute program at 9:50.

TODAY: - "LITURGY'S STORY" - Join Pastor Mac as we begin a new church year, a special time to see how our worship liturgy for the year and each Sunday is put together.

DECEMBER 4 & 11 - "MEET MARK" - An overview of Mark's Gospel, focusing on the parable of the Sower and the parable of the Vineyard.

DECEMBER 18 - "ADVENT MUSIC" - Dr. Girvin guides us through the rich and varied tradition of Advent Music.

JANUARY 8 - "A SEMINARIAN'S LIFE AND STORY" - Vicar Jane returns to share the story of how God has been at work in her life as she prepares for ordained ministry.

JANUARY 15 - "MISSION PARTNERS' STORIES" - Our partners from St. Stephan Grace Community Church in Newark come to share the Gospel.

JANUARY 22 - "A MISSION PLAN TELLS THE STORY" - The 2012 Budget. It's not just a financial document...our Mission Plan tells the story of how we believe God is challenging the Family to live as Christ's servants in the world in 2012.

JANUARY 29 - "MISSION REPORTS" - Leaders tell the story of God in action through the Family's ministries.

HOLIDAY GRIEF

The holidays are often a difficult time for families who have lost loved ones. This week we have distributed holiday grief resources to over 20 folks who have had loved ones die this year. *Tinsel and Tears: A Holiday Guide* and *Getting Past Christmas* offer helpful hints for coping with holiday grief. If you'd like a copy for yourself or a friend, pick them up in the narthex.



Parents' Afternoon Out

Saturday, Dec. 10, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Parents, give yourself an afternoon to shop, reconnect, recharge, whatever you need. Youth & Family Ministry and Peer Leaders are offering you a Parents' Afternoon Out on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Bring the kids to Faith for an afternoon of Crafts, Games, Snacks and a Movie, and take the three hours to do whatever you need to do. To reserve your place, please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or e-mail Pastor Jim at PastorJim2006@verizon.net. Please be sure to include the names and ages of your children.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



Join us each week at 9:40 a.m. in Franklin Nelson Hall for coffee, light refreshments and fellowship before our Adult Forum begins. Thanks to today's hosts, Gay Wise and Bill Scott.

Upcoming hosts are:

December 4 - Theri Rossol & Linda Hardy

December 11 - Robin Bohnenberger

December 18 - Open

January 8 - Open

If you would like to host one of our upcoming dates, please sign the sheets in the narthex or the Forum or call or write the Office.



You Are Invited

Join our Jewish sisters and brothers as they light the third candle of the Menorah on our lawn Thursday, December 22, at 7:00 p.m. This is a special time for the members of Temple Sinai, the Summit Jewish Community Center, Beth Hatikvah and our Family of Faith, as we recognize our common roots and celebrate another of God's gifts.

Assisting Ministers

As we begin the new church year, we give thanks for our Assisting Ministers who guide our worship each week:

Courtney Auchter
Jessica Bohnenberger
Allison Bradley
Arlene Douglas
John Everson
Ed Johnson
Carol Lutz
Theri Rossol
Kerry Stahlin



ADVENT CRAFT EVENT

On Christ the King, the Family gathered for our annual **Advent Craft Event**. This gathering of adults, children, and youth met for lunch and focused on preparing for the Advent season. All households present made an Advent devotional that will help count down the days to the celebration of Jesus' birth. Special thanks to Karen Remington & Janet Bradley for coordinating our day.



ARC Group Home

Please remember the residents from the Group Home when sending your Christmas cards this year. Cards can be sent to:

Regina, Rosa, Susan and Anthony
c/o ARC Group Home
4 Possum Way
New Providence, New Jersey 07974



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 24 - Christmas Eve -

4:00 p.m.- Children's Service of Lessons and Carols

6:00 & 8:00 p.m. - Candlelight Eucharists

"The Old, Old Story"

6:00 p.m. - Soloist

8:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir, Faith Bell Ringers & Instrumentalists

Pre-Service Music to begin at 7:40 p.m.

December 25 - Christmas Day -

10:00 a.m. - Festival Eucharist

"Word in the Flesh"

January 1 - First Sunday of Christmas

10:00 a.m. - Eucharist, Carols & Lessons

The Liturgy is the Message

One of the wonderful gifts of the liturgy is its ability to communicate the Gospel to us. The four week Advent season is a rich reminder of Christ's coming in each of our lives, and of our need to prepare for that gift. Page one of our Family Notes lists all the liturgy changes that emphasize this waiting time. Notice also the musical variations that will occur during these coming weeks.

Advent 1 -We have a Prelude and Postlude.

Advent 2 - We have just a Prelude.

Advent 3 - We will not have a closing hymn or music after worship.

Advent 4 - We will worship with a minimum of music, using the "O Antiphons."

As we move closer to Christmas, and our world becomes more frenzied, the growing simplicity of our liturgy will call us to quiet reflection of God's awesome gift.

Every Member Response

It is the Family of Faith and their wonderful commitment sharing God's gifts that makes our extensive ministry possible. Our commitment packets for another year of ministry have all been distributed. Please prayerfully consider your proportional, growth and response in thanksgiving for all

God has shared with us. Make this the year to grow towards a tithe, responding to God's blessings. Thanks to Paul Mossberg, our Financial Secretary and our Stewardship Committee for getting this resource ready for us. As of November 21, we have received 152 commitments for a total of \$600,442. The last two weeks in January we will again share thanks with all those who have shared commitments to undergird our Family ministry.
