

# EXPLORING LIFE IN CHRIST

## Sunday, December 2

1st Sunday of Advent  
9:00 a.m. Traditional Service  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Exploring Life in Christ  
2:00 p.m. Painting with Purpose

## Monday, December 3

Poinsettia Order Deadline  
4:00 p.m. Nursery School Board Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Church Council

## Tuesday, December 4

6:00 p.m. UMW Night Group - Heritage Hall  
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Fellowship Hall, Mustard Seed Room, Sanctuary

## Wednesday, December 5

10:00 a.m. Design Team  
10:00 a.m. FUEL  
11:00 a.m. Ann's Closet  
5:45 p.m. F.R.O.G.  
6:00 p.m. Bible Study - Heritage Hall  
7:00 p.m. Choir  
7:30 p.m. N.A. - Heritage Hall

## Thursday, December 6

2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting - Office Closes  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - Latecomers' Room  
6:30 p.m. Scouts - Sanctuary  
7:30 p.m. N.A. - Heritage Hall

## Friday, December 7

Office Closed  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts - Heritage Hall

## Saturday, December 8

2:30 p.m. Girl Scout Leader Training - Heritage Hall  
4:30 p.m. Bridal Shower hosted by Peggy Birthrong - Kitchen, Heritage Hall  
6:00 p.m. N.A. - Heritage Hall

## Sunday, December 9

2nd Sunday of Advent  
9:00 a.m. Traditional Service  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Exploring Life in Christ

## Concerns:

The Family of Diana Vandercreek  
Shawn Lensing  
Mary Gillian (Nita Heilman's Aunt)  
The Family of Ronald Wesley  
Alice Ott  
Cori Robertson  
The Family of John Goodrich, Jr.  
Mary Devers  
Virginia Page  
Diana Smothers  
Kitty Seay  
Jess Siders  
Sandy Jastrzembski  
Eddy Parsons & Family

## 12/9 Lectionary Text

**OT: Malachi 3:1-4, Response to OT: Luke 1:68-79**

**Epistle: Philippians 1:3-11, Gospel: Luke 3:1-6**

Dear Church Family, I want to thank you for your calls, and cards, and most of all your prayers during my knee surgery. In Christ's Love, Margaret King.

The Hanging of the Greens offers a rich explanation of Advent within the confines of worship. A copy of that worship service has been included in today's bulletin for those who were unable to worship with us this past Wednesday evening.

On Sunday, December 2, Connie Koole will offer a Painting with Purpose class. The painting this time is a winter scene called "Love Came Down."

The office will close at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 5 for a staff meeting.

Mature Christians are people who respond graciously and truthfully rather than judgmentally or secretively. (From *Healthy Congregations Workshop 1*).



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