

DECEMBER 2021

# The Chimes



CRAIG MEMORIAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH

**Worship: 10 am Sundays**

“Little Red Church” behind St. Nicholas Episcopal; 5872 Oliver

## Dirt! We have dirt!

You may not have realized the basement of our former church building extended “underneath” the sanctuary portion of the building—it wasn’t simply the area of the kitchen and Lower Winslow Hall.

That meant that, with debris removal, there was a HUGE hole which remained on the property. Church trustees have arranged for the delivery of yards and yards of fill dirt for the area as well as compacting of the soil—all in preparation for the next work to be done on the property.

Trustees are currently working closely with Gary Hawking, an architect, to review drafts of the proposed building on the former church site. Required code upgrades are being discussed as are possible “features” for the building, including storage, a worship area and a gathering area. We’ll keep you posted!



## Special days for members and friends:

### December birthdays

13	John Sanders
18	Sharon McKee
19	Mark Dale
22	Serenity FitzGerald
26	Nancy Teal

### December anniversaries

23	Stan and Donna Smith
31	Joe and Joyce Wise



**Nov. 28**  
ADVENT BEGINS

FOR YOUR  
CALENDAR

**Dec. 25**

GOD WITH US

Come, let us adore Him.  
Christ, the Lord!



**Dec. 31**

LOOKING AHEAD



# This can help you get ready for Christmas:

Have you thought about lighting an Advent wreath at home? For several years, Mark and I have lit candles on a wreath nightly during Advent and read aloud verses from Scripture to help prepare our hearts for Christ's nativity.

It doesn't take a fancy wreath or even the "right" colored candles—sharing from God's Word can be as simple as reading a verse and having a time of prayer.

Want to try it? We hope these verses (you can choose one or read them all, if so inclined!) will help you create a spirit of anticipation as you look forward to this Christmas. *Note: We've arranged the verses below to match the themes of our church's Sunday services throughout Advent. For an overview of Advent and its meaning, see: <https://www.christianity.com/christian-life/christmas/what-is-advent.html>*

**Nov. 28: First Sunday in Advent (Hope)** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; Psalm 122; Isaiah 2:2-5; Romans 12:11-14



**Dec. 5: Second Sunday in Advent (Love)** John 3:16-19; Psalm 24:1-10; Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 2:8-20; John 1:14; 1 John 4:10

**Dec. 19: Fourth Sunday in Advent (Peace)** Psalm 27: 1-2, 13-14; Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 2:13-14; Colossians 3:15

**Dec. 12: Third Sunday in Advent (Joy)** Matthew 2:10-11; Psalm 146:5-10; Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 2:8-14

**Dec. 24: Christmas Eve (Adoration)** John 1:14; Psalm 96; Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-40; Titus 2:11-14



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