



Message from Pastor Bill Vincent

Isaiah 9:2,6

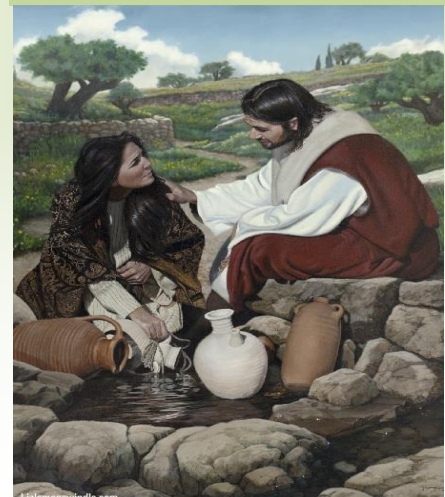
*The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shone.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us. (NRSV)*

John 1:5

*The light shines in the darkness, and
the darkness did not overcome it. (NRSV)*

Matthew 5:16

*“Let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father in heaven.” (NRSV)*



**May the Light of God be born in us this day,
and may we share it one with another.**

A most blessed Christmas to you all!

Pastor Bill Vincent

Christmas Eve Service:

Our joint Christmas Eve service will be in-person (with masks) at the Pacific PC sanctuary, live-streamed starting at 5:00 pm, December 24th. As we celebrate the birth of Christ in our midst, we will light the Christ candle and communion will be served.

Thank You!

The Second Blessing's Food Pantry extends a Thank You to the First Presbyterian Church for the generous donations from the "Share Your Abundance" food Collection. There were 160 food items and monetary collections of \$390.00.

Thank you for giving these donations so we can continue our work in the community.





AFGHAN REFUGEE ASSISTANCE The International Institute of St. Louis is a primary source of assistance for Afghan refugees in the St. Louis area. They have received so much in the way of household goods, clothes and in-kind items that they are turning away these offers. Cash or gift cards are the greatest need for the refugees right now. They have suggested gift cards in any amount to Visa, Aldi, Schnucks, Target, Walmart, and gas cards. If you would like to donate a gift card(s), there will be a basket on the table in the Narthex for the cards. We would like to offer this opportunity during Advent. After Christmas, we will take or send the gift cards to the International Institute. Thank you!

The CROP WALK

The CROP Hunger Walk of Franklin County raised \$12,592.50 as of mid November, with a potential for more donations!

One fourth of that money has been directed equally to the Union Food Pantry and the Harvest Table at St. Peter's UCC in Washington.

On the national level, CROP Walks have invested in community-driven development projects in 30 countries worldwide and are making grants to nearly 1600 US based food pantries, food banks and soup kitchens!

As of November 19, CROP Walks have raised \$5,438,235 with more coming in daily!

Worshiping and serving God, loving, and accepting all



Christmas Joy Offering:

By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

The offering extends through December 19. There will be offering envelopes in the pews, bulletin inserts and email/paper mail notices of this important PC(USA) offering. Checks should be made out to First Presbyterian Church of Union.



A reminder:

Prayer concerns can be shared with me via email or phone before worship (preferably by Saturday evening); or you can write them down (legibly, please) on a piece of paper and place them in the basket that will be located near the entrance to the sanctuary.

Pastor Bill

Sunday Worship service will be Streaming live on Facebook on Sunday at 9:00 am. The bulletin will also be available on Facebook and the church website (www.unionfirstpresby.org), posted by 8 am Sunday morning.

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/firstPresbyterianChurchUnion/>

Bulletin can be found here: <http://www.unionfirstpresby.org/church-bulletins/>

Poinsettias 2021 (purchased in Memory or Honor)

Susan Buchanan	In Honor of Children and Grandchildren
Karen Calvin	In Memory of Dr. Glen Calvin and Jason Calvin
Phil and Dorothy Clarkson	In Memory of Evalee Smith and Ervin and Alice Schneider
Joan B. DuNard	In Memory of Kurt DuNard and Marcella and Lawrence Meyer
Myron and Carol Gruber	In Honor of Erin Scheer and Emily Scheer
Mike and Laura Hill	In Memory of Betty Otte and Jim and Betty Hill
Pam and Lee Hinson	In Memory of our love ones in Heaven and In Honor of the sacrifice of military and first responders
Betty Mechem	In Memory of Jim Mechem
Michael Murray	In Memory of Sonny and Betty Murray, Monte B. and Frances Murray, and Fred and Minnie Hinson
Bev Stobie	In Memory of Rev. Kelly Holt
George and Karen Wiemann	
Ray and Juanita Youngberg	In Memory of our Parents

