



*Our Vision is to be Christ to each other
and our community— doing
justice, loving mercy and
walking humbly with our God.*

Fernwood Kids perform Interpretive Dance in Worship this Sunday, December 19

The children of Fernwood are pleased to present an Advent Dance Interpretation of "Sing We Now of Christmas" in the worship service on December 19. We are blessed by the patient teaching and creative choreography of Carlos and Pam Agudelo. The children have worked very hard to practice this dance that will feature musical and choral accompaniment. What a beautiful, interactive way to have our children involved in the worship of the Christ Child. You don't want to miss this service.

PROPOSED 2022 MINISTRY PLAN SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 15, 2021
(Paper copy to those who still get paper newsletter)

CHURCH CONFERENCE

will be called into conference beginning
on Sunday, December 26, Noon
until Thursday, December 30, 2021, 4:30pm
and e-blast link to voting will begin we sent out on December 26.

Coat and Blanket Giveaway

Our first Coat & Blanket Giveaway of the year was a big success! Held on Dec 5, it served 24 people from 13 families, thanks to the generosity of our congregation and community. We gave away 55 coats, 18 blankets, and 77 hats/gloves/scarves/socks. Our first Coat & Blanket Giveaway of the year was a big success! Held on Dec 5, it served 24 people from 13 families, thanks to the generosity of our congregation and community. We gave away 55 coats, 18 blankets, and 77 hats/gloves/scarves/socks.

Please continue to bring donations to the church, as we plan to host two more giveaways in January and February.

Our biggest need currently is boys' and girls' coats sizes 4-16 and hats and gloves of all sizes.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, December 23

The Church Office will be closed.
Holiday for staff

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve

The Church Office will be closed.
5pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is in-person and Live-Stream Service

Saturday, December 25

Christmas Day

The Church Office will be closed.

Sunday, December 26

Only online Sunday School

11:00am – Worship Service In-person and Live-Stream Service

Monday, December 27

The Church Office will be closed. Holiday for staff

Thursday, December 30

All Contribution deadline for 2021 is from 8:30am - Noon
The Church Office will remain open for regular business until 4:30pm.

Monday, January 2, 2023

The Church office will be closed for the New Year holiday

Children's Ministry Sale of 2022-23 Pocket Calendars

The Children's Ministry is offering 2022-23 (two year) Pocket Calendars for sale to raise money to purchase a storage system for our new "My Makerspace" on the children's hall. A makerspace is a collaborative workspace inside a school, library, or separate public/private facility for making, learning, exploring, and sharing that uses high tech to no tech tools.

These spaces are also helping to prepare those who need the critical 21st century skills in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). They provide hands on learning, help with critical thinking skills, and even boost self-confidence.

So far, we have cardboard, art supplies and various recyclable materials to use to create. We just need a mobile storage cart to enable us to move our materials to our work area. We eventually plan to open the "My Makerspace" to the community to come in to create with us. Please help us with our plans by purchasing a Pocket Calendar for \$3 each.

The Calendars will be on sale before Sunday School and after Worship for the next four Sundays.

News from the Deacons

Dear Church Family,

I want to share with you that Foster McLane has resigned his position on the diaconate as of November 10, 2021. I am sure our congregation shares the deacons' appreciation for all that Foster does for our church as well as our understanding of his need to simplify his involvements at this time. With respect to the nine months remaining on his term of service, a motion was made to change our procedure to not replace a Deacon in the last year of his or her service until the next deacon election. The motion was passed with all present voting yes.

Praying for peace and joy to you and yours this Christmas,

Lee Anne Bailie
Deacon Chair

Key Information & Year End Contributions!

#1 – Contributions must be received no later than Thursday, December 30, 2021, by Noon to be recorded on your 2021 contribution statement. Contributions received after will be posted for the year 2022.

#2 – 2021 year-end statements will be mailed out by January 16, 2022.

2022 Offering Envelopes are HERE!

Located on the Information Table in the Concourse.

It is very important that everyone, please only use your NEW envelopes in 2022 and discard your old 2021 envelopes, since some numbers have changed. Thanks for understanding in this matter.

If you give online or mail your check in, you will be receiving a letter with your number giving.

P.S.: Please be sure that you look closely at the name when picking up your envelopes and only pick up yours. If you do not see yours, please contact Angie in the church office.

A Thank You Note...

Fernwood member,

I wanted to say Thank you to everyone's well wishes, cards, phone calls, and food! I feel truly blessed. I look forward to being back in the kitchen soon.

Tina Nichols(our caterer)
Dinner Belle Catering

MASK REQUIRED

Masks are required when in the church building, at all times. even if you have been vaccinated. Due to the recent number of new Covid cases, we will be taking all precautions to protect everyone. There will be masks provided at each entrance of the Sanctuary lobby.

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Publication Notice

The next (mini) bi-weekly e-blast newsletter publication will be **Wednesday, December 29, 2021**. Deadline for all articles is **Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at Noon**.

PLEASE NOTE: You may submit your information via email (angie@fernwoodchurch.org) or through the church office. Please do not submit any information over the phone. Information submitted after the deadline will not be published until the following issue (no exceptions). Thank you for your understanding!