

# The Messenger

Corona United Methodist Church

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## December 2021



|       |                         |
|-------|-------------------------|
| 12/2  | Marian W                |
| 12/8  | Susan S                 |
| 12/11 | Cheryl L                |
| 12/12 | Jerry W                 |
| 12/13 | Ron S                   |
| 12/16 | Gloria B<br>Christian P |
| 12/7  | Jennie F                |
| 12/19 | Sharon B                |
| 12/25 | Nancy W                 |
| 12/29 | John A<br>Doreen P      |
| 12/31 | Frank N                 |



### Our Church Staff

**Susan Juergensen,**

Pastor

**Jeanne Cadiente,**

Pianist/Organist

**Cat Nunez,**

Administrative Asst.

### Office Hours

**Monday - Thursday**

**8:30am to 1:30pm**

**Please call ahead and make an appointment when possible.**

### A Note from Pastor Susan

#### **Advent Devotional Materials**

Have you been looking for an Advent devotional or study this season of preparation for the Christ child?

I receive UM Daily News emails (if you want to subscribe, go to [umnews.org](http://umnews.org) and scroll down) and read about two devotionals that look fantastic. The first is called, "**All the Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas**". This publication offers either a one-page Daily Devotional experience or a small book describing John Wesley's means of grace. When Wesley talked about means of grace, he meant ordinary ways we receive God's grace - prayer, worship, reading scripture, singing, silence, practices of charity and seeking justice for the oppressed. Through God's grace in Jesus Christ, salvation is available now - to all - as well as not yet, or after this life. Not that grace is earned, but it's offered freely to all who seek it and our good works are a response to God's grace.

The second devotional looks really fun - "**The Heart That Grew Three Sizes: Finding Faith in the Story of The Grinch**". This is a book rather than a daily guide and describes how the mystery behind why the Grinch hates Christmas helps us identify our own frustrations and melancholy with this season. While the unnamed thing that grew the Grinch's heart three sizes helps us realize those miraculous and unexplainable moments in our own lives that bring Christmas near.

I'll be talking about both of these books in my Advent sermons and on Christmas Eve. I look forward to seeing you all in Christmas Eve worship either at our Children's Worship at 5:00 p.m. or our Traditional Worship at 7:00. Both will include candle lighting. Happy Advent!

The Peace of Christ Indwell You,  
Pastor Susan

## From Finance Committee

November Month to Date Giving: \$26,867.28

Budget Needed: \$24,500

Attendance 11/7/21: 80

Attendance 11/14/21: 65

Attendance 11/21/21: 78

Attendance 11/28/2021: 82

We wish to THANK you for your Tithes and Offerings. Your GIFTS support the Mission of this church.

# experiencing **GENEROSITY** CORNER

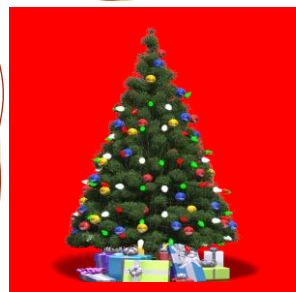
## FAITH IN MOTION

In the past Faith in Motion has helped Raney Intermediate in many areas. Due to COVID, we haven't communicated with them for almost a year and a half. Now they are asking for help to stock their Christmas Shop. The students earn points for various positive behaviors in class and at school. With these points they can shop for their families for Christmas. We helped with this in 2019 and our church family was very supportive. We are asking once again for your support. Small, new items are needed: mugs, gloves, make-up, puzzles, books, card games, small toys, crazy socks, stationery, and the like. Please do not spend a lot of money on this, we are asking for appropriate but not expensive. There is a December 10th deadline, so they can sort the gifts and hold the workshop. Please contact Cheryl Lum or Linda McGranahan with questions. We will have a box labeled for these gifts near the Settlement House wagon. Thank you for always filling the needs.

## MISSIONS & OUTREACH PARKRIDGE FAMILIES

Missions & Outreach are adopting needy families from Parkridge Elementary School. These families dearly need support to make the children have a Merry Christmas. We will display cards in the Narthex with the children's names, ages and needed information to buy the special gifts. Usually clothing and a type of toy/activity is best. We do need these gifts by December 10th. Christine and Cheryl Lum have generously volunteered to wrap the gifts before we deliver. Our children range in age from 4 months to 17; we also would like to buy small gifts for the mothers (all are single parent households).

Cheryl Lum & Linda McGranahan, co-chairs



## BLUE CHRISTMAS

*Service of Light in the Darkness  
Reflection, Prayer & Peace*

**Wednesday, Dec. 8, 12 PM & 7 PM**

*A time to honor your need  
for healing, peace, and wholeness  
in the Light of Love.*

*The Worship leader is  
Rev. Beverly Worden Devine*

***First United Methodist Church of  
Riverside***

*4845 Brockton Ave., Riverside*

## INVITING ALL CHURCH WOMEN & FRIENDS TO JOIN

THE BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE  
AS WE BEGIN OUR NEXT STUDY

## COMMON GROUND

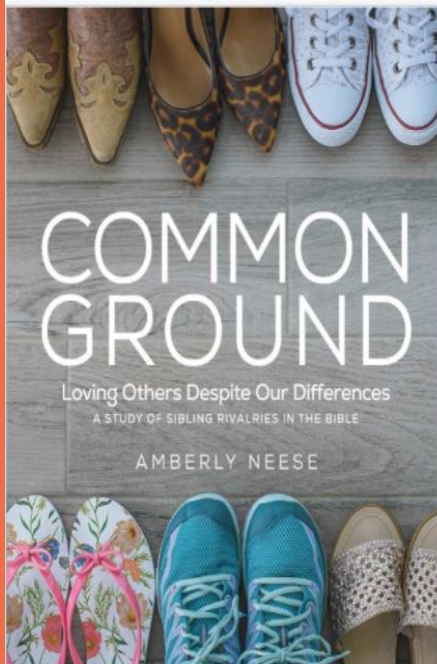
Loving Others Despite Our Differences

This four week study starts on  
**Thursday January 6, 2022**

We meet virtually via Zoom at 6:45 pm  
for a time to socialize and the study  
begins at 7:00 pm. Please contact:

**Karen Eagans**  
(kkeagans@aol.com)

for information and to get  
on the Zoom invite list!





# Church Announcements

+A note about the deadline for the next Messenger please turn in information by Noon on Tuesday, December 7th for it to be included on the next messenger.

+ The Children's Pageant will be on December 12th.

+Special Charge Conference: 7:00 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 9 on Zoom Preparation for BSA Charter decision

| December 2021  |                                |  |  |   |   |                                   |
|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| Sun  | Mon                            | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat                               |
|  |                                |  | <b>1</b><br><u>Cub Scouts</u><br>@6:30pm   | <b>2</b><br><u>Bible Study</u> @9am<br>via Zoom Linda F.<br><u>Scouts34</u> @7pm  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b><br><u>Cleaning Group</u> |
| <b>5</b><br><u>Worship</u> @ 10am<br><u>Prayer meeting</u> via<br>zoom @7pm  | <b>6</b>                       | <b>7</b><br><u>Faith Journey</u> @<br>9am Linda F.   | <b>8</b><br><u>UMW</u> @10 Linda F's<br>Home<br><u>Trustees</u> @ 7pm<br>Tom and Steve<br><u>Cub Scouts</u><br>@6:30pm | <b>9</b><br><u>Bible Study</u> @9am<br>via Zoom Linda F.<br><u>UMW Book Club</u><br>@10:30 Margaret<br><u>Scouts34</u> @7pm<br><u>Special Charge</u><br><u>Conference</u> @ 7pm<br>via Zoom | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b>                         |
| <b>12</b><br><u>Worship</u> @ 10am<br><u>Prayer meeting</u> via<br>zoom @7pm   | <b>13</b><br><u>STAT</u> @ 6pm | <b>14</b><br><u>Faith Journey</u> @<br>9am Linda F.  | <b>15</b><br><u>Cub Scouts</u><br>@6:30pm  | <b>16</b><br><u>Bible Study</u> @9am<br>via Zoom Linda F.<br><u>Scouts34</u> @7pm   | <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b>                         |
| <b>19</b><br><u>Worship</u> @ 10am<br><u>Prayer meeting</u> via<br>zoom @7pm<br><u>Children's</u><br><u>Christmas Party</u><br>@5:30pm | <b>20</b>                      | <b>21</b> Start of Winter<br>(Winter Solstice)<br><u>Faith Journey</u> @<br>9am Linda F.<br><u>Church Council</u><br>@7pm Margaret | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b><br><u>Bible Study</u> @9am<br>via Zoom Linda F.   | <b>24</b><br><u>Christmas Eve</u><br><u>Service</u><br>5pm-Children/Family<br>7pm-Traditional | <b>25</b> Christmas               |
| <b>26</b><br><u>Worship</u> @ 10am<br><u>Prayer meeting</u> via<br>zoom @7pm   | <b>27</b>                      | <b>28</b><br><u>Faith Journey</u> @<br>9am Linda F.  | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b><br><u>Bible Study</u> @9am<br>via Zoom Linda F.   | <b>31</b>   |                                   |