



## THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Neillsville, Wisconsin

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<sup>14</sup>For Christ is our peace. <sup>17</sup>So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near;

<sup>18</sup>for through Christ both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

<sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God." Ephesians 2:14, 17-19

**Jacoba's jottings....**At the Faith Formation Retreat, I took some time alone to pray, walking the labyrinth. As I walked, the song "Let There Be Peace on Earth" came to mind. Then in my devotions this week, I felt led to Ephesians 2 and unexpectedly found the words above. Finding peace, working toward peace will be our theme this Advent and Christmas season. It is Christ who is our peace; it is Christ who proclaims peace to us; and it is Christ who brings together those who have differences so that we all become members of the one household of faith.

My travels in Greece made clear some of the challenges the early church faced. Among them was incorporating people from various cultures and different religious backgrounds into one household of faith. It could not have been easy. Creating one household of faith can be challenging as we come together from hither and yon for the holidays. We openly talked about that a few years ago. Now many of us have become silent as more of what touches us deeply we no longer discuss or maybe even allow ourselves to feel. I think in our silence and apathy we have sacrificed working toward peace within ourselves and beyond ourselves.

As I have begun preparing for preaching in the Advent and Christmas Season, I have found the concept of peace if not the word "peace" in many of the suggested scripture readings. The wishing of peace is often the sentiment on Christmas Cards our friends and businesses send. Yet, peace seems elusive as we ramp up our holiday activities trying to fit them in without letting go of any of our year-round schedules.

Three words seem to pop-up regularly as ways to find happiness – maybe these words will also help us experience peace in our hearts and in the world. **Kindness, generosity and gratitude** – and as a theologian, I would add offering **grace**. What if we chose these words or maybe just one or two of them to focus our Advent and Christmas preparations. You might jump to the conclusion that I am suggesting we be more kind, generous, grateful and gracious to others. You are right. However, I also encourage us to be kinder, more generous, grateful and gracious to ourselves. I wonder if even centering on one of these words for this season would lead us to greater peace within ourselves and in the world – in our families, in the schools, in the communities and groups where we live, work and play. I think it is worth a try.



### ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT UCC

**December 1** *First Sunday of Advent*, Pastor Jim Mohr leading worship

The Sacrament of Holy Communion Served in the pew

**December 22** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*, The Sunday School Program

**December 24 4:30pm** The Sacrament of Holy Communion Served

at the Altar; Candlelight Service (battery operated candles)

**December 24 7:30pm** Candlelight Service; Senior Choir Singing;

The Sacrament of Holy Communion served at the Altar



### *Jacoba's second page...*

November began with the celebration of All Saints Day, inviting families to remember their loved ones with naming them and lighting candles in memory of them.

Already the next week we were busy with last minute preparations for the Holiday Fair. The beautiful Crafts created by Carla Opelt and her helpers were brought downstairs by the Confirmands; the ladies then spent the next few evenings beautifully arranging and pricing them. In the meantime, the New-to-You Treasures volunteers under the direction of Deb Perkl and Wendy Sigurdson washed, arranged and prepared for sale the items church and community members had donated throughout the year. The Card Ladies led by Darlene Mueller finished making the cards set aside for the Holiday Fair. Then The Circle of Friends along with church members got busy in



their home kitchens creating baked goods and candies. On Friday, Betty Opelt with her helpers prepared the

Soup and Chicken Salad for the Sandwiches using the groceries church members had donated. Lots of members were in the church all week. I thank you. The day of the Holiday Fair did not disappoint as many members came to help welcoming all who came to support the ministry of the church with their purchases. It was a successful Holiday Fair in all ways. Thank you,

Carla and Emile for your leadership.

As all this was going on the Stewardship Committee worked with me to prepare worship

services including power-point pictures of church members serving in various ways, creating Faith Promise Cards, sending emails and serving a soup luncheon to encourage the generosity of church members in promising their giving of time, talent and treasure in 2020. Then this week, they wrote thank you notes thanking all who filled out their Faith Promise Cards. Thank you, M.E., Emile, Dave, Sue Voigt and Marge for all your efforts in November and the last months.

The Sunday Schoolchildren added to our "thank you" on Stewardship Sunday with singing

and then passing out bags of soup ingredients.

Thank you Stephanie, teachers and children.

The same weekend as the Holiday Fair and Stewardship Sunday, our Confirmands chaperoned by John (Butch) Subke, Bonnie Weyer and then joined by me were having an absolutely great time learning and having fun at the Faith Formation Retreat at Pilgrim Center. The Confirmands were excited to tell me what they had been doing when I arrived and even now in class. They want to go back! Butch Subke was an amazing chaperone – which camp leadership realized asking him to help them out. Butch has the gift of the balancing of fun, learning and order among youth. I also thank Bonnie for covering for me, taking pictures and keeping me in the loop until I could arrive Saturday afternoon and take her place as chaperone.



No wonder a few of us are exhausted, me among them. I don't think I will be taking as many pictures. Putting together the power-points for the church services and then of my trip to Greece meant I had to let go of things important to me – in the ministry and my personal life, though I did help with putting make-up on the actors for the play "It's a Wonderful Life." I am ready for a simpler, yet faithful, maybe even shorter service this Sunday.

I wish our Deer Hunters a safe and successful hunt. You will be in our prayers.

### **RESERVED SPACE IN THE SANCTUARY**

Several people have said they want to come to worship but their doctors have said (and they know too) they need to stay away from crowds. Sometimes they have slipped into the balcony after worship begins leaving before the benediction. We can make it easier for them. I suggest we reserve the blue chairs (under the shed) on the north side of the church for those who have lowered immunity. **We ask you to not go over to greet them.** This will be hard for all of us. We can still wave and send cards saying: "I saw you; I am glad you joined us." Even though we want to be friendly, please stay away from our friends when they sit in the blue chairs. Doctor's Orders.

## December Newsletter 2019

Hi Everyone, here we are at the end of 2019. Getting ready to do the December Newsletter. What a busy November we have had already. The Holiday Fair was held on Saturday, November 9. The weather was good to us and we had a successful day thanks to Carla, Em and the many people who helped this year. The Stewardship Committee worked hard this year with the "stewardship campaign" along with Pastor Jacoba who worked many hours on the power point presentation. How about the soup luncheon they put on last Sunday? The soup was delicious, and the desserts were awesome. We thank them for a job well done. As I begin the Newsletter today, we have a 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Group meeting today with Pastor Jacoba doing a program along with pictures of her trip to Greece. We have Board meetings tonight and don't forget we will decorate the church following worship this Sunday for our Christmas/Advent season. Hope you can stay and help. Next week is Thanksgiving week. Pastor Jacoba will be taking a few days vacation to be with her family and I will be doing the same. The office will be closed Wednesday, November 27, Thanksgiving and Friday, November 29.

*See you in church! Audrey*

## Our Volunteers for December

### Acolytes

#### Sunday, December 1

Haylee Erickson  
Dottie Holm

#### Sunday, December 8

Colton Williams  
Landon Bergemann

#### Sunday, December 15

Iris Vine  
Reese Ziegler

#### Sunday, December 22

Haylee Erickson  
Dottie Holm

#### Sunday, December 29

Colton Williams  
Landon Bergemann

*If you are scheduled to light the candles and cannot be here, please let the Church office know. 715-743-2147. Our acolytes are an important part of our worship service and we thank you for helping us.*

***Note: There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and downstairs for Acolyte Training. Watch for a date and time when this will be taking place.***

**Nursery** We do have a nursery downstairs and a small nursery upstairs off the Narthex available for mothers/dads with small children. We do not have scheduled volunteers to take care of your children. It is required that an adult/parent be there with your child(ren) if you plan on using the nursery. Please leave it cleaned up when you leave. Thank you .

## Ushers for December

### December 1

Deb Holman, Arlene Stark  
Carla Marty, Substitute

### December 8 & 15

Jake Ratsch, Russ Karl  
Scott Williams, Craig Heck

### December 22 & 29

Joey Kranz & Tye Kranz  
Dayne Loberg & Tammy Loberg

**Ushers** *If you are unable to usher when you are scheduled please exchange with someone else if possible and call the church office to let us know (715-743-2147) Thank you for your help.*

***Ushers take Note:*** *There have been some changes in the ushering duties. Please read over the letter you receive in the mail. If you have any questions, please talk to Mike Perkl. We are looking for a **Head Usher** that could help us out on Sundays. (The Head usher would make sure we have ushers in place and that they are aware of what they are to do and to answer their questions.) Even Co-Head Ushers would be nice. Can you **HELP** us out and volunteer for this position? Thank you to those of you that fill in on Sundays when we **NEED YOU**. It is very much appreciated.*

## **(More Usher Information)**

*I will be working on the 2020 Usher Schedule this month. If you do not want to be on this schedule, please let me know ASAP. If your name is not on the list and you want to volunteer your service, please let me know. Also, if there is a time of the year you do or do not want to usher let me know. Thank you for your help! Audrey*

## **Greeters for December**

### **Sunday, December 1**

Kirk & Nancy Rodman

### **Sunday, December 8**

Cris & Lisa Hediger

### **Sunday, December 15**

Joey & Michelle Kranz

### **Sunday, December 22**

Jim & Rosie Repinski

### **Sunday, December 26**

Dale & Betty Opelt

*It is always nice to offer a warm welcome to our church when you walk in the door. Thank you for serving as a greeter. If you are unable to greet, please contact the church office. Thank you.*

*The same goes as above I am working on the Greeters schedule for 2020. If your name has been on the Greeter schedule and you do not want to be a greeter. Let me know. Also, if you have not been a greeter and want to be let me know. Is there a time of year that works better for you?*

## **Communion Assignments for December**

### **Sunday, December 1 – Pew Communion**

**Team 2-** Janice Miller, Jim Vradenburg, Wayne Voss, Jake Ratsch, Karlene Wallace

**Bread:** Janice Miller

**Christmas Eve Services** – (Volunteers from all teams will help serve.)

## **Deacons/Deaconesses Hosting for December**

### **Sunday, December 1**

Jake Ratsch.....715-937-1612

## **(Deacons/Deaconesses continued)**

### **Sunday, December 8**

Mitchell Erickson .....715-937-2984

### **Sunday, December 15**

Kathy Mathis.....715-937-0690

### **Sunday, December 22**

Paul Schmidt.....715-743-6656

### **Sunday, December 29**

Janice Miller..... 715-743-7070

## **Coffee Hour for December**

Would you like to host Coffee Hour sometime in December? We could use some volunteers for Sunday, December 1, 8, 15 & 29. On Sunday, December 22 the Christian Education Board will host Jesus' Birthday Party following the Sunday School Christmas program and worship that day. Sign-up on the bulletin board or call and let us know if you can help out.

Watch for the coffee host schedule for the year of 2020. If there is a Sunday you would like to host, please sign-up. Find a friend and sign up together (No need to put on a full meal (just one thing is all you need to serve) some bars/cookies or some cheese/crackers or some fruit. If you have any questions give us a call. The coffee, lemonade, plates, napkins are all provided. Some volunteers like to serve more than one thing; we let them decide what they want to serve...we are all satisfied with **one** thing being served. We are just happy to have some volunteers serve. Thank you for your help and support! Fellowship/Coffee Hour is a fun time to spend some time together with of our church family. Come and join us!

## **Offering Envelopes for 2020**

I will be working on the 2020 Offering Envelopes this month. If you do not have envelopes and want them please let Audrey know. These envelopes are very helpful to the money counters so if you have them please use them. Some of them did not get picked up last year. It's easier for the counters because your number is on the envelope. There is a line for special offerings .if you give and if you give cash we have a record on your envelope. We will get these offering envelopes out toward the end of December. Watch for them

## To the Members and Friends of Neillsville United Church of Christ,

It is with excitement and profound gratitude that I share with you that our church has recently received a monetary gift in the amount of \$101,711 from the Sam and Marian Ray Irrevocable Family Charitable Trust. We have been informed that these funds are to be used for religious purposes at the discretion of the Church Council. I would like to share that our Church Council discussed this matter in great detail for an extended meeting this past Tuesday evening (November 19, 2019). At this meeting, it was decided to receive guidance in the use of this gift from The Wisconsin Conference UCC. The Council was in agreement that we truly want to use this gift in a way to honor the wishes of Sam and Marian, and bring the biggest benefit to our mission and work here in Neillsville. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me.

**Jenny Romens Erickson**

## Facts & Figures

### Attendance for November

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Sunday, November 3 ..... | 103 |
| Sunday, November 10..... | 82  |
| Sunday, November 17..... | 64  |
| Sunday, November 24..... |     |

### Offerings

#### Sunday, November 3

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| General Offering.....  | \$1333.00 |
| Circle of Friends..... | 7.00      |
| Holiday Fair.....      | 10.00     |

#### Sunday, November 10

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| General Offering..... | \$1568.00 |
| Radio Fund.....       | 150.00    |
| Confirmation.....     | 100.00    |
| Holiday Fair.....     | 577.05    |

#### Sunday, November 17

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| General Offering.....  | \$1468.00 |
| Back Pack.....         | 50.00     |
| Circle of Friends..... | 60.00     |
| Neighbors of Need..... | 25.00     |
| Holiday Fair.....      | 25.00     |
| Sunday School.....     | 7.25      |

**November Automatic Giving.....** \$2175.00

**Automatic Giving** – Are you interested in giving to your church by “Automatic Giving” in 2020? If you are, stop by the church office and we will help you with the forms that need to be filled out. Very easy to do. You decide how much you want to give monthly and about the 10<sup>th</sup> of every month that amount will be taken out of your account. Another option you can do to give to your church is to set the church up on your automatic bill pay through your bank. With the busy schedules that many of you have and if you are unable to make it to church Automatic Giving would be a way to keep up with your *faith promise* to your church. Please consider giving this way.

## Nominating Committee News

It's that time of the year when our Nominating Committee goes to work. We need to fill some positions on our Boards and Committees. If you are interested in serving, please contact, Russell Karl, Hap Eddy or Deb Holman. We hope you will consider serving in one of these committees or boards. Thank you.

## Radio Broadcast Sponsors



On Sunday, November 3 the radio broadcast portion of the worship service was sponsored by Phil and Donita Follen for the church family.

On Sunday, November 10 our radio broadcast was sponsored by the Vine family in memory of Gordon and Faith Vine.

On Sunday, November 17 the radio broadcast was sponsored by Marge Goetsch in memory of her husband, Dave Goetsch.

And on Sunday, November 24 our radio broadcast was sponsored anonymously by a faithful radio listener.

**Thank you to our November radio broadcast sponsors.**

**The radio broadcast portion of our  
Sunday Worship Service can be heard  
on WCCN AM 1370 on  
Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m.**

**2020 Radio Broadcast Sponsors** We are still in need a few more Radio Broadcast sponsors for 2020. Now is the time to sign-up. The cost is the same; \$75.00 Full Broadcast - \$37.50 Half Broadcast - \$25.00 One Third Broadcast. We feel that our radio ministry is very important to our church and community. Give in memory of someone; in honor of someone or for any other reason you may have. This is not a budgeted item of our church, so we ask you to please have your monies in by the end of 2019.

**Note:** the following Sunday's are still available to sponsor:

**January – 26**

**March – 1, 22**

**April – 5, 26**

**May – 3, 24, 31**

**July – 5, 12, 19, 26**

**August – 2, 30**

**September 13, 20**

**November 22, 29,**

**December 6, 20, 27**

Thank you for your continued support!



### ***Remember Our Shut In's***

Let's not forget our shut-in's at home, those in nursing homes and in assisted living facilities. Send a card, give them a call, or go visit them. We know that many of you do send cards, call and visit and even do clinic runs. We *thank you!* If you know of anyone needing a visit from Pastor Jacoba, please call her or the church office and we will set up a time to visit. If you would like to help Pastor Jacoba serve communion to our shut-in's let her know. We can always use extra hands when we serve communion at our Assisted living facilities. For the month of December communion will be served at the Neillsville Retirement Community on Sunday, December 8. Our shut-ins enjoy it when you come.

***“Sun Catchers Café*** – The Sun Catchers Café is sponsored by the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Clark County. Sun Catchers Café is a get together for people interested in lifelong learning, brain-healthy activities, and interesting, positive discussion. It is free and meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. here at our church. Refreshments are provided. The Sun Catchers Café will meet tomorrow Thursday, November 21. Pastor Jacoba will present a program on her trip to Greece. We thank her for her presentations and pictures of her trip.

The December Sun Catchers Café will meet on Thursday, December 19. The Neillsville High School Choir will be here to sing. Anyone who wishes to come is INVITED! Meet in the Sanctuary for the performance and following the program refreshments will be served downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

### **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS**

#### **Stewardship Campaign: Faith Promise Cards**

The members of the Stewardship Committee extend their appreciation to all who completed and submitted a *Faith Promise Card* for 2020.

The number of cards submitted was up slightly from last year. Our church will continue to grow stronger and move forward in its mission. Stewardship Committee members conducted the church service on November 10 and provided a Power Point presentation that demonstrated church members offering their Time and Talents, and following the November 17 service, members hosted a soup luncheon to show their appreciation to the congregation. An added 'thank you' goes out to those who assisted the committee members in the kitchen before and after the luncheon. The Stewardship Campaign theme this year was, "Because of You, Our Church Changes Lives."

***David Harnisch ,Committee Member***



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**THE CHRISTMAS FUND**  
for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund

The theme for this year's upcoming Christmas Fund is "The Light Shines in the Darkness." For over 100 years, the Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund has been a way to ensure that a light of love and hope will always shine for faithful servants of our church who find themselves facing unforeseen financial need. Funds gathered are used for monthly pension and health premium supplementations, Christmas "Thank You" gift checks, and emergency grants; grants such as needed for large medical expenses and home damage from natural disasters.

Christmas Fund promotion began in November and continues through Christmas. Members of the congregation should look for envelopes in the pews, notifications in the church bulletins, and reminders during December Sunday services from Pastor Jacoba. The Stewardship Committee members encourage you to give what you can for those finding themselves in need and who have served the church so faithfully.

*Submitted by David Harnisch*

**Committee Members: Marge Goetsch, Dave Harnisch, Emile Miller, M.E. Sjolín, and Sue Voigt.**

The Stewardship Committee will meet for the next time in January.

## 2019 UCC Holiday Fair Summary

The 2019 annual Holiday Fair made a profit of **\$6,455.53**

- Crafts - \$3425
- Baked Goods - \$665.30
- Raffle - \$253
- Lunch - \$837
- New to You Treasures - \$693.28
- Next Day Sales/Money Designated Through Offerings – \$581.95

Our door prize was a candle box made by Carla Marty, which was won by Dorothy Larsen from Neillsville. This year we had three (3) raffles:

- a quilt made by Betty Opelt and Christie Country Quilters, which was won by JoAnn Voss
- a Christmas Galvanized Three (3) Tier Tray donated by Barb Miller, which was won by M.E. Sjolín
- Rustic Lantern with Three Remote Candles donated by Carla Marty, which was won by Pat Gessert from Marshfield

Congratulations to our winners!

Our luncheon consisted of chicken salad on a croissant, bowl of Betty Opelt's famous baked potato soup, and a wedge of cantaloupe, not to mention the delicious variety of bars donated by church members. Thanks to all who donated the ingredients, prepared, and/or served the luncheon; it was and is always greatly appreciated.

This annual event would not be possible without the help of many volunteers within the church who work hard all year long; not to mention the week of and after the event. Whether you donated your time, made or donated items to the holiday fair, attended and/or purchased items at the holiday fair, we thank you very much! A special thanks to Carla Marty for organizing this yearly event ... THANK YOU!!

If anyone has old barn boards, milk cans, galvanized pails, desk drawers, or scrap wood pieces that they would like to donate to the Holiday Fair, please let us know; they are our biggest selling items.

Also, if there is a certain item that you would like to see sold at the Holiday Fair next year, please let us know and we will try our best to have it there; any ideas to keep this project a success is greatly appreciated.

Once we start meeting again on Wednesday nights to work on projects for next year's Holiday Fair, we will have an article in the newsletter. You do not need to be an expert or have worked on crafts before. Carla has many crafty ideas and there is something for everyone to do. Thank you again!

**- Emile Miller**

## **News from the Circle of Friends**

On Saturday, November 9 the Circle of Friends were very busy with the many baked goods and goodies that were donated to their shop for the Annual Holiday Fair. A BIG THANK YOU to all that donated, helped and bought their goodies. There was such a nice variety of items for sale. They also sold many of their Greeting cards as well. Again, a big thank you to all!!



Mark your calendars, The Circle of Friends will be hosting their Annual Christmas Party on Thursday, December 12. This will be a pot luck lunch. They will meet at 12 noon. Anyone who wishes to come are invited. Bring a friend and come and join us.

## **Poinsettia Orders**



For many years we have been getting our poinsettias from Falls Florist and they are

again offering their \$12.00 plant to us. You can choose between white and red poinsettias this year. This is the same price as last year. They can be taken home after the 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. Order in honor, in memory or for any other reason you may have. In the bulletin we will have an insert with your names and requests in it. Please make your check out to “**Falls Florist.**” Thank you for your orders. Deadline for ordering will be Sunday, December 15.

## **Advent Folders**

Remember your ADVENT offering. The Advent Folders will be out on the table for those of you that like to use them. These Advent offering are very important – these monies are used for the mission we support in our local areas. Thank you for your support.

## **United Church of Christ “Wild Game Feed”**

**Plans are under Way 2020** – Wild Game is Needed – Please save any wild game that you would like to donate. (Various kinds of Fish, Venison, bear, pheasant) See Deb Perkl or Barb Petkovsek to let them know about your donations.

## **Thank You’s**

**From Betty Opelt** – Thank You – for all the wonderful cards of get well wishes – **God is listening** as things are getting a little better. I am doing a little sewing – that’s a good thing right? If things keep improving, I plan on getting back to doing what I love in our church .

**God’s Blessings to All - Betty O.**

**From Susie & Russ Karl** – To our UCC family, We are so truly blessed by all of you. Thank you so much for the calls, visits, love and prayers extended to us during my illness and now recovery. I am feeling better, but have a way to go as far as strength and stamina. Sure do miss seeing my “family” in church, but that will come. I thank God for all of you!

**With love, Susie & Russ**



## **December Birthdays**

1- Lydia Schumacher

3- Jeff Raine

4- Joyce Johnson

6- Marla Raine

14 – Lynne Abel

Owen Sigurdson

Janet Meredith

17 – Michelle Holub

20 - Charlotte Tetzlaff

22- Abby Averill

Angela Sadowska

24- Dayne Loberg

27- Calvin Heck

28- Sally Sadowska

29- Jenna Ziegler

**Happy Birthday to all of you with a December Birthday! Did we miss your birthday or have the wrong date? Let us know if we did.**

## **December Wedding Anniversaries**

1- Pam & Kevin Stitt

8- Robert & Barbara Petkovsek

17- Glenna & Irv Marg

18-Don & Joy Abel

26-DeWayne & Kathy Seelow

**Happy Anniversary to all of you! Did we miss your anniversary or have the wrong date? Let us know if we did.**



# ***Teach an old IRA NEW GIFTS***



## ***IRA Charitable Rollovers (or Qualified Charitable Distributions)***

If you are 70½ or older and have a traditional IRA, you may give up to \$100,000 per year tax-free to charitable organization(s). This is known as the IRA Charitable Rollover – or as the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) on your tax return. A married couple can each give up to \$100,000 from their respective IRAs each year. The gift can satisfy all or part of your annual Required Minimum Distribution (or RMD). The transfer to charity does not qualify for an income tax deduction but instead it escapes the income tax that you would have otherwise owed on your RMD. This avoidance of income tax is as helpful as a deduction, especially if you do not itemize your deductions.

The transfer must be made to charity by check or wire transfer directly from the IRA. If you accept your RMD before making the gift, you will owe the income tax. It is wise to consult your IRA custodian or financial planner to assist you. (Or you can contact Don Quicker)

We encourage you to consider an IRA Charitable Rollover (Qualified Charitable Distribution or QCD) to your local church. You may make a direct charitable gift to fund your church's operating budget, fulfill a pledge, fund a special project or support your church's endowment fund to benefit your church in perpetuity.

To make an IRA Charitable Rollover (or QCD), please contact your IRA administrator to request the appropriate form, which can often be filled out online. If making your gift directly to your local congregation, you will need their Employer Identification Number (or EIN) and address. Your generosity will make a difference in the life of your local congregation and any other agencies including the wider church you support through an IRA Charitable Rollover (Qualified Charitable Distribution).

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| <b>1 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b><br><b>NO Sunday School Today</b><br><b>9 am Choir practice</b><br><b>10 a.m. Worship/Communion</b><br>Pastor Jim Mohr<br>Fellowship/Coffee Hour | <b>2</b><br><br>6:30-7:30 pm Nar-Anon   | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b> 3:30 pm Confirmation<br>Decorating Christmas Tree<br>Help with Christmas Angel Project<br>6 pm Volunteer Work Night<br>Christmas Angel Project | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b><br>7 am UCC Men's Club<br>Breakfast<br>9 am Volunteer Work Day<br>Christmas Angel Project |
| <b>8 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b><br><b>9 am Sunday School</b><br><b>10 am Worship Fellowship/Coffee Hour</b><br><b>3 am Communion served at Neillsville Retirement Community</b> | <b>9</b><br><br>6:30-7:30 pm Nar-Anon   | <b>10</b><br><br>10 am Ministerial Alliance at Marshfield Medical Center – Neillsville                               | <b>11</b><br><br>3:30 pm Confirmation<br>6 pm Volunteer Work Night<br>Christmas Angel Project   | <b>12</b><br><br>12 Noon Circle of Friends<br>Christmas Party | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b><br><br>9 am Volunteer Work Day Christmas Angel Project                                   |
| <b>15 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b><br><b>9 am Sunday School</b><br><b>10 am Worship Fellowship/Coffee Hour</b>  | <b>16</b><br><br>6:30-7:30 pm Nar-Anon  | <b>17</b><br>5:30 pm Trustees meeting<br>6:30 pm Deacon & Deaconesses meeting<br>7:30 pm Church Council meeting      | <b>18</b><br><br>3:30 pm Confirmation   | <b>19</b><br><br>10-11:30 am Sun Catchers Cafe                | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b>  |
| <b>22 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b><br><b>9 am Sunday School</b><br><b>10 am Worship</b><br>Sunday School Christmas Program<br>“Jesus Christmas Party”<br>Following Program        | <b>23</b><br><br>6:30-7:30 pm Nar-Anon  | <b>24</b><br>4:30 pm Family Christmas Eve Service - Communion<br>7:30 pm Traditional Candlelight Service - Communion | <b>25</b><br><br>CHRISTMAS DAY<br>“MERRY CHRISTMAS”<br>(Office Closed)<br>Pastor Jacoba Vacation  | <b>26</b><br><br>(Office Closed)<br>Pastor Jacoba Vacation    | <b>27</b><br><br>(Office Closed)<br>Pastor Jacoba Vacation | <b>28</b><br><br>Pastor Jacoba Vacation  |
| <b>29</b><br><b>NO Sunday School</b><br><b>10 am Worship - Julie Garber</b><br><b>Fellowship/Coffee Hour</b>   | <b>30</b><br><br>Newsletter Week<br>Pastor Jacoba Vacation<br>6:30-7:30 pm Nar-Anon | <b>31</b><br><br>Pastor Jacoba Vacation  |   |   |  |  |