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First Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 2:1-5 & Luke 21:25-36

**Food Sunday will be this coming Sunday -- November 29  
– one week earlier than usual and customary.**

**Next Sunday November 29 – Hanging on the Greens  
Finger Food Pot Luck**

The annual event will be held immediately following church on Sunday, November 29. A potluck finger food luncheon will be included with crafts and decorating in the sanctuary as we transform our facility for the Holidays. Come joins us for the fun this Sunday



**Linda, Sandi & Peggy**

**Special Upcoming Events –**

December 5 – Bazaar and Bake Sale, December 6 – Alternative Christmas Fair,  
December 13 --All Church Christmas Party,  
December 24 -- Christmas Eve Communion Service, January 3 – Ugandan Orphans Choir

**FROM THE MINISTER**

Too often we get hooked into the routines of life. We get boxed into the everyday schedules. Last Thursday I took the girls & the dogs to the beach. It was cool but sunny. We enjoyed our one-hour sunset visit. After a dog bath, we enjoyed a dinner of ribs from Smokin Mo's and the girls fell asleep on the way home. The occasion was related to the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the girls dad's death. But it reminded me that it takes only a little effort to make any day special.

Why do we let ourselves get caught up in the daily schedules of life? With children in school and church every weekend, it is easy to fill up our time with lots of things to do. But that doesn't have to be an excuse for not enjoying the sunset on the beach more often. Some of you may have discovered that Coco's Restaurant is running a weekly special on Tuesday and Wednesday's after 4 PM. Children eat free. Twice now we have enjoyed a dinner for four about \$10 using our Shop Riverside 10% off card. Outings can be a

picnic in our family room. It just takes some creativity and the willingness to make room for fun in our lives. We take a lot of pictures at our house and then we try to share them with family and friends. We make lots of calls that include: guess what we are doing now? As we get ready for Black Friday and the best bargains, let's not forget that the best Christmas presents will not be purchased but enjoyed. Let's give our families the best gift: God's love and our love for each other.

**Chris C. Nettles**

**WE ASK PRAYER FOR**

Sally Randall is home as of last Thursday & adjusting,

Francis Hiltabidel is in Kaiser Riverside,

Prayer for our church without ceasing,

Alice Estep was in worship,

Al Charlton is staying off his legs,

Jim & Wanda Copenhaver,

We don't have money to give but thanks to each and every one of you.

For my family and the church,

Farolyn's knees are very painful,

Kameryn: LaShawn to pass her exams and Caleb to come home,

Jewell Magill was in worship & son Charles is having surgery on both knees plus all his teeth pulled,

We pray that we all keep our faith during these troubled times!

Al Bondesen's back pain,

Prayers for our troops,

Health of our church.

Al, Unity & Sally,

Prayers for balance in families with the stress & the economy,

For our church to be a place where both doubt and faith are welcomed,

Jane Spinney will need a deeper biopsy scheduled for Nov 30,

Prayer for our family to be strong in our faith during these trying times!

Our daily spiritual guidance.



**Sam & Charles**



**Susan & Dorothy**

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25**

8:30 AM The Friendship Group @ the

Soup Shoppe In Brockton Arcade

10:00 AM Bible Study (cancelled until Dec 9)

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 26**

Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 27**

Office Closed

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29**

Food Sunday-A Week early

10:30 AM Worship

10:45 AM Worship & Wonder

12:15 PM "Hanging of the Greens"

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 30**

6:30 PM Youth Group

**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS**

Donations for Christmas Poinsettias will continue through Sunday Dec 6. The cost is \$10 each. The flowers can be dedicated "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone to which you would like to pay tribute.

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29**

WORSHIP LEADER Sherry Nettles

COMMUNION PREP Barbara Watson

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Shirley Baker

HOSPITALITY Hanging of the Greens

**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS**

Worship Attendance: 83

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

We have some travel plans and conflicts that have made it necessary to re-schedule the start of our new study material until Wednesday, Dec 9. If you are interested in joining the study, please join us on that day at 10 a.m.