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Second Sunday of Advent Luke 3:1-6

**Next Saturday December 5 – Bazaar and Bake Sale
Next Sunday December 6 – Alternative Christmas Fair**

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9
Disciple women General Assembly
Potluck Lunch Hostess: Disciple Women Board Members
Special Program: Chemawa Jr. High Choir
Please bring your blessing boxes.**



Kevin



Dorothy

Special Upcoming Events –
December 13 --All Church Christmas Party,
December 24 -- Christmas Eve Communion Service,
January 3 – Ugandan Orphans Choir

FROM THE MINISTER

This Sunday we will host the 29th Annual Alternative Christmas Fair in our fellowship hall. It began in 1981 under the leadership of our Outreach Ministry, Nelle Darby and Ken Gutierrez. For a number of years, we asked those in attendance to bring one can food for our local food bank, now known as Second Harvest. We will again serve a delicious soup as our friends gather around tables for fellowship.

We will have the opportunity to learn about local groups who are meeting needs in our communities. Some of these groups are: Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels and Community Settlement House. Our international partners are groups such as: 10,000 Villages, Saving Orphans & Widows, Church World Service and Third world Gifts. These groups feature handcrafted gifts made by some of the poorest people in the world. It is based on the concept that everyone deserves a Fair Wage for their labors.

Instead of buying more stuff for our family, co-workers and friends, we can give a gift that makes a life-changing difference to

someone through an alternative gift. Some of our donations will be for tangible items such as jewelry and handcrafts. Other gifts will buy livestock or seeds for families in other countries.

Chris C. Nettles



McKenzie & LaShawn

We welcome
 Kipton David, born on Thanksgiving Day to Jill,
 Scott & Cason Field,
 Sally Randall is doing better each day,
 Francis Hiltabidel was released
 from Kaiser Hospital,
 Peace on Earth,
 Prayer for our church without ceasing,
 Jim & Wanda Copenhaver,
 For my family and the church,
 For relief of pain in Farolyn's knees,
 Blessings on this congregation,
 Jewell Magill & Charles,
 We pray that we all keep
 our faith during these troubled times!
 Relief for Al's back pain,
 Prayers for our troops,
 Health of our church.
 Lorna and her family,
 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 is having a deeper biopsy
 scheduled for today,
 Prayer for our family to be strong in our faith
 during these trying times!

"Steve" Lloyd Stephenson celebrated his 90th
 birthday on Friday in his home with Ruth and his
 family.

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Worship Attendance: 57

Craft Fair

Disciple Women Baked Goods

We ask that you bring all your baked items to
 the church either Friday morning or early
 Saturday. Proceeds will help fund the Outreach
 Ministry of our Disciple Women.

Youth Group Gift Wrapping

Our youth will again be offering their gift
 wrapping skills at the Craft Fair. They can wrap
 gifts you purchase that day or you can bring
 other gifts that you have purchased elsewhere for
 gift wrapping service. The service is offered free
 of charge, but donations will be gladly accepted.
 Your donation will be used to support the many
 youth activities.

The Great Train Expo
Saturday & Sunday
December 5-6th 10-4 @
Ontario Convention Center
 2000 E. Convention Center Way off I-10
 \$7 for adults and children under 12 free
 If you need transportation call Al Bondesen

THURSDAY DECEMBER 3

7:00 PM Choir Practice

FRIDAY DECEMBER 4

9:30 AM Set up for Craft Fair

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5

9:00 AM –3:00 Craft Fair & Bake Sale

11:00 – 12:30 Homeless Feeding

-no hot lunch this Saturday

SUNDAY DECEMBER 6

Food Sunday

9:15 AM Adult Church School

10:30 AM Worship

10:45 AM Worship & Wonder

12:00 PM Alternative Christmas Fair

MONDAY DECEMBER 7

6:30-8:00 PM Youth

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9

10:00 AM Disciple Women

General Assembly

SUNDAY DECEMBER 6

WORSHIP LEADER Franklin Stuart

SONG LEADER Mary Stuart

COMMUNION PREP Peggy Guzzetta

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Shirley Baker

HOSPITALITY Alternative Christmas Fair