



Some Winter Things to Do

Enjoy the outdoors: Bundle up, Go stargazing, Take a wintry hike

Get a taste of winter: Load up a cup of cocoa with whipped cream or marshmallows, Bake a pie, Sip a hot toddy, Make baked apples, Restart your sourdough addiction (and try these ideas for things you can make with your sourdough starter that aren't bread), Make homemade caramel popcorn, Roast root vegetables Enjoy some mulled wine, Simmer a pot of homemade soup, Indulge in a big stack of pancakes slathered with maple syrup, Make (and enjoy) eggnog (here's an easy eggnog recipe!), Have a little fondue

Try some wintry crafts: Build a gingerbread house, Cut paper snowflakes, Make a birdfeeder out of pinecones, peanut butter, and birdseed—and place it near your window for a show, Create handmade valentines, Knit a scarf

Enjoy some self-care: Cozy up by a roaring fire (indoors or out!), Watch the snow fall, Burn your favorite scented candle, Light candles and enjoy a bubble bath, Break out a jigsaw puzzle Cuddle up with a blanket, a cup of tea, and a good book, Spend the day in your PJs, Work on a challenging crossword or word game, Splurge on a pair of fuzzy slippers

Reconnect with loved ones: Bake cookies to share with your friends and neighbors, Build a pillow fort, Enjoy a living room picnic, Host a movie marathon of all your favorites, Eat dinner by candlelight, Write a love letter, Plan a virtual game night

Try something new: Take an online cooking class, Pick up a new hobby, Encourage an amaryllis bulb or other flowering plant to bloom, Start some seedlings, Host a virtual book club, Stick with a New Year's resolution

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For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

Beloved in Christ, we have all experienced together a time of terrible losses in 2020. We pray that 2021 will be the “light at the end of the tunnel.” And yet, as Christians, we know that the Light has been with us through the darkness of this past year, and the Light will guide us as we move through the continuing changes of the coming year. Jesus Christ, the Light who came to us as a helpless babe, has already shown us the way to be calm in stormy seas, wise in the midst of foolishness, and certain in the face of challenges at every turn. May the Light shine on you and in you across this year of change, and may God's light shine out from you to others who need to know that love remains through it all.

Peace and joy in this new year, Vicki

January Announcements



The Core Planning Team for **Operation Inasmuch 2021** met on November 17th, 2020. They reviewed what had been completed from the 2020 Inasmuch United planning: some R&R projects were finished and all church collections have been gathered and distributed to schools and agencies. The team recognized that the chances were pretty slim that they would be able to host an actual Inasmuch Day on April 17th, 2021, but began planning on what could be accomplished with COVID restrictions in place. The team will meet again next month to "design" a new way of doing OIAM.

"If you do a good job for others, you heal yourself at the same time, because a dose of spiritual joy is a spiritual cure. It transcends all barriers."
-Ed Sullivan

Memorial service for Pat Morris will be held **Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 1 pm.** at the church. We are providing the car radio, drive in service for our local folks, and a Zoom stream for those far away. More details will come to you by email, including the Zoom invitation.

Memorial service for Jo Love will be held **Saturday, Jan. 9 at noon** at the church. It will be a car radio, drive in service, with time for remembrances at an outdoor mike.

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated Jan.10 at morning worship remembering the Baptism of the Lord.

The **Annual Meeting** of the congregation will be held during morning worship on **Jan. 24.** We'll review 2020 and look ahead to 2021!

The **Souper Bowl of Caring on Feb. 7** will look different this year. We won't gather for a soup luncheon, but we can still help in the fight against hunger. Please bring canned and packaged soups to the church in the next weeks. Let's fill Lucy's basket!!

Lent begins February 14; watch for a Lenten devotional booklet by email.

Please pray: for people across the globe who face this global pandemic. Pray that the racial injustices still so present in our country will be recognized and addressed so that everyone is treated with fairness and compassion at all times. We pray for those affected by natural disasters, families involved in violent events, and refugee families.

Please pray for these loved ones of our church: for Phyllis and Laura Jo and other family members of Pat Morris, who died Dec. 21; for Jill Robertson's son Will, who faces continuing health issues; Wendy, Janice's daughter, who has tested positive for COVID; the family of Jo Love; for the family of Rev. Kim Sydnor, friend of TPC; LeighAnn and Bryce, grieving the loss of their mom, and for Ann and John, who have lost their daughter; for Wendel and Stacey, preparing for Stacey's surgery at Mayo Clinic in MN in February; for Betty Geddes, as she grieves the loss of Roland; John Moody, now at home; Dave Canby, recovering at home; Virginia, recovering at home; 4 year old Brady and his family (which includes Robbie and Dave); 13 year old Luke and his family and friends, including Susan and Virginia; Ellen and John; Bob Stanford (Robbie's dad); Betty and Tom; Joey Burrough; Jill and Hunter; Cindy and Ron and Cindy's mom; Rebecca and her family.



Outdoor radio worship with flowers from Mandy's service



Jill, Susan, Pat-2017 (thanks to Helene for photo!)



January

Cindy Glass 1
Johnny Frischkorn 1
Madison Lam 2
David Tavenner 12
Tyler Sanders 18
Wendel Gouldman 19
Sydney Lam 22



February

Wendy Chisimba Siller 10
Margaret Broad 14
Kathy Lam 15