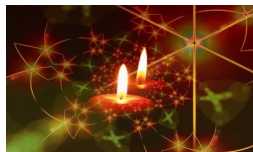




THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



Mon	Dec 11	9:00 AM AGUMCC Christmas Rehearsal--S 4:30 PM Communications-Library	<u>Abbreviation</u> <u>Legend</u> CH--Criswell Hall S--Sanctuary K--Kitchen L--Library Room #123 MMR--McMillen Room #113 PS--Pastor's Study HR--Hand Bell Room #115
Tue	Dec 12	9:00 AM AGUMCC Christmas Rehearsal-S, 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 10:00 Sew-n-Sews-MMR, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga--CH, 1:00 PM Bible Study--CH 5:00 PM Hand Bell Practice--Hand Bell Room.	
Wed	Dec 13	9:00 AM AGUMCC Christmas Rehearsal--S, 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 9:00 AM Church Workday.	
Thu	Dec 14	9:00 AM AGUMCC Christmas Rehearsal--S 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 5:00 PM Hand Bell Practice--HR, 6:00 PM AGUMCC Christmas Program-S, 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal--Sanctuary.	
Sun	Dec 17	8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service-Sanctuary.	
Sun	Dec 17	10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service-Sanctuary.	



Children's Center Annual
Christmas Program.
Thu. Dec. 14, 6:00 pm in
the Sanctuary.



We have just received the 2023 **CENTRAL COAST SENIOR RESOURCE GUIDE**, hot off the press, which has not been published since 2018. Pick up a free copy at the Connections desk in the narthex.

Reception follows in Criswell Hall.

FUTURE EVENTS:

- January 20 No Train Museum Visit--
To be rescheduled
- February 10 Paulding Museum Tour
with Jim Gregory
- February 24 Branch Street Tour

Sign up at Connections!

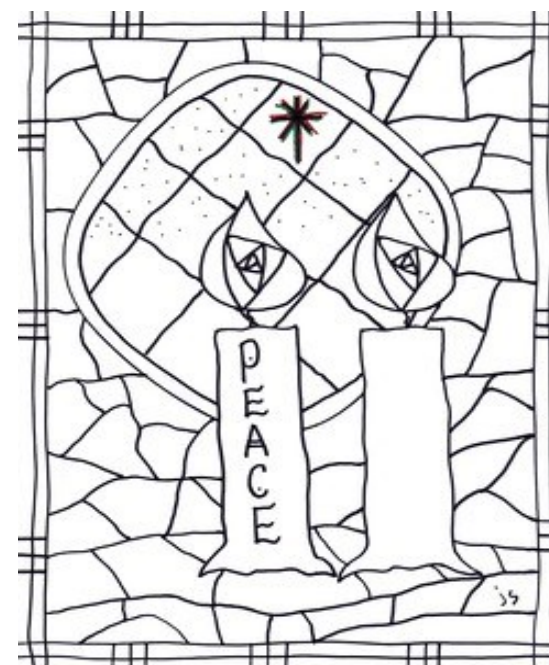


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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace."

---Luke 1:78-79

OPENING PRAISE *All Hail King Jesus*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONGS *All the Heavens
 O Come O Come Emmanuel
 Prince of Peace*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Today is the Savior's Day*

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 40:1-5
 Mark 1:1-8*

SERMON *Rev. Mary Birgelaitis*
 ADVENT AGENDA:
 "Prepare for Peace"

OFFERING *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

COMMUNION *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

FINAL BLESSING *King of Kings*

CLOSING *He Came Down*

*Praise Band Leader: Mike Clark Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler Bass: Bob Jorstad
 Singers: Connie Clark, Pam Garza*

ISAIAH 40:1-5

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

MARK 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the

Today's Liturgist: John Emery

Second Sunday of Advent



ALL CHURCH SUNDAY HOSPITALITY TIME
are the last TWO Sundays in December
Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

WEEK	ATTENDANCE					STEWARDSHIP
	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
11/12	32	69	101	43	144	\$32,262
11/19	39	70	109	33	142	\$ 5,458
11/26	29	53	82	23	105	\$ 3,412
12/03	40	78	118	n/a	n/a	\$10,075

Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,038
STEWARDSHIP REPORT: YTD Received \$149,130 YTD Budgeted \$125,923
Christmas Received \$1,153 Christmas Budgeted \$125,923

HOSPITALITY TIME
Today's Hosts:
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 Hosts next Sunday, Dec.17

Christian Education and Worship