



Thank you from CCO— The following is a letter we received from CCO thanking us for the donations we sent for Christmas. *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! On behalf of Cornerstone Community Outreach, I would like to sincerely thank you for your donation this year. Through your generous financial support and handpicked gifts, the families and individuals experiencing homelessness that live at CCO had a very merry Christmas. I would also like to thank you not only for your monetary or toy gifts but also for the time, effort, and thoughtfulness that you put into your donation. The warmth, joy and care that you made possible this holiday season will be carried by our residents, young and old, throughout the year and beyond. I personally had multiple parents express their appreciation with hugs, tears, and thanks. One mother sought me out later to make sure she was able to personally send along her gratitude. I would like to pass these thanks from our residents on to all of you. You truly make Christmas merry for each of our families. Thank you.*

I hope that next Christmas you will partner with us again to bring hope and joy to those at CCO who are experiencing homelessness.
Sincerely,
Brittany Cameron



Connecting Camps & Churches

Thank you from Harbor Point— The following is a note from the Executive Director of Harbor Point Ministries.

Thank you dear friends! We are so grateful for your generous gift! You deeply encourage us because of your support-and your prayers! Thank you for these real signs of love! May God bless your ministry in Northbrook, your service and fellowship. Blessings! Beth Fredrickson, Executive Director
(Full letter is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway)

Donations Needed- Winter has arrived early, we are asking for any knit or crocheted items to keep people warm like scarves, blankets, hats, and gloves. If you have any questions or want to learn how to knit/ crochet or get involved in this mission, please talk to Laura Schonken or email her at lschonken@yahoo.com



NORTHBROOK NEWS January 19, 2020

THIS WEEK

Today Jan 19	9:15 am 10:30 am 1 pm 6 pm	Adult Sunday School Worship <i>Greeter: Debbie Poterek Usher: Charlie Poterek Reader: Shelby Cellilli</i> Good Neighbor Church Small Group
Mon	7 pm	Properties Team Meeting
Tues	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Tues	8:30 pm	Worship Team
Wed	7 pm	Leadership Team Meeting
Next Sun Jan 26	9:15 am 10:30 am 12:30 pm 1 pm 6 pm 6 pm	Adult Sunday School Worship <i>Greeter: Betty Olson Usher: David Dwight Reader: Donna Frownfelter</i> Congregational Annual Meeting Good Neighbor Church Youth Group Small Group
LOOKING AHEAD		
Jan 28	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Jan 28	8:30 pm	Worship Team

Fight Hunger in Northbrook

If you can donate to the purchase of a bag of groceries, or if you can shop for one, you can help fight hunger in Northbrook. We need people to help with both aspects to help families with students on free or reduced lunch at our local schools. The more people we have, the more families we can help. Interested? Contact Pastor José: joseg.northbrookcov@gmail.com or the office at 847-272-8270.



Our Faith Promise Dessert Potluck for 2020 will be held on Sunday evening **February 9th** at 5:30 p.m. Mark your calendars for this event organized to

promise support for our missionaries as well as mission projects to Cornerstone Community Outreach and Leslie's Place. Faith Promise was put forth by Ray Dahlberg; who believed that when we have faith that God will provide abundantly, we can promise to give to God's missions. Mark Seversen, the Director of Missional Congregations for Serve Globally, will be our speaker. We pray his talk will inspire us to missions here and elsewhere as well as to support our missionaries from God's generosity. Special music will feature Dawn Lauber and Jim Martins. We are doing things differently this year and are having a dessert potluck instead of a meal. Please sign up in the narthex by February 2nd.



Pizza and Social Justice

The Northbrook Clergy Association is sponsoring interfaith discussions concerning issues of social justice while eating pizza. The first will be held on **Sunday February 9 from 2-4** at the Civic Building and hosted by the Baha'i community of Northbrook. Discussion will follow a short video "Bullies in School and the Golden Rule" and will center around how to help the children of our community dealing with the issue of bullying. Come discuss overlapping concerns with our neighbors of other faiths and get some pizza before the Faith Promise desert potluck! Please RSVP at bahaisofnorthbrook@gmail.com.

Adult Sunday School - In the Gospel of John Jesus has some very direct, and interesting, statements about who he is--the "bread of life," "the gate," "the true vine" and more. Join us as Jim Martins helps us examine what these statements and images tell us about who Jesus is.

Women's Bible Study - We will not be meeting until further notice. You will be notified when we are ready to resume.

Sunday Night Small Group— Small Group resumes tonight at 6 pm in the church narthex. For information please contact Donna Frownfelter at www.donna.frownfelter@rosalindfranklin.edu or Linda Bender at: lindabender@att.net.

Youth Group News— Youth Group will resume on January 26th.

Like to Pray?

If you would like to pray for specific prayer requests regarding our church please get in touch with Pastor José about receiving these: joseg.northbrookcov@gmail.com Or call the office at: 847-272-8270

Notice of Annual Meeting:

Our church annual meeting will be held at 12:30 **January 26**. We will provide a light lunch following the morning service and then meet to review our 2019 year and plan for 2020. Transportation back to Covenant Village will be provided after the meeting.

Choir Singing and Seating

The Worship and Music Ministry Team and the choir have been talking about various places that the choir can sing from. We have tried singing from the steps, along with our choir loft. Both have been well received. We are trying to be closer to the congregation as we sing and also meet the mobility needs of our choir members. On January 19 for a Sunday or two we will be singing from the north side of the sanctuary by the piano. Going forward we may use one or all of these options.

The Worship and Music Ministry Team and the Choir

Church Directory Now Available— Please pick up a directory at the Welcome Center. One per family please. If additional copies are needed please contact the office.

Celebration of Worship

Prelude

Introit: *"Praise Our God"* *Choir*

Call to Worship: *Isaiah 25* *Responsive Reading*

Opening Song

"10,000 Reasons"

Welcome & Announcements

Praise & Worship

"Goodness of God"

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" *#78*

Children's Message

"This Little Light of Mine" *#696*

Our Church at Prayer José González

Our Offerings to God

"I Waited Patiently for God" *Choir*

Scripture Shelby Cellilli

Matthew 5:1-16

Song of Preparation

"You are the Salt for the Earth" *#725*

(Children are Dismissed for Sunday School)

Message José González

"Kingdom Life and Culture"

Sending Song

"All to Jesus I Surrender"

Benediction

Postlude

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OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Monday– Friday

9 am—2 pm