

# NEWS YOU CAN USE



JANUARY 08, 2026

## SERVING ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

### Nursery

Katie Singletary  
Adriana Bommeljer

### Ushers

Bob and Chrissy Null

### Coffee Service & Cleanup

Doug and Diane DeJong  
Jay and Lisa Falvo

## Pulpit Schedule

January 11-February 18:  
Steven Rodriguez and  
Bethany Miller

Download the order of worship [HERE](#)  
or get a printed copy on Sunday.

## Read Through the Bible in One Year Together

Copies of the M'Cheyne Calendar  
are in the Narthex

Please contact the office if you are participating.

There is still time!

*Please support*

### Caring Choices Pregnancy Center in Webster

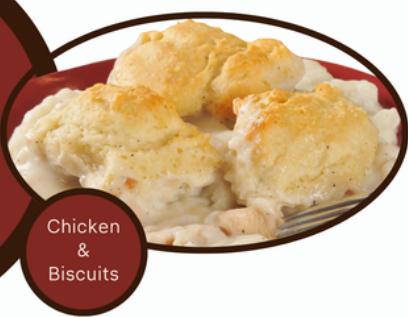
A collection basket is in the coatroom  
12/21 through 1/18/2026, Sanctity of Life Sunday.

A full wish list is on the Welcome Center.



## Koinonia Dinner

Wednesday,  
January 14  
6 PM



Chicken  
&  
Biscuits

NEW ADULT  
CLASS STARTS  
THIS WEEK

NEW 2-part Adult Sunday Class

1st Peter: Ethics at the End of Things  
2nd Peter: The Promise and the Path

Meet in the Lounge  
11:30am-12:15pm

## 2025 Craft Fellowship and Knitting Ministry Report



247 handmade items were produced this year for donation to RCRC ministries and agencies in the Rochester Area. We thank you all for your support and yarn donations throughout the year. School 33, Jesus Loves You Child Care, Rochester Family Mission, The RGH Refuge Clinic, and the Breast Cancer Coalition were all gift recipients. Donations of machine washable yarn is always appreciated!

Thank you - the RCRC Crafters

### Join Us!

#### Crochet and Knitting Ministry

Tuesdays  
10 am - Noon

contact Petra Letter  
[36kbpl@gmail.com](mailto:36kbpl@gmail.com)



### THE PRAYER CHAIN UPDATES

#### Shawne Ouwenga Frelier

Shawne transitioned to Hospice this week after a long fight with cancer. Unfortunately, the cancer is winning this earthly battle, but her response to whatever beset her throughout has been to rely on God. Please pray for her and the family as they walk this final journey. Service information will be sent out when it becomes appropriate.

#### John and Joyce Dobbenga

John also began hospice services this past week. Visitors are warmly welcomed and deeply appreciated, preferably between 2-4 in the afternoon. Please coordinate with their daughter, Yvonne, at 510-557-4772.

#### Alice Harris

Praise God that her gallbladder surgery went well and she is recovering at home. She said that getting up and down is painful but she is gratefully able to sleep at night.

#### Lisa Coddington

Praise God for the surgery she finally received on 12/26. Lisa is slowly getting back on her feet and she and Aaron appreciate all the calls, visits and FOOD! Continue praying for healing and recovery. Visitors are always welcome, especially since she isn't stuck in her bed all the time!

#### Betty Bakker

The last few days Betty was a patient in "Hospital at Home", a new program from Strong whereby the patient receives in-hospital care at home. Yesterday she was "discharged" to regular home care indefinitely. She must continue resting and remain on oxygen. She and Coenraad appreciate the prayers, meals and your continued support. There is a Meal Train for them. Contact the office for information.

## Winter Common Time Banners and Paraments

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. *Psalm 46:4*

Our new Common Time banners and paraments include several important Biblical images and themes.

The banners on the sides of the sanctuary depict mountains. The triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit often meets with his people and reveals his glory on mountains – Sinai when giving the law, a high mountain for the transfiguration and the New Jerusalem, a mountain of a city, described as 250 times taller than Mount Everest.

From the mountains flow rivers of life-giving water, depicted in the paraments on the baptistry, lectern, pulpit and communion table. The river in the New Jerusalem waters trees whose leaves heal the nations. Jesus tells the Samaritan woman of the living water which gives eternal life to those who drink it.

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. *Revelation 21:10*

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

*Revelation 22:1-2*

Moving upwards, climbing this figurative mountain from the lowest to the highest banner, we progress through the next few seasons of the liturgical year - from the current Common Time (green) to Lent (purple), to Easter (white) and finally to Pentecost (red). Through our progressive focus on Jesus' ministry, suffering, death, resurrection and ascension culminating in his sending of the Holy Spirit we have an increasing awareness of the glory of God the Father and his son Jesus Christ, made manifest to us by the work of the Holy Spirit. The city [the New Jerusalem] does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

*Revelation 21:23*

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The fabric donated for this project creates the leaves, vines and other dimensional effects on the baptistry, lectern, pulpit, and communion table. Many thanks to all who contributed. Banners and paraments crafted by Kathrine Page, Petra Letter and Jeff Harp.