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2020
HAPPY NEW
YEAR

AARON'S ALLEY

"Adventually"

This is the title of our sermon series right now. It's a play on words. I have taken the word "Advent" and mashed it together with the word "eventually." The word Advent comes from the Latin word which means "coming."

The idea behind the series Adventually is to first, recognize that the Jewish people had been waiting for a Messiah for centuries. Prophets had foretold on a time when God would intervene for God's people in a major way, and that major way would be in the form of a Messiah, or Anointed One. By the time Jesus finally appeared, the waiting was over. The Messiah had come. Now that the Messiah has been born, we, too, find ourselves in familiar territory for we, too, are waiting for the return.

I don't know about you, but I'm not very good at waiting. Long lines do not interest me. I do my best to avoid parts of town where the stoplights can get backed up. I am also not a big fan of waiting on hold. But, waiting is apart of life. I read a quote from a church a while back that seems appropriate to our journey of waiting. The church says often, "God is always on time, but never in a hurry." Do you feel that way this Advent? That God is taking God's sweet time answering prayers, hearing our cries, and understanding to your hopes?

No other time of year do those feelings feel more evident than in December when families gather, when commercials show happy people, and when the gifts seem more extravagant. This year, I hope you are able to carve out time in your schedule to read through an Advent devotional, read the birth stories of Jesus in Luke and Matthew, and come to church to hear the good news of this season proclaimed. May Jesus become evident to you in this season of the year in a new way.

Aaron Krueger

RON'S RAMBLINGS

JYF Happenings

Our kids recently had an outing to Frontier City for their Holiday in the Park! We had a great time riding all the rides, pigging out on s'mores and drinking some delicious hot chocolate! The group included Lola and Gracie Pierce, Harry Ormiston, Cason Ledford and the Pierce girls brought two friends. We are meeting regularly on the second Sunday of each month in the evening, usually at someone's house for dinner, games and conversation/discussion. Let me know if you would like to host this amazing group of kids in your home.

Chili Cook-Off and Caroling Recap

We had a wonderful evening that kicked off by a "hotly" contested Chili Cook-Off! We had 13 entries! The brothers Christensen (Trent and Trey) took third and second, and Anita Nash took the top prize! After dinner, a large group of us bundled up and took to the streets to spread holiday cheer to our neighbors up and down 40th St. We caroled our way to several houses before coming back to the church to enjoy some much deserved hot chocolate and more singing! What a great way to share the Christmas Spirit with friends and family. A special thanks to Jaclyn Christensen for pulling it all together and to the Congregational Life Team for organizing the contest!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - from Emma

This year the Children's Christmas Program was quite the production. The news team from "KMAS" brought us the story of Jesus' birth, and they shared how different places around the world celebrate Jesus' birth. We learned about the big beach party in Perth, Australia, how the Russian people celebrate on January 7th in St. Petersburg, and, lastly, we learned about the largest living nativity in Naples, Italy.

The singing was beautiful, the dad jokes were a big hit, and the nativity animals were well behaved! I am so thankful for Jill Christensen, Carrie True, and Kayli Christensen for putting time and effort in to the Children's Music Ministry.

Thank you to everyone who came to watch the production, support the kids, and make this year's program one of the best yet.

PRAYER CONCERNS

SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Col. Mark D. Hole; Andrew Webber; Cody Cox, great nephew of Tom & Betty Qualls; Andrew Schofeld; Grant Montgomery, grandson of the Gilberts; Bryan L. Lewis, brother of Kathryn Corley.

RECENT CONCERNS: Lucy Shields; Joan Corbin; June Prewitt; Bonnie Hefner; Jeannie McMahan; Garland Pendergraf; Carolee Galbraith; Juanita Pappas.

CONTINUING CONCERNS: Betty Qualls; Bob Elliott; Irma Elliott; Dena Bryant; Dave Laughead; Ryan DeArman; John Robberson; Linda Lundquist; Jerry Hurst; Mike and Margaret Reed; Vicki Brabits; Patti Galloway; Kathryn Corley; John Blaschke; Freeda Harrington; Terri Epperson; Lee Bacher; Emily Pendergraf; Jake McKay; Yvonne Trudgeon; Tom Qualls; Elaine Schuster; Dorothy Kennedy; Tamara Williams; Gerry Best; Florence Kelly.

CONCERNS FOR LOVED ONES: Matthew Stanley, cousin of Ron Motley; Paul DeArman, father of Ryan DeArman; Joe Swalwell, cousin of Joan Corbin; David Nash, son of Lynn and Della Nash; Kristen Ramsey, friend of Lee Ann DeArman; Michael Harrington, son of Susan Harrington; Tim Goff from SFPC.

Christmas at Crown Heights



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NEWSLETTER January 22

Deadline -11:00 AM Monday prior to publication. Submit articles via email to pam@crownheights.church

Luke 2: 6-7

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Did You Know...

...2019 was a year of accomplishments!

Let's review

- Air conditioner/heater units were replaced
- CHCC was blessed with memorial gifts from two estate gifts
- We have begun the process to address our drainage issues
- A church van was sold
- Painting has been going on all over the building
- The stage had a wonderful facelift
- There was a big tree trimming project all over the property
- The pianos and organ were tuned
- Refuge Fellowship fed and clothed lots of hungry and cold people
- Our Congolese family received school supplies and uniforms
- Multiple groups have been using our facilities in new ways!

Open Church

Worship Leader

Jan 5	Qualls	Lee Ann DeArman
Jan 12	True	Ryan DeArman
Jan 19	Waddell	Greg Dial
Jan 26	Cummins	Marcus Elwell

Warm Blankets, Warm Hearts

Blankets+ is a program sponsored by Christian Women's Fellowship.

Our congregation is urged to give, as you are able for the purchase of blankets for people in crisis situations in the United States and around the world.

These **Blankets+** provide **shelter and warmth** in the wake of a disaster.

Please open your hearts this season and

"Blanket the world with love."

Christmas Cantata

