Dear United Church Members & Friends,

As we look to this 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve, please see the information below about this weekend and next week’s schedule. Our scripture reading this Sunday will venture off of our Advent theme, “Heaven and Earth Sing”, as we read the passage of the magi’s search for the birth of a newborn king. This will also be the story that the children have been about in the Bible Quest Sunday School class. While the magi are read and sung about on the Sunday closest to Epiphany most years, we’re bumping up the timeline this year. Not only does this reading promote the extension of Christmas Day and Season in our lives, it also fits nicely with Advent. After all, searching and paying close attention to signs of God’s promise can begin before Christmas Eve. May this Sunday’s liturgy and songs, passage and prayers inspire us in our continued journey to Christmas and our search for God’s fulfillment in our lives.

Join us for worship this Sunday at 9:30am at the church or online at Unitedchurchla.org. The service will also be aired Sunday evening at 7pm on PAC 8.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12
Sermon: “After Christmas”

There will be a congregational meeting at the end of the worship service to vote on recommendations from the Nominating Committee. A Zoom link will be emailed tomorrow for those who will be joining online.

The children’s class begins at 11am.

“The Sounds of Christmas” concert: Los Alamos Flute Choir and the SaxAtomix concert will be tomorrow, Saturday, December 18th at 2PM at The United Church. (This is another correction in the time-- it is at 2PM).

The Alternative Giving continues this Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.

Christmas Eve Candlelight worship service is Friday, Dec. 24 at 5pm, both in the Sanctuary and streamed through Unitedchurchla.org.

We continue to pray for and offer our support to victims and families of the tornados in Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee. We will continue to receive a special offering for disaster assistance through Church World Service.

Grace and peace,
David