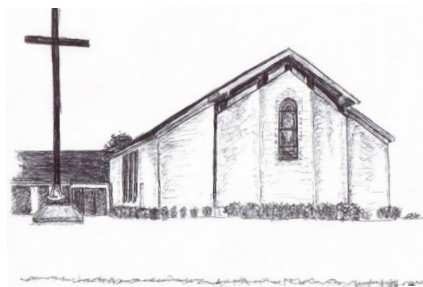


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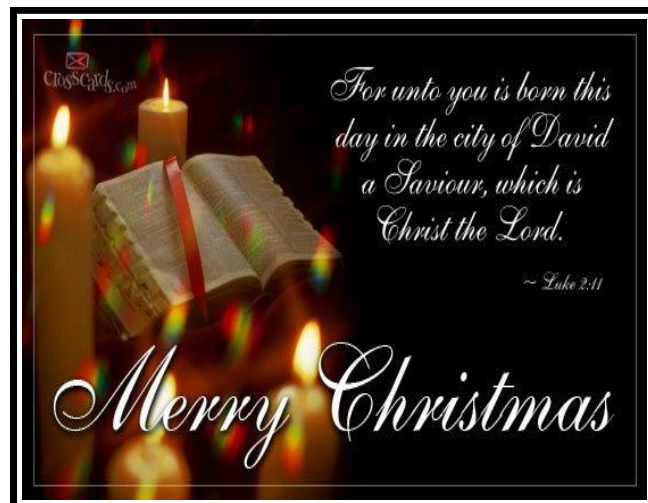
Romans 5:5

5 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we ^[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith ^[b] into this grace in which we stand, and we ^[c] rejoice ^[d] in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

The new hit Emmy award winning TV Show “Ted Lasso” is known for famous one-liners with their main character Jason Sudekis. The main character (Coach Lasso) is a soccer coach for a Premier league soccer team in Europe. The team that he is coaching has been going through numerous years of mediocre seasons. The new coach is a positive outlook type of guy. His optimism is seen as arrogant naiveté. In one of his optimistic speeches with another character in the show, the rebuttal to Coach Lasso’s optimism was “It’s the hope that kills you.”

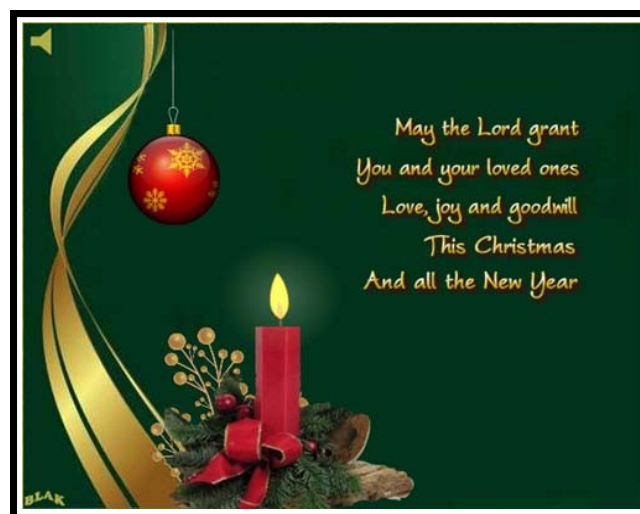
Hope is a dangerous word for people who are bent on living through pessimism. Hope is also difficult for others who seem to be realists. The rebuttal rang true in the episode and the rest of the series. Hope is hard for people who do not have anything worth believing in. The advent season is amazing because it is filled with expectant hope. The hope that we expect is one that will not let us down and is worthy of believing in.

In Christ,
Vince Smith
Rev. Vincent Smith

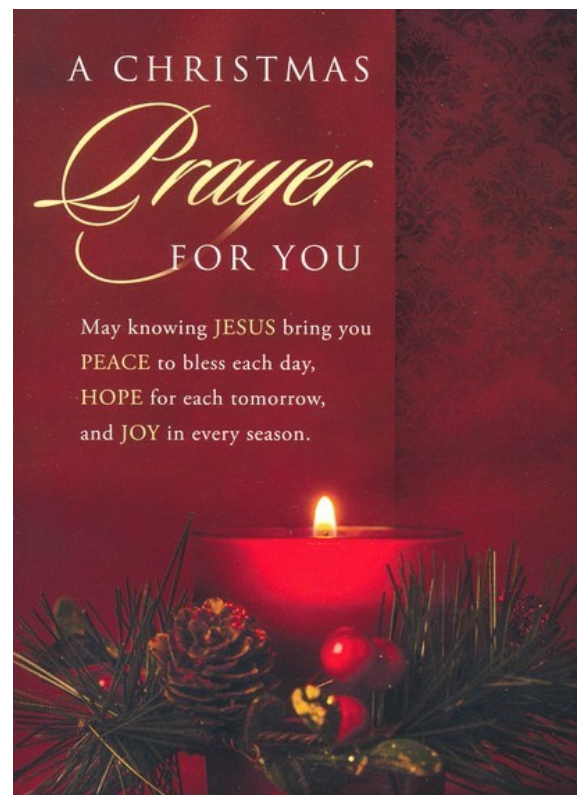


SPECIAL DATES

December 5	Second Sunday of Advent
December 7	Bible Study at 1:00 pm
December 12	Third Sunday of Advent
December 19	Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Joy Offering
December 24	Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 pm
December 25	Christmas Day
December 26	All FPC Services Cancelled
December 31	New Year's Eve



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS 2021
THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR HELP IN DECORATING THE
CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS. (Pictures from December, 2020)



December Responders Schedule

	Usher Narthex	Monitor	Communion Servers
December 5	Robert Kennedy	Jim Hockensmith	Elder Liturgist: Elizebette Kennedy Communion Team: Annelize & Dirk Benade
December 12	Annelize & Dirk Benade	Dirk Benade	
December 19	Robert Kennedy Elizebette Kennedy	Bill Higgins	
December 26	Jim Hockensmith Robert Kennedy	Jim Hockensmith	



*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*

Bill Higgins

12/08

Ruzanne Ceronio

12/13

Du Toit Ceronio

12/17



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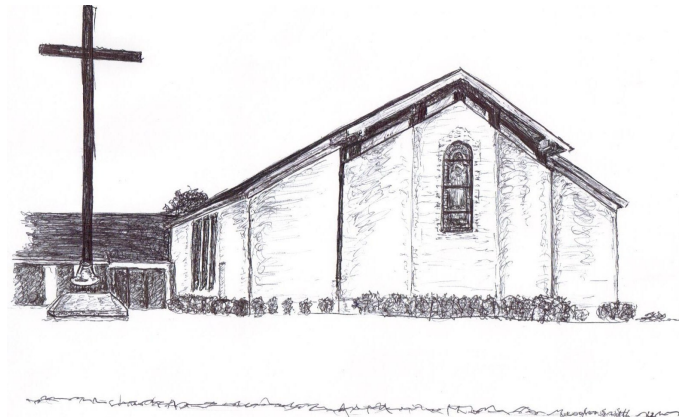
Vince Smith, *Interim Pastor*

Aaron Rogers, *Music Director*

David Berrocal, *Pianist*

Carolyn Sterne, *Administrative Assistant*

Charles Bell, *Sexton*



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Sunday School—9:45 a.m., Worship—11:00 a.m.