
Subject: Pastor's Weekly Email

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Hi, Beloved!

I hope you're still filled up with food, gratitude, and joy from yesterday's Thanksgiving. Thank you so much to all those who volunteered their time for the FCCV Thanksgiving breakfast. While we're still in the afterglow of giving thanks, the FCCV staff would like to thank *you*. We want you to know that we see you, and that you matter. The vast majority of you volunteer your time and we want you to know that you are appreciated.

From the Sunday morning service with its Sunday School teachers, Christian Education director, the children and youth contribution, acolytes, lay readers, ushers, greeters, our choirs, coffee hour hosts, seminarian, organist, choir director, and pastors to all of your service on boards, committees, council, study groups, the transition team, and *all* the things you devoted Christians do around the church that no one sees you do, for coming to church and making it a priority in your lives -
THANK YOU!

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you. ~ Philippians 1:3-4

In keeping with giving thanks, here's a holiday that is celebrated *today*, November 27:

You're Welcome Day - *This very special day comes the day after Thanksgiving. On Thanksgiving Day we say "Thanks" for what we have. So, it only seems natural, that "You're Welcome" immediately follows a thank you. Participating in this day can happen anywhere that you are, and anywhere that you go today. Just speak a profusion of "thank you's" for even the slightest of reasons. When you say thank you, make sure to be sincere. It will go a long ways.*

November 29 is the **First Sunday of Advent**, remembering the time when people waited for the long-expected Messiah - *in deepest night his coming shall be, when all the world is despairing... [he'll] come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together, he opens wide the heavenly door and lives now inside us forever. (~ Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn, hymn)* We will light the Candle of HOPE on our **Advent** wreath.

Are you Awake?!

The scripture will be: Matthew 24:36-44 <http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=63356205>

Don't forget there's a Potluck Lunch after church! Do Thanksgiving leftovers last that long?! ☒ ♦♦

In FCCV Hope, Peace, Love, Joy.

See you in church! ☒ ♦♦

Rev. Suz, Interim Senior Pastor

Coming Up...

Christmas Tea Luncheon - Saturday, December 5, 11 am-2 pm, sponsored by Women's Fellowship. Space is limited, please sign up on Women's Fellowship bulletin board.

Pairs and Spares - Saturday, December 5 (**note change of date**) 10 am at church to carpool to the Festival of Trees at Wadsworth Athenaeum. Cost \$13; for members of Wadsworth, \$3. Please contact Kate Fowler is you plan to attend.

Family Night Out - Saturday, December 5, 5-9 pm at church. Kids hang with kids, with J*Walkrz and several adults as chaperones, while parents have a night to themselves. (Cost?? This is a fundraiser for J*Walkrz!) Please sign up on J*Walkrz bulletin board



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