



# Tidings of Joy

"Joyfully Reaching Out to Others in Christian Love and Service"  
Joy Lutheran Church, ELCA



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## Staff

The Rev. John David Bryant - Pastor  
Steven K. Weiss – Organist  
Brenda Godson – Church Secretary

## Worship Times:

### **Sunday**

10:00a.m. Worship Service

### **Saturday November 28th**

5:30p.m. Pilgrim Journey Band  
(Prayer and Praise)

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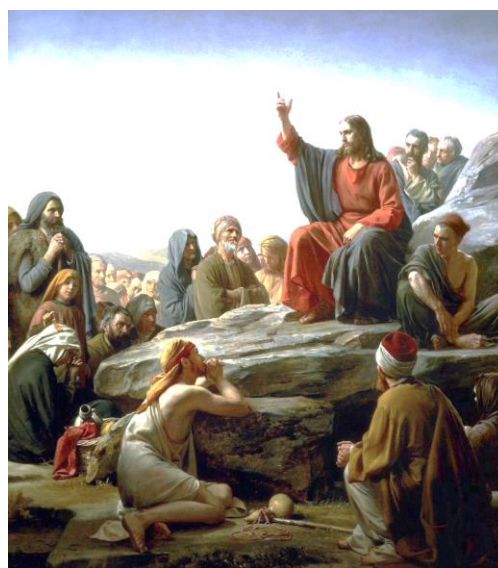
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**NOTE: In-Person worship began September 13th, with call ahead seating. In-person church meetings, events, & activities may be resumed in limited fashion, subject to social distancing guidelines and after obtaining church council approval. Watch for updates from Pr. Bryant.**



The Sermon on the Mount – Matthew 5:1-12



Christ the King Sunday  
November 22, 2020

**"Office Hours:** Weds and Thurs 9am-2pm and by appointment. It is strongly suggested to call ahead before dropping by. Pastor is off Mondays except for 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, when Friday is day off. Best means to contact pastor is 321-312-7339 or [prjdbryant4tide@gmail.com](mailto:prjdbryant4tide@gmail.com)."

## Pastor's Corner

Pr. J. David Bryant

Friends,

Author, Nancy Levin has said, "Honor the space between no longer and not yet."

Nancy's quote is on my mind because I feel as if we are all caught in an "in-between space." Are you feeling likewise? Aren't we caught between a presidential election and the election's result? Aren't we also caught between Covid-19's arrival and its departure? And, aren't we rather tightly caught between two church festivals?

Whether we realize it or not, we are in-between Reformation Day, with its empowering emphasis on God's grace and God's hope for us in Jesus; and, All Saints' Day, with its sobering emphasis on remembering and celebrating saints who now are gone before us and who now inspire us to faithful Christian life. This is to say, we find ourselves between the embracing the idea of Jesus and honoring the Truth of Jesus.

Embracing the idea of Jesus can prove enjoyable-- because you can debate the fine points, the traditions, and the essentials, without Jesus even making a significant demand of you; after all, it's just academic at this point. Yet, when it moves to honoring the Truth of what had previously been academic, Jesus makes demands of us. This is where Reformation and All Saints meet: in-between admiring Jesus and following Jesus. This in-between space has us living as saint and sinner the both at once. From Baptism to Funeral, our in-between space is a life lived as 100% saint and simultaneously 100% sinner.

We are sainted sinners, called to be the presence of Jesus, and that's our challenge. How do we do it? Let's look between the All Saints' gospels (Matthew 5:1-12 and Luke 6:20-31) for a path that Jesus offers us.

### Matthew writes...BLESSED are:

- the poor (for yours is the Kingdom of Heaven)
- the mourners (for you will be comforted)
- the meek (for you will inherit the earth)
- the merciful (for you will receive mercy)
- the people who suffer or risk for Jesus' sake (for your reward is great).
- Etc.

### Luke writes...but WOE to:

- the rich (because you already have your own kingdom)
- the privileged (because you already have your comfort)
- the proud (because, yet, again, you already have your inheritance)
- the merciless (because who will remain to show you mercy)
- the people who never suffer or risk safety for Jesus' sake (because your temporary security won't last---it never does)
- Etc.

It's tough to hear Jesus in Matthew, even tougher in Luke, for Jesus says there,

- Love your enemies
- Do good to those who hate you
- Bless those who curse you
- Pray for your tormentors
- Turn the other cheek to those who smack you (give them another chance?)
- Give to those who beg from you (for real?)
- and, the pièce de résistance... Do to others as you would have them do to you.

There's the path that Jesus offers us. And, if this has you feeling caught in-between a rock and a hard place, honor the Truth of your in-between moment. And, keep in mind, we are all in process and none of us has arrived, at least not yet.

"Honor the space between no longer and not yet."

Peace---  
JDB+

## Stewards of all the blessings that God gives us

Thanksgiving is often a season of expressing gratitude for all that we have been given by God and for His faithfulness to us. Lamentations 3:22-23 (NRSV) reminds us: *“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.”* As you may already know this is the Scripture and basis for the well-known hymn “Great is Your Faithfulness”. As we reflect on the immensity of God’s faithfulness and goodness, may we be comforted and truly thankful. Scripture encourages us to say “thank you” and there is tremendous power in those two simple words.

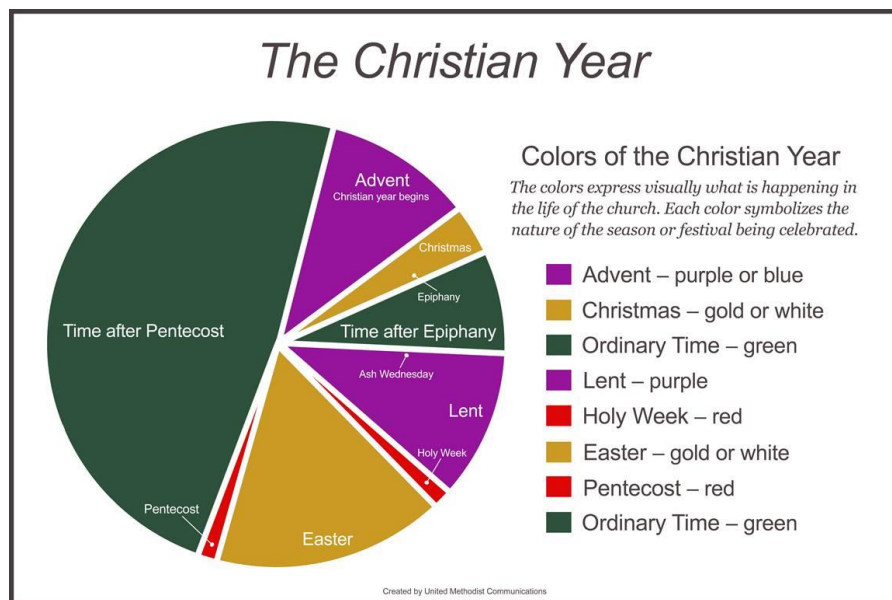
“Great is Thy faithfulness!” “Great is Thy faithfulness!”

Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
“Great is Thy faithfulness,” Lord, unto me!

What better time to say “Thank You” to all the faithful stewards at Joy Church for your responses during Stewardship month of October, as we thank God for all that we have and need.

**David Steinhorst**

Stewardship



Where has the year gone? November 29th is the first Sunday in Advent, and the start of the new liturgical year. Beginning November 29th, scripture readings will follow the Revised Common Lectionary “Year B”.

Advent consists of the four weeks before Christmas. It is a season observed as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas and the return of Jesus at the Second Coming. The preferred color for Advent is blue. Blue is associated with Advent, suggesting hope. This association originated in Scandinavia, probably because purple dye was too expensive for churches to use. Some churches use purple in Advent, a color associated with royalty as the church awaits the newborn king. Don’t forget to get out your Advent calendar.



### Worship and Music committee

Welcome back to those that have attended our In-person Joy services. I know there are many of you that also are watching from home. I know we look forward to all this being behind us one day real soon.

I wanted to let everyone know about some of the upcoming services at Joy:

**All Saints Day** November 1<sup>st</sup>. – At the Altar there will be a candle for those members of Joy that passed away this past year. Their name will be read along with a chime as the candle is lit. During the prayers there will be an opportunity for each of us to speak the names of our loved ones that have died in previous years.

**Thanksgiving Eve Service/ Pie Fellowship** – Unfortunately, we will not be able to have this service and fellowship this year.

**Advent Night** – just like the Thanksgiving evening, due to the CDC guidelines we will not be able to have our Annual Advent Night. The tree will be put up for all to enjoy. It will just be a small group. We will just have 2 people at a time putting up decoration.

**Christmas Eve-** we are planning for 2 services for Christmas Eve. The first at 4:30pm the 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm. We will begin to take reservation toward the beginning of December. We will also have Poinsettia's available for purchase. More to follow as we get closer to Christmas.

Blessings to All,  
Chris Allebaugh

## *Men of Joy*

*The men's group usually meets on the first Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at church.* These meetings include some light business but also a brief devotional and a lot of mutual support. All the men associated with the congregation are welcome.

Note that the men's group is not the same organization as the property team, although there is overlap between the two.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 7th at 9a.m. All men who are interested in sharing the word of God and building up Joy Lutheran church by helping to grow in Spirit, Love, and Blessings are welcome to attend.

## BLOOD DRIVE

Yes, Joy Lutheran has another blood drive scheduled for **Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**. All donors will receive a **FREE Fleece Blanket**. Not sure if you have ever received one of these, but they are so nice! So soft! They will have the plaid pattern-not solid red. Donors will ALSO a **FREE \$10 eGift Card**!



Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for the prayers! The blood drives have been doing better overall!

*Wendy Przedwiecki*

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Account Representative

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Melbourne, Florida 32901

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*Give the Gift of Life...The Need is Constant*

### Shepherd's Center Update

Due to Covid-19, our Shepherd's Center has not been able to meet since the January-February session at Wesley. We miss seeing all of our friends and having the opportunity to learn new things. Hopefully, sometime in 2021, we will be able to safely meet again. In the meantime, you can keep up-to-date by visiting the website [www.shepherdcenterofsb.org](http://www.shepherdcenterofsb.org) or by contacting Elaine Heine.



## **Daily Bread, Inc.**

*Daily Bread is open.*

Food is a basic need. Yet, so many in our community go to bed at night hungry. At Daily Bread, Inc. we work to ensure that no one in Brevard County faces hunger alone. Many of our clients are low-to-no income and have no access to healthy and nutritious foods. They make the tough decision to pay the utility bill instead of buying food. The core of our mission is food and meal services. Our food program has grown to provide more than 80,000 daily meals and 1,000,000 pounds of food to the hungry and homeless of Brevard County each year. Join us in our mission and donate today.

Did you know? Last year Daily Bread provided over 21,770 showers to those in need of a fresh start. Our Fresh Start Program provides clients the opportunity to take a shower, receive clean clothes and other essential hygiene items.

This program is a success due to all the wonderful donations from our community.

### **What we are doing**

- Continuing hot "to-go" meals everyday between 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.
- Continuing to provide showers to our clients in need.
- Guests must stand 6 feet apart while waiting to be served.
- All guests must use hand sanitizer before entering the dining hall.
- Guests are asked to take meals off-campus to maintain social distancing guidelines.
- Volunteers and staff must wear masks while interacting with clients.



### **NOTE FROM SERVERS OF JOY.**

Daily Bread has changed the way they serve meals. Clients no longer sit inside at tables nor do we serve from the serving line right next to each other. Chris Allebaugh and Marilyn Brindle have gone for several months. Elaine Heine has joined them the last two months, with other volunteers. Servers stand behind a table with benches on each side while clients with masks come in the door and having used hand sanitizer pass at spaced distances on the other side of the table and out the door. One person puts a plastic bag with a foam take-out container with the hot entree, salad, and dessert on the table for a client to pick up. The next person puts out fruit on the table, the next packaged snacks, then iced tea or water in disposable cups. As usual we are wearing gloves. If you would like to join us on the fourth Thursday from 10:30 to 12:30 give Elaine Heine a call or email or respond to Connie Steinhorst email for regulars.

## Gather Bible study



### “Holy time” video series

**Gather Bible study** from home during the pandemic? Rev. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni, author of the fall 2020 Bible study, “Holy time,” has created a series of videos to accompany the three Bible study sessions.

**Videos for the September & October sessions are available.** Check **Gather's resources page** for video companions (gathermagazine.org)

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL4J1yCrFikNYbbje3AdCbWtgVyzmJUIE2>

In this three-session Bible study, we are invited to remember the past, recognize the present and reimagine the future.

#### **Session 1: Holy time: Remembering the past**

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19, Luke 22:18-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Themes/Questions: What is faithful memory? How do we remember the past—good and bad? How do we embody memory in our worship through Word and Sacrament, and why is this important? How does faithful memory put us back together (re-member us) as faithful people?

#### **Session 2: Holy time: Recognizing the now**

Scriptures: Mark 14:3-9, Luke 4:16-21, Luke 12:54-56, 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Themes/Questions: How do we grasp the times we are living in? How did Jesus, the woman who anointed him, and Paul all recognize “kairos” time—and what is it? What does it mean to recognize our calling to “be present”?

#### **Session 3: Holy time: Reimagining the future**

Scriptures: Isaiah 55, Revelation 21-22

Themes/Questions: How do we faithfully look to the future? What does it mean to reimagine the future in light of the promises of God’s reign? How do we live now in hope and active expectation, and how does this open us (individuals, churches, communities) to transformation?

## JOY WELCA UPDATE

On October 3, 2020 WELCA met to decide what farm animals to purchase from our God's Good Gifts Campaign. Because of the generosity of the congregation we had \$1,000.00 to spend. We bought the following;

1. A Family Farm: which consists of a cow, a couple of goats, a dozen chicks, 2 pigs, farming tools, seeds, and agricultural training.
2. A goat and a flock of chicks for a family
3. Honeybees and a Community Vegetable Garden
4. 1 Fruit tree seedling



GOATS



CHICKS



HONEYBEES

WELCA Thanks the congregation for making our campaign a huge success and what these gifts will mean to those in need.

Our Holiday Festival is November 7, 2020 from 9 am to 2 pm. The Silent Auction has wonderful items to bid on. If you aren't able to attend church and see all the beautiful items, you can see the items posted on Joy's Facebook Page and Joy's Website. On these two sites you can see pictures of the Silent Auction items and you can do a "Phone a Bid"

If you see an item you would like to bid on, call Harriet Bryant at 352-281-9063 and place your bid. The day of the event, the Silent Auction will be moved under the Portico.

We are in need of craft vendors!!! If you or anyone who would be interested in participating in our show, please have them call Marjorie Maenpaa at 321-327-8400 or Connie Steinhurst at 321-725-6391.

WELCA's next event, along with the men's property committee, will be a Spring Yard Sale and Rummage Sale. Date to be announced at a later date.

Respectfully submitted  
Marjorie Maenpaa  
JOY WELCA President



JOY ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW  
Joy Lutheran Church 3174 Jupiter Blvd. S.E.  
Crafts/Bake Sale/Silent Auction  
Saturday November 7, 2020  
9am to 2pm

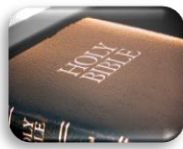


Fall and Christmas Items – Home Decorations – Gifts – Homemade Baked Goods  
Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Chips, Donuts, Soda and Coffee for sale.

All proceeds to benefit Joy WELCA's charity giving.

Contact for info: Marjorie Mäenpää 321-327-8400 or email: [Marjorie.maenpaa@gmail.com](mailto:Marjorie.maenpaa@gmail.com)

Marjorie Mäenpää, President, Joy WELCA



## **Gospel Readings**

### **Lectionary "A" for November 2020**

<b>November 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Matthew 5:1-12
<b>November 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Matthew 25:1-13
<b>November 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Matthew 25:14-30
<b>November 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Matthew 25:31-46

### **Lectionary "B" for November 2020**

<b>November 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Mark 13:24-37
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**Pledge cards**----please get them to JOY as soon as is convenient. So far, we have around 35+/- that have been returned. If you did not receive your pledge card, please notify the church office and we will get one to you. (notify at 321.951.0166)

Around 12 mail-outs have been returned due to address problems. It is important that we receive completed pledge cards so that a proposed 2020-2021 ministry spending plan (budget) may be developed.

## **Online giving is an option for us, and also for others visiting our website.**

A link to our online giving portal is found on the JOY website. The secure link to that portal is:

<https://www.joylutheranelca.com>

Scroll down to the purple box that says "online giving." Feel free to check it out, even if you do not elect to use it. What can it hurt to learn about something new, right?

Again, this is an option, not just for ourselves but for others beyond JOY. Participate if you feel so led. Don't participate if you are not so led. Give in whatever way works best to suit you.



My heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who has; called me and prayed for me.

I have recovered from this terrible virus. Again, thank you for all your concerns.

I am so grateful to have such a loving church family and friends.

Blessings,  
*Mary Ann Jones*



### **BACKPACK PROGRAM** **"BREAD OF LIFE" BACKPACK PROGRAM**

The "Bread of Life" backpack program for Turner Elementary School is a wonderful outreach to our community. So, please be generous in your monetary donations, as we provide food for as many as seven families each weekend. The cost is approximately \$175 per week.

Thank you everyone for your donations and helping with the packing and delivery of the backpacks.

Contact Charlotte Abrahams for any further details concerning this great outreach program.

## **PENDING**

Saturday Night Pilgrim Journey  
Service November 28th  
@ 5:30pm

The Saturday evening Pilgrim Journey service format is a more informal worship service of prayer and praise

## **PENDING**

### **Young at Heart** ❤️

Young at Heart will be meeting on **Thursday November 19th at noon**. All are welcome. Invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors. It will be a potluck luncheon. So please bring a dish to share (your choice of meat, vegetable, salad, or dessert). The fellowship is always wonderful.

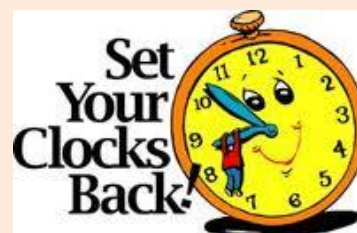
For additional information contact:  
Marjorie Mäenpää (321) 327-8400

## **Newsletter**

Tidings of Joy is only as good as the input received from Church Council, WELCA, Men's Group, Various Committees, Circles, etc. Please provide David Steinhorst with your news, thankyou's, updates, etc. for the **December Tidings no later than November 23rd**.

Email David Steinhorst  
[dsteinhorst@cfl.rr.com](mailto:dsteinhorst@cfl.rr.com) or provide a printed copy.

**Daylight Savings Time**  
**Ends NOVEMBER 1st**



### **We care about you!**



If you so desire, please let us know when you or your family is in the hospital. If you want to have information about your hospitalization and basic condition released to Joy Lutheran Church, you need to inform the hospital. Also, please have someone call the church at 321-951-0166 and let us know you have been hospitalized.

Please contact the church office, if you would like to have a visit from Pastor Bryant, a Stephen Minister, or would like to be listed for prayer support.



### **We especially pray for:**

Norm Barmen	Tina Breeden
Donald Christensen	Steve Christensen
Emilio Cruz	Nancy Feightner
Brenda Godsen & Family	Dan Giardiello
Winnie Hall	Gunner Heim
Family of Bill Kelly	Judy Marciano
Valerie Mariano	Lisa Martin
Julio Melendez	Jackie Mertens
Pat Muth	Carol Nichols
Ron Pagelsdorf	Elizabeth Planding
Barbara Scronce	Joy Sorensen
Jackie Tolley	Thelma Tucker
Mort Walton	Sherry Weldon
Damon Williams	

### **JOY CORE VALUES**

**Worship:** Joyfully experiencing Christ through word, music, sacrament and prayer

**Property:** Providing the physical means to fulfill the spiritual needs of church and community

**Outreach:** Extending Christ's compassion and care to others

**Fellowship:** Enjoying each other's company

**Welcoming:** There is a place at Joy for everyone

**Education:** Getting to know the Word

**Relationships:** Everyone is worthy of care and respect

### **2020 Church Council**

**Pastor** - Rev. John David Bryant

**President** – Melody Shaffer

**Vice President** – Marjorie Mäenpää

**Secretary** - Kelly Arner

**Treasurer** - Kim Tolley

**Financial Secretary** - Renee Harper

#### **Council Members at Large:**

Dudley Bowling

Bob Getter

Gary Krause

Peggy Marion

Mary Sherman

Barbara Sparks



### November Birthday Blessings

11/01	Ed Baltzersen
11/02	Nicholas Peters
11/05	Melody Shaffer
11/05	Linden Strandberg
11/08	Dorothy Kirsch
11/13	Dudley Bowling
11/14	Caitlin Getter
11/14	Trent Thorman
11/18	Thelma Tucker
11/19	Bonnie French
11/22	Connie Lampel
11/25	Mort Walton
11/26	Joyce Ireland
11/27	Joy Christensen

Notify the church office, if corrections need to be made to the Birthday List.



The Flower Chart is posted in the Narthex. If you would like to have flowers in honor of or in memory of someone please choose the Sunday and sign up. You may put your check for \$20.00 in your offering envelope and indicate that you are paying for flowers. There may be some dates blocked out by Worship and Music, for the Festival Sundays. If someone has already signed up for the date you wanted, please choose a date close to the one you want, or let the church office know you have signed up, so two vases of flowers can be ordered. Flowers are provided by “**Emma’s Flowers.**”



### Eternal Candle

If you would like to provide the **Eternal Candle** you may also sign up on the Flower Chart for the month you wish. The cost is \$5.00 weekly.

### January thru September 2020 Stewardship

<b>General Fund</b>	(Please see Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Needed each Month	\$13,863	Needed YTD	\$124,767
Received in September	\$11,485	Received YTD	\$111,414
<b>Capital Improvement Fund</b>			
Budgeted each Month	\$1,662	Budgeted YTD	\$14,958
Received in September	\$1,889	Received YTD	\$13,334

*Remember the church with your regular offerings. Though we have been worshipping in a different way the last number of months, the work of the church goes on and needs your support. Thank you in advance for your understanding and generosity!*



## NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>All Saints Sunday</b> 10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day	9:00am "Men of Joy" Bible Study & Business Mtg  9:00am Craft Sale
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle Quilting  11am Fellowship Meeting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10am Worship		10am Dorcas Circle Quilting  11:30pm Eve Circle Bible Study	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting	12pm Young at Heart	8:30am Property Work Day	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<b>Christ the King Sunday</b>  10am Worship	7pm Council Mtg	10am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting	<b>Thanksgiving</b>	8:30am Property Work Day  11am-1:30pm Daily Bread	(Pending) 5:30pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
<b>First Sunday in Advent</b>  10am Worship						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
						<b>Check website &amp; messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.</b>