



# *Tidings of Joy*

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



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**3174 Jupiter Blvd. SE – Palm Bay, FL 32909**

**November 2021**

## **Staff**

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

## **Worship Time(s):**

### **Sunday**

10:00a.m. Worship Service

**Church Office Phone:**  
321-951-0166

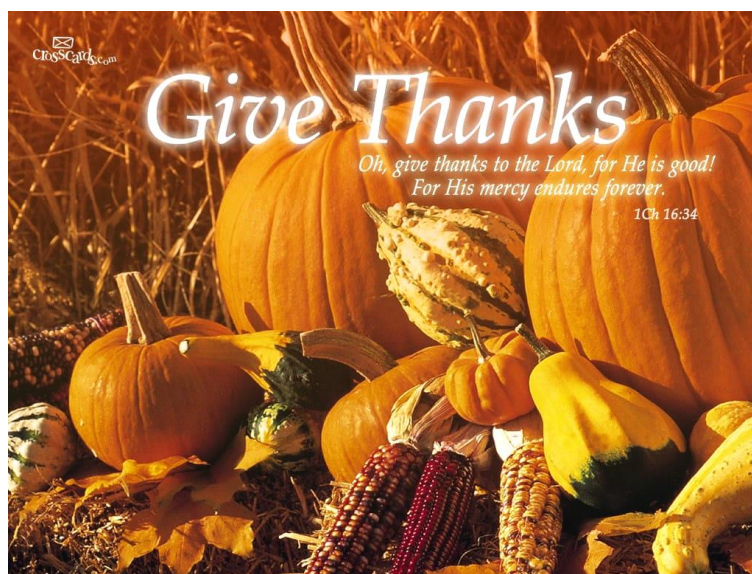
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Christ the King Sunday  
November 21, 2021



Thanksgiving  
November 25, 2021

**"Office Hours:** Weds and Thurs 9am-2pm, and by appointment. It is strongly suggested to call ahead before dropping by. Pastor is off Mondays. Best means to contact pastor is 321-312-7339 or [pjdbryant4tide@gmail.com](mailto:pjdbryant4tide@gmail.com)."

**Pastor's Point**  
Pr. J. David Bryant

Greetings in the name of Jesus.

Back in June, I quoted the cantankerous *Teacher* in Ecclesiastes who says, "Better is the end of a thing than its beginning; the patient in spirit are better than the proud in spirit." (7:8)

We again find ourselves in the place of, "Better is the end than the beginning." We are not quite at the end, yet it again appears that the end draws nearer.

Based on recommendations from the Reopening Task Force and the Worship & Music Committee, supported by data from the CDC and other providers, Church Council has voted to return us to near pandemic worship and fellowship patterns. Of course, this decision will be met with mixed reviews in our congregation. Still, with Brevard County having a 65% vaccination rate, and downward trending Covid numbers, it seems faithful to relax some of our pandemic practices. This relaxation of measures will be reviewed again in 30 days by Church Council. Specific details will be presented to the congregation by Church Council President Marjorie Maenpaa in a temple talk on 10/24 and in her report that is found in our November newsletter.

What is changing? Generally speaking: a) In terms of worship, we will be singing more liturgical portions of the service, and by November 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be singing 3-4 hymns rather than 2 hymns; and b) In terms of fellowship, look to see the return of food items in coming Sundays. Mask use will become optional.

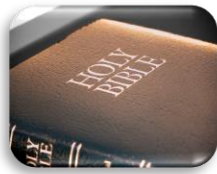
While we are making these faithful steps with lots of enthusiasm, we are mindful of our reality---the pandemic is still with us. This is our reality. Each person must do as seems best for self and for neighbor. This pandemic remains hard on us.

Let's continue to make wise choices, to sanitize, to use hand sanitizer, to not create human traffic jams in the narthex, to know that we are not all of one mind on how to manage the pandemic. In short, let's take care to look to needs of our neighbor above our own personal preferences and individual practices. Remember what the *Teacher* says, "the patient in spirit are better than the proud in spirit," maybe especially when it feels like we near an end.

When it comes to the pandemic, again we say, "Better is the end of a thing than its beginning!"

Stay well. Stay safe and sound. Thanks for being so very faithful.

God bless and keep you,  
JDB+



### Gospel Readings

#### Lectionary "B" for November 2021

November 7.....Mark 12:38-44

November 14.....Mark 13:1-8

November 21.....John 18:33-27

#### Lectionary "C" for November 2021

November 28.....Luke 21:25-36

### ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME



WELCA Eve Circle Bible Study on  
**Tuesday, November 16th @ 11:45 a.m.**

Study "The Gift of the Spirit", in person at church.

Dorcas Circle Quilters, please stay for Bible Study after quilting

Daylight Savings Time  
Ends NOVEMBER 7th.



Effective as of now, face masks are OPTIONAL for all those gathering for indoor services and events.

Every thirty days, church council will reevaluate our situation.

St. Paul says to the Christians in Rome, *"Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers."* (Romans 12:12-13)

## Highlights of the October Church Council Meeting

The Church Council met on Wednesday October 20, 2021 at the Church.

The Task Force made the recommendation that we resume the church service back to normal as much as possible.

It was decided:

1. All liturgical music returns.
2. All hymns return, except the Sermon Hymn.
3. The Offering Plate will remain in place but will be brought to the Altar during the Offertory.
4. Sharing the Peace remains the same.
5. Masks are now OPTIONAL.
6. Holy Communion stays the same,
7. Coffee fellowship returns.

This will be revisited every 30 days

Ken Wolf who faithfully provided our lawn service for many years has retired and has moved to Tennessee. For the time being, the Property Committee men are cutting our grass.

I'm sorry to report that our Financial Secretary, Renee Harper, has resigned. Linda Kratzer, our previous Financial Secretary, has agreed to fill in until we find a new Financial Secretary. If anyone would be interested in serving as our Financial Secretary, please talk to Kim Tolley, the Church Treasurer.

Also, Dudley Bowling has resigned from the Church Council.

We want to thank Renee and Dudley for their faithful service.

Respectfully submitted  
Marjorie Mäenpää  
Council President

## Reopening Task Force

The Reopening Task Force met on October 14, 2021 to review the latest Covid-19 statistics for Brevard County and Florida.

As of October 13, 2021 hospitalizations were down by 48%, there were 49 deaths, the fourteen-day average for positive tests 7%, on October 10th there were no new cases and no deaths and the vaccinations status stood at; fully vaccinated 57%, 12 and up 64% and 65 and up 83%.

Based on these statistics and the continued downward trend, the committee made its recommendation to have JOY resume all worship services and activities to pre Covid-19 status.

The committee also made the recommendation to the Church Council to have the Reopening task Force disband.

Erik Mäenpää



### Worship and Music committee

Worship and Music along with the Social Ministry Committee will be collecting Socks and Underwear for Daily Bread during the month of November. This was suggestion by Social Ministry. As we all prepare for Thanksgiving, it is a reminder of how blessed we are and about those that are not as fortunate. If you can pick up a pack of socks or underwear please do so. These are for both men and women. There will be basket placed in the Narthex.

During our last meeting, after much discussion, we made a recommendation to Council to suspend our regularly scheduled "Last Saturday of the Month" worship service that is generally led by Pilgrim Journey Band.

PJB has been an integral part of our Saturday evening service, and of JOY for many years. We have been blessed to have PJB and others for providing special music at JOY. We thank them all for the joyful music they have brought to us, at this evening service. This does not mean we will never have special music or even a Saturday evening service again. We are blessed to have so many talented musicians at JOY, and we will continue to promote the events that any of them are having around Brevard, and hopefully have PJB and others play at JOY for special services/occasions.

We will see where The Lord leads us all. If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

Blessings to All,  
*Chris Allebaugh*

## A New Church Year Begins



The new year of the church begins on the  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, November 28th.

## Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will be November 10, 2021 at 11:00am.

If you would like to learn more about this committee, please join us on Wednesday.

You can contact Barbara Herndon if you have any questions

## **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee is continuing the process of auditing the financial records of JOY, the insurance policies and both digital and paper files and the financial procedures and processes.

During the fiscal year 2021, the Church Council engaged Ms. Bonnie Sue Bodell President and Senior Appraiser of Worthy and Company to conduct an appraisal of the replacement cost of JOY Lutheran Church.

The Audit committee is in the process of reviewing our current insurance policies with the report of the appraiser to determine if JOY is currently carrying proper insurance and not under or over insured.

Based on the information of the review, the Audit Committee will report to the Church Council the steps that need to be taken to adjust our insurance coverage as it will be renewed for the coming period beginning June of 2022.

Erik Mäenpää

## **Property Committee**

Ken Wolf, JOY member, who has provided JOY with excellent lawn service as a donation, has retired sold his business and is in the process of moving to Tennessee. The lawn maintenance is now back on the shoulders of the Property Committee Members.

Before the first cutting by the Property Committee, minor repairs needed to be performed on the equipment and once completed, Harold Lengel, Norm Barmen and Gary Krause made short work of the cutting using our riding mowers. As we take on this new job and as we move to the summer months in 2022, we could use additional help in the Property Committee. We meet on Friday mornings and usually work from 8:30 AM -11:00 AM

This new addition to our Friday work schedule will have some impact on our progress in continuing with our painting of the interior, but as the winter months approach the painting of the interior will once again resume.

Now that new doors have been installed, the installers returned to install the door stops on the doors and they will return to address the gap between the two door panels in the coming days.

The Property Committee will once again assist the ladies of WELCA with the WELCA Holiday Festival. During the first week in November the Property Committee will assist in setting-up the tents and tables, provide assistance during the festival and provide help in the tear down following the festival.

The Memorial Garden Committee Members continue to take care of the Garden and the landscaping around the church. Plans are being developed to address the current shrubs and plants around the building and what changes can be made to enhance the appearance.

Erik Mäenpää





## JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

### **CIRCLE MEETINGS**

**Eve Circle** (Bible Study) –3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, @11:45, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> - Bible Study “The gift of the Holy Spirit”

**Dorcas Circle** (Quilting circle) – every Tuesday @ 10:00

**Rachel Circle** (knitting/crocheting circle) - every Wednesday @ 10:00

**LAKE YALE Fall Gathering** - Florida-Bahamas women of the ELCA meet November 12-14 at Lake Yale, Leesburg, FL.



**HOLIDAY FESTIVAL /CRAFT SALE & SILENT AUCTION AND WHITE ELEPHANT SALE- Sat., Nov. 6, 2021**, outside under canopies.



Nineteen personal health/hygiene kits provided to **DAILY BREAD** in October.  
DAILY BREAD Health/Hygiene Kits: miscellaneous items needed, i.e., sample/motel size toiletries (shampoo, soap, conditioner, lotions), deodorant, tooth paste & tooth brushes, shaving cream, hair combs and brushes for women & men, razors, sanitary pads, wash cloths, chapstick or lip balm, bug spray and sunscreen. Pr. Norm Holm (Ruth Holm's son) of Calvary Chapel has very generously contributed multiple items for kits. Thank you, Pr. Holm and JOY members, who have contributed items & helped make up kits.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

December 4 @ 12:00 – WELCA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON @ Olive Garden Restaurant, Melbourne, Florida - There will be a signup sheet



## Daily Bread

All are welcome at Daily Bread  
815 E Fee Avenue, Melbourne, Florida 32901

Daily Bread is more than a “soup kitchen.” Daily Bread, Inc. ensures that no one in Brevard County faces hunger or homelessness alone. More than 30 years – empowering, supporting and assisting those confronting financial challenges to become self-sufficient. Rather than a “hand-out”, a “hand -up” is offered.

Feeding the hungry and the homeless is an important part of what is done at Daily Bread, but it is *not all* that is done. Individuals, through a comprehensive array of programs and services, navigate their way to self-sufficiency.

You can be a part of this ministry. JOY members volunteer the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday each month @ 10:45 – 1:00 p.m. to help serve a hot meal. Contact Elaine Heine (215-7928) or Connie Steinhorst (725-6391).

## “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. This program is so very important, especially at this time with families barely making ends meet. The cost is approximately \$175 per week.

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

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



## Mission Partner 100 (MP100) FAQs

### WHAT IS MP100?

MP100 is a synod campaign that invites donors to support specific projects for congregations designated by the Office of the Bishop. MP100 recipients are often congregations that have a specific construction or facility need related to their ministry priorities and vision for mission. The vision of MP100 is that if a large group of donors contribute \$100 each, the funding available for specific projects increases. MP100 is an example of how we can be ‘church together for the sake of the world’ as the Florida-Bahamas Synod.

### HOW DO I CONTRIBUTE?

You can send in a donation to the synod office designated for “MP100”. You can also designate your electronic gift for MP100 through the “**Give Now**” link on the home page of the web site (<https://fbsynod.com> ).

### HOW ARE RECIPIENTS CHOSEN?

Each year, MP100 recipients are chosen in consultation between the Directors for Evangelical Mission and the Bishop. The recipient (congregation) is invited to submit a brief description of the target project that is then shared with the donor list.

### HOW DO I GET ONTO THE DONOR LIST?

You may send a note to Yuliet Garcia, Administrative Assistant to the DEMs ([yulietg@fbsynod.org](mailto:yulietg@fbsynod.org)), to request an MP100 letter. When you make a donation to MP100, you are automatically added to the list for following years.

Count Me as a Mission Partners 100 for  
Florida-Bahamas Synod Mission Development/Special Emphasis

Please print clearly and mark below how your gift should be used.

Make your check payable to *Florida-Bahamas Synod*, and add “*Mission Partners 100*” in the notes.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation/City: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my donation in the following amount designated for **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Tampa**

(Check one):  
\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$200; \_\_\_ \$300; \_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_ \$1,000

Enclosed is an additional \$100 for *Mission Partners Plus*: (check one)

\_\_\_ Again for Good Shepherd, Tampa      \_\_\_ Other Development Ministries  
\_\_\_ Multi-Cultural Development      \_\_\_ Vitality Process

09/13/2021

Mission Partners 100  
Florida-Bahamas Synod  
3838 W. Cypress St.  
Tampa, FL 33607



## MISSION PARTNERS 100

Fall 2021



September 15, 2021

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and Day School is located on South Dale Mabry Highway, one of the major thoroughfares in the Tampa area. It occupies one city block in the heart of South Tampa, approximately one mile south of the Florida-Bahamas Synod Office of the Bishop. Approximately twenty years ago, Good Shepherd's leadership expressed a passion to share the Word with families in the community and opened Good Shepherd Day School catering to children aged 20 months to 5 years old in a phenomenal educational environment. The school quickly grew in popularity and continues to be regarded as one of the best early childhood learning facilities in the Tampa area.

While our Day School remains a strong ministry in our community, the congregation of Good Shepherd has been hit with numerous challenges in the past decade. There has been a significant decrease in membership and this rapidly aging congregation currently has only 70 disciples officially on record. In July, weekly worship attendance was averaging around 12 in-person worshipers with a small handful of worshipers participating online.

A once-thriving congregation of 1,700 members and beacon in our community, Good Shepherd is currently working closely with the Office of the Bishop as a re-development site. In August, Pastor Jerry Nordsiek accepted the call from the Florida-Bahamas Synod to serve as the Mission Re-Developer assigned to Good Shepherd. After just five weeks we are already averaging 35 in-person worshipers, our online presence has grown exponentially, and we are just getting started!

As we begin this work, the challenges in front of us are enormous. Good Shepherd's facilities are aging and in much need of major repair and renovation to help us become more inviting and – even more important—handicapped accessible for all. We would like to redesign the main entrance and upgrade the bathrooms in the sanctuary. Your contribution to these two projects can assist us in our mission and ministry efforts.



The Florida-Bahamas Synod, our new Pastor Re-developer, and the hard-working disciples of Good Shepherd are fully committed to re-establishing Good Shepherd as a mission outpost for the Gospel here in South Tampa, and we welcome your prayers and support.

Thank you for your consideration of this appeal.

Pr. Rob Carlson  
DEM/A2B, North

Pr. Khader El-Yateem  
DEM/A2B, South

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Joint WELCA and Men's Group

### **White Elephant Sale**

November 6, 2021  
(9:00am - 2:00pm)



All donations for White Elephant sale  
are welcomed (no clothing items).



### **WOMEN OF THE ELCA JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

#### *Annual Christmas Luncheon*

December 4, 2021  
12:00 p.m.

Olive Garden restaurant on 192  
Sign-up sheet in narthex



### **JOY ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW** **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6TH. 2021**

JOY Lutheran Church  
3174 JUPITER BLVD., S.E.  
PALM BAY FL 32909

Contact: Marjorie Maenpaa (321)327-8400  
Email: [marjorie.maenpaa@gmail.com](mailto:marjorie.maenpaa@gmail.com)

9 AM- 2 PM

CRAFT SHOW

SILENT AUCTION

AND

BAKE SALE

FALL AND CHRISTMAS ITEMS

HOME DECORATIONS

HOME MADE BAKED GOODS

VENDOR SPACES AVAILABLE

HOT DOGS, SODA, CHIPS,  
DONUTS, and COFFEE  
FOR SALE

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT WELCA  
(WOMEN OF THE  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH OF AMERICA)

## 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 2021 Tidings no later than November 22nd.**

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

### HELP WANTED



We are in need of helpers to run the Power Points, on the sanctuary screen, for the Sunday service. Since our entire service is projected on our screen, this is obviously an important job.

If you are interested, contact Barbara Herndon or David Steinhorst.

Did you miss church on Sunday or were unable to attend? Check out our website.



Audios of Sunday sermons or "Live Stream" of the service are available on our Joy website at: [www.joylutheranelca.com](http://www.joylutheranelca.com)

### 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"

Participate if you feel so led. Don't participate if you are not so led. Give in whatever way works best to suit you.



**NOTE: Your information needs to be updated annually. Scheduling for "auto-pay" & "auto-draft" is only good for 12 months.**

*Thank You  
So Much!*

I would like to extend my appreciation to Pastor Bryant and my sisters and brothers in Christ at Joy; for all the phone calls, cards, notes of encouragement and prayers during John's long struggle with cancer. You, our "Joy Family" have been such a blessing to us. I will continue to keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Love and blessings to all,  
*Donna Burdick*



## **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, or a Stephen Minister, or would like to be listed for prayer support.



We especially pray for Friends, Family, and Members of Joy.

### **WHO ARE:**

- Suffering the loss of a loved one.
- Suffering from pain or illness.
- Suffering from depression or loneliness.
- Recovering from illness or surgery.

Lord, look upon those in need with eyes of mercy. May Your healing hand rest upon them, may Your life-giving powers flow into every cell of their body and into the depths of their soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring them to wholeness and strength for service in Your Kingdom. Amen.

## **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

## **2021 Church Council**

**Pastor:** Rev. John David Bryant

**President:** Marjorie Mäenpää

**Vice President:**

**Secretary:** Kelly Arner

**Treasurer:** Kim Tolley

**Financial Secretary:** Linda Kratzer (temp.)

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

Sue Getter

Barbara Herndon

Gary Krause

Peggy Marion

Joy Peters



### 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 - September 2021 Stewardship

General Fund	(Please see Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Budgeted each Month	\$14,810	Budgeted thru September	\$133,290
Received in September	\$8,158	Received thru September	\$102,934
Capital Improvement Fund			
Budgeted each Month	\$1,418	Budgeted thru September	\$12,762
Received in September	\$1,563	Received thru September	\$11,488

# NOVEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	All Saints Day	10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Work Day	9:00am Craft Sale
Daylight Saving Time Ends 7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting 11:00am Fellowship Meeting	Veterans Day	8:30am Property Work Day	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting 11:45am Eve Circle Bible Study	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting 7pm Council Mtg		8:30am Property Work Day	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Christ the King Sunday 10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting	Thanksgiving	8:30am Property Work Day Daily Bread Team 10:30am-1:00pm	
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
First Sunday in Advent 10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting				
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
						Check website & messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.