



# Mission Moments

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## COMING EVENTS

**December 8** – Hearts & Hands Christmas party, 4 p.m. for all women. Bring a hand crafted gift (\$10 or less not necessarily your hand) and a snack to share.

**December 11** - Adult class, 6 p.m.

**December 18** – Steering Committee meets at 6 p.m. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

**December 25** – Happy Birthday, Jesus!

**December 25** – No Wednesday night class.

**January 1** – Happy New Year!

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**January 4** - Men’s Prayer Breakfast, 8 a.m.

**January 8** – Annual Congregational Meeting, 6 p.m. Hear committee reports and vote on budget for 2025.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

*Due to privacy issues, we are no longer able to print full names on the prayer list.*

**Health**– Pam T.; Anistyn (friend of Reagan); Melvin & Wanda B.; James & Connie H.; Denise (sis of Joseph); Hubert H.; COVID-19 people; Corkey B.; Sandra M.; Tim & Barbara T.; Tina W.; Emma N.; Reagan’s friend who has Bell’s Palsy; Joe C. Jr.

**Concern** – Ross P.; students; Joseph M.; MCC Interim Trustees; unspoken; finances; youth program; Blessing Box and those using it; MCC growth and development; Wednesday night classes; our visitors; caregivers; unsaved; homeless; Praise Team;

Sunday School teachers; U.S. government; our country; State of Oklahoma; Ukraine conflict; Israel’s safety and hostages.

**Travel** – all those traveling.

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## SERVING DECEMBER 15, 2024

Greeters – Tina W. & Mary N.  
Communion Meditation – Tim T.  
Usher 1 – Gary N.  
Usher 2 – Quin R.  
Building Closers – Nelson

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## SERVING DECEMBER 22, 2024

Greeters – Pam T. & Corkey B.  
Communion Meditation – Quin R.  
Usher 1 – Jon N.  
Usher 2 – Aiden F.  
Building Closers – Riley

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## SERVING DECEMBER 29, 2024

Greeters – Doris P. & Wanda B.  
Communion Meditation – Tom W.  
Usher 1 – Tim T.  
Usher 2 – Tom W.  
Building Closers – Wise

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## SERVING JANUARY 5, 2024

Greeters – Tina W. & Mary N.  
Communion Meditation – Doris P.  
Usher 1 – Jon N.  
Usher 2 – Aiden F.  
Building Closers – Nelson

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## SAND SPRINGS COMMUNITYSERVICES

Please bring plastic bags, paper sacks and egg cartons for SSCS.

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**DECEMBER and  
JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

December	14	Avery S.
	16	Rhonda P.
	25	Joe N.
	26	Mary N.
January	1	Wanda B.
	4	Sam N.
	5	Pam T.
	25	Joseph M.

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**CHRISTMAS BEGINS WITH CHRIST**

Advent is the four-week season in December when the church reflects on the significance of the Advent of Christ and His expected Second Coming.

Each Sunday morning, we will light an Advent candle focusing on the theme of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Christians of all denominations celebrate Advent in their own way, but all focus on Jesus' birth and the meaning of His life.

Please make a special effort to share each Sunday with us in praise and worship. Also, you are encouraged to invite family and friends to worship with you. Remember, Christmas begins with Christ!

Brotherly, Jerry

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**BLESSING BOX**

In the month of November the Blessing Box was used 34 times. It is stocked with non-perishable food that is available for those who need it. The things that have been taken are meat products (Vienna sausage, tuna, canned chicken, and peanut butter), crackers or bread, ramen noodles, mac & cheese, various mixes for seasoning, soup, individual servings of fruit, oatmeal or pudding, cornbread mix, juice boxes and breakfast bars. A list of things taken from the Blessing Box is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall, along with the prayer requests that have been left in the Blessing Box. We are also putting scripture verses on each item.

Some people who do not attend MCC are helping stock the box and we thank them for the help. We always need some supplies for the Blessing Box and would appreciate your help in this area. Some things we need at this time are: mac & cheese, small cans of tuna, individual pudding, individual fruit, or oatmeal, pasta and pasta sauce. As the weather gets cooler, individual packs of cocoa would be useful too. Thanks!

We have also been putting small amounts of clothing on top of the Blessing Box.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

A snake can hear with its tongue.

Trumpeter Herb Alpert played taps for military funerals.

A 93-year-old Australian man, Les Colley became the oldest father ever when his wife gave birth to a son, Oswald, in 1992.

The Red Sea is not red. It’s bluish-green.

On June 19, 1989, “Bud” was the first tropical storm to be named after a male.

The only dog that sweats is the Mexican hairless.

Cajun chef Paul Prudhomme weighed 500 pounds at the age of fifteen.

An ant’s sense of smell is just as good as a dog’s.

Red schoolhouses were painted red for an elementary reason – it was the cheapest color.

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## **Youth Corner**

It’s hard to believe that another year is almost done. There’s not been a year yet that hasn’t been amazing and 2024 is no exception!

We’ve learned, laughed, cried and grown. As we wrap up this year, it’s important to remember that years and goals and resolutions are merely human standards. Kingdom work is every day, every month, every year. It’s in the little moments of just being a good friend, the unplanned moments of helping out a neighbor, or the bigger moments that you step out on this new faith and serve God out of your comfort zone. Let’s not box God into “2025” but rather put him ahead of 2025 and watch where He takes us!

Merry Christmas, Jana

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## **ELECTION RESULTS**

All of those nominated and agreeing to serve MCC as Interim Trustee for 2025 have been elected. They are Tom Wilson, Tina Wise, Gary Nelson, Debbie Nelson, Tim Tucker, and Doris Phillips. Election Sunday was November 17, 2024. The Interim Trustees will take office on January 1, 2025.

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## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The annual Congregational meeting will be January 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. The various committees will give a report on 2024. We will also present a budget for 2025 and vote on it.

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