



Holland Church

December 2023 Newsletter

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 Office Hours 9 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.



Our Congregational Business Meeting is December 3 at approximately 10:45, following coffee time. Church Life is preparing soup and cinnamon rolls for our lunch. All are invited to stay.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

12 Kyle and Robin Townsend
 20 Calvin and Donna TeSelle
 28 Stan and Barb Sears
 29 Damon and Mindy Driskell



3 Jill Vande Griend
 7 Primrose Gunther
 9 Janis Walvoord
 12 Kyle Townsend
 15 Barb Fossler
 17 Ann Wubbels
 17 Chet Maendele
 18 Marj Huenink
 20 Paige Liesveld
 22 Bob Wubbels

From the Pastor's Heart



"I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption." Psalm 130:5-8



I don't typically connect to two words "wait" and "hope". However, if I take this moment to hear this verse, the connection is very clear. David, the writer of this psalm and so many more, reveals our very hearts in circumstances and our hearts pursuing God. The "waiting" that is in this verse is "waiting" through the present pain and maybe even a moment of doubt. But the turn of attitude happens when "hope" is raised. Notice the power and encouragement of Hoping in something promised from God. This God who promises and fulfills, this God who is good and loves you. This same God is the one who gives wisdom, gives strength and courage. No matter the circumstance, it is okay to call out the pain, the hurt or the doubt; the frustration, stress, or anxiety. But don't forget what makes the "waiting" on the Lord easier...The Hope we have in the One, True, Living, God, that will never leave or forsake us, and nothing can snatch us out of His Hands. Happy Holidays, may they be Holy and Blessed by the grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

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Wednesday Night Alive children will present a Christmas program following our supper hour on December 13, at approximately 6:30. Congregation, parents, grandparents, friends— join us!

Service at 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve
 Sunday December 24



December 6 meal: meat loaf, cheesy potatoes, vegetables, something sweet
 December 13 Pizza & Christmas Program

Wednesday Nights Alive will take a break following our Christmas Program until January 10th.



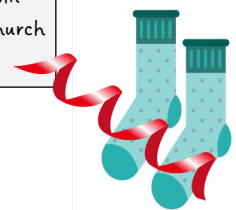
Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year

the WiNGS (Women in God's Service)

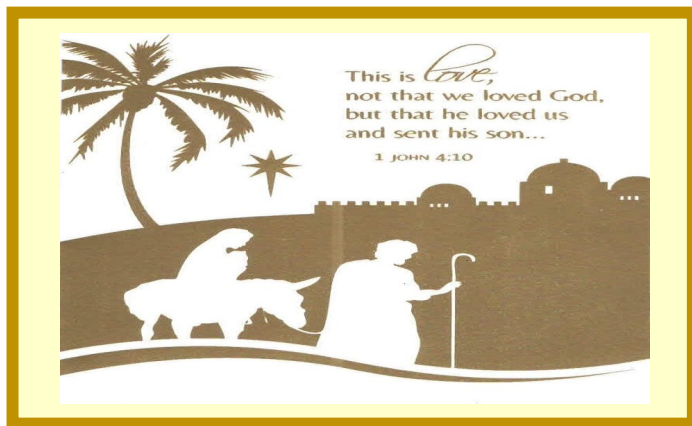
Our December meeting will be held on December 5 at 7:00. Maureen Bausch will be leading our discussion of Chapter 11 in our book Road to Freedom: The Ten Commandments. The two main concepts of this chapter are "Wrongly Coveting is Harmful" and "Overcoming Covetousness". Perhaps this is a timely topic during this season of excess and sometimes "too much" ? If you wish, you are welcome to bring treats to share with the group at this meeting.

We will be ending our collection of socks for Haven Manor and Lakeview Assisted Living on December 10, then the socks will be delivered sometime in the following week.

Hugs from
Holland Church



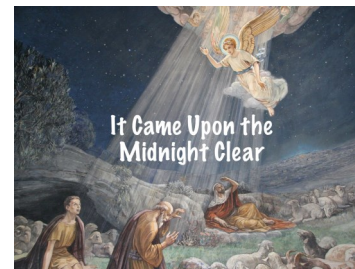
Holland Church continues its mission of blessing others. Thank you to all who donated a shoebox to Operation Christmas Child.



Advent 2023

**"It came upon a midnight clear,
that glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth to
touch their harps of gold."**

In the sanctuary and fellowship hall, the color blue depicts the dark skies and gold the harps.



**The angel said "Today in the town of
David a savior is born to you,
Messiah the Lord."
Luke 2:11**



On December 3, choir will be practicing for the first time. Please meet at 9 a.m. in room 11 in the Education Wing. Everyone is welcome!

If choir members are available, choir will sing on Sunday morning, December 24. If this doesn't work for everyone, choir will sing on Sunday, December 17.