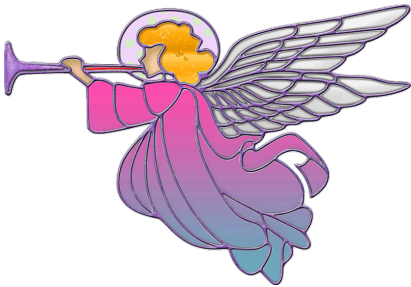




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**Community
Christmas Sing
December 18, 3-5p**

It's back by popular demand! A lovely time sure to put you in the Christmas spirit, with singing, jokes, trivia, conversations. It's for all ages with great favorites—both secular and sacred. Yes, we'll sing Rudolph and Frosty, Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire and White Christmas, but also Silent Night, the First Noel, and Hark the Herald Angels Sing. Our own, Dr. Miles will tickle the ivories, and Pastor Doug will lead the singing and tell the "Dad jokes." And of course, we will tell the Christmas story! Tell some friends and post some flyers for us please!

The Light

"We know that all things work together for good, for those who are called according to Christ's purpose." — Romans 8:28 December 2022

Making Room for Jesus: Advent and Christmas Events

1st Sunday in Advent • Nov 27

10a — Worship and Sunday School
Making Room for Jesus: Being a Neighbor
1 Peter 4:4:7-11 • Luke 2:1-7



Hanging of the Greens

November 27 • Follows worship
We decorate the church for Advent and Christmas

2nd Sunday in Advent • December 4

Communion Sunday
10a — Worship and Sunday School
Making Room for Jesus: Welcoming Strangers
Deuteronomy 10:14-19 • Matthew 2:1-3, 9-15



3rd Sunday in Advent • December 11

10a — Worship and Sunday School
Making Room for Jesus: Leaving the Light On
Isaiah 60:1-7 • John 8:12

4th Sunday in Advent • December 18

10a — Worship and Sunday School
Making Room for Jesus: Walking Each Other Home
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 • John 17:20-24



**Community Christmas Sing
December 18 • 3-5p**

Christmas Carols, Jokes, Trivia and Refreshments

**Lessons in Carols by Candlelight
December 24 • 7p**

Making Room for Jesus: Invited to the Table
Our warm and meaningful, candlelight worship.
We learn again why Jesus is the hope of the world.



**Christmas Sunday & New Year's Sunday
December 25 and January 1 • 10a**

Communion • Families sit together in worship

Women's Breakfast

Come one, come all! A great chance to share faith and fellowship over some good food.



The Women's breakfast meets weekly

on Fridays at 9:30a.

Fiber Arts

The monthly Fiber Arts Group meets every Tuesday at 9:30a.

In addition to working on things for



family and friends,

this group also donates to helping needy children have warm heads and hands.

Worship at the Atria

Did you know Pastor Doug leads worship every few weeks at Marina Bay and The Atria? Worship begins at 2:30 p.m. and is over by 3:30 p.m. Usually we sing some great old gospel songs, pray and do a short Bible Study. This month, we will sing the great Christmas carols on Dec 19. If you want to get into the Christmas spirit, this will really do it 😊



Britte Zlatanova Dec. 7
Gary MacDonald Dec. 12
Carl Miller Dec. 17

Monday Night Bible Study • 6:30p

This Advent, we are spending time with Ed Robb's sweet little book, *Making Room: Sharing the Love of Christmas*. The conversation we start in worship continues in Bible study—only more and deeper. We try to understand how the Bible fits together—but most of all, we want to understand what it means for our lives, and consider together how our lives might be different because God has spoken through this particular word. You are welcome to join in-person in the Parlor, or by Zoom. Just email the church, if you would like to receive the link.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Title or Event</u>	<u>Reading/Scripture</u>
11/28	Making Room for Jesus: Being a Neighbor	1 Peter 4:4:7–11 Luke 2:1–7
12/5	Making Room for Jesus: Welcoming Strangers	Deut 10:14–19 Matt 2:1–3, 9–15
12/12	Making Room for Jesus: Leave the Light On	Isaiah 60:1–7 John 8:12
12/19	Making Room for Jesus: Walk Each Other Home	Matt 2:13–23 John 17:20–24
12/26	No Bible Study	
1/2/23	No Bible Study	

Congregation Decides to Project and Livestream Worship & Events

On November 20, the congregation held a Special Congregational Meeting, and decided that projecting lyrics and liturgy on Sunday morning really adds to our worship of God. In addition, the congregation felt that we should get back to livestreaming our Sunday worship, and consider how livestreaming is a “window on our worship” for those who are curious. The congregation approved the purchase of a computer to make ongoing projection of worship possible. If you would like to be part of the purchase of that computer, please get in touch with Recilla Westerbeke (Head Trustee) or Pastor Doug. We also talked about needing people to pick up a little more of the responsibilities around worship and around the church to keep everything flowing. If you would like to join the team that learns and shares in projecting and livestreaming, for worship and for our community, please get in touch with Leo Bergin (Head Deacon) or Pastor Doug. Projection and livestreaming are pretty simple to learn and make a big difference for people worshipping God!



From Your Staff,
Stephanie, Miles,
Sally, Rev. Clara, and
Pastor Doug



Christmas Eve Poinsettia Order Form

Christmas is just around the corner and it's time for the Flower Committee to decorate our church's sanctuary. Your kind and generous donation of a poinsettia is a wonderful way to remember a loved one and to help decorate our sanctuary during the Christmas season. The poinsettias are on display for the Christmas Eve Candlelight service this year.

Kindly pick up your poinsettia after the Christmas Eve Candlelight service. If you choose to leave them, they will make Christmas Sunday beautiful too!

**The deadline to place an order is
Noon, Monday, December 19th.**

Print Name: _____

Telephone #: _____

Quantity: _____

(Circle one)

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

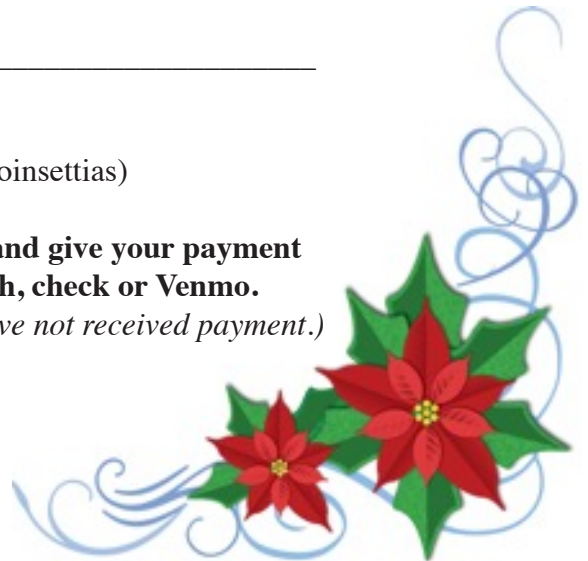
In Celebration of:

Name of honoree(s)

Price: 8" pots – \$12 each (red poinsettias)

**Please give Sally the filled out order form and give your payment
to the church office. You can pay by cash, check or Venmo.**

(Note: We cannot include your flowers if we have not received payment.)



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