

ASLC NEWS

United in Christ. Welcoming All.

Angel Tree

Our December Outreach project is an Angel Tree to support needy families in our area. For those doing in-person worship there is a tree in the gathering space with tags on it. For those watching worship online, call Pastor Dave if you're interested and he can assign you a child. If you're not comfortable shopping Jen Ownbey has volunteered to do the shopping for you! We are working with Oakley Elementary and will be sponsoring 7 kids from two families. We've also received a Thrivent Action Grant which will be used to help us spread further holiday cheer.

Treasurer's Report

October 2020

Income	\$10,930.80
Expenses	<u>-10,806.18</u>
Net Income	+\$124.62

YTD 2020 Net Income =
+5,203.79.

Sincerely, Bob Lierman



Pastor Dave's Column

We have never celebrated a Christmas like this in my lifetime. Our celebrations will be much simpler but this is not necessarily a bad thing. Make sure you check out all the online resources I've posted which include a devotional of Advent intentions, a craft project, and a coloring page.

I also put together two videos that are available on my YouTube channel as my Christmas gift to you. Each video contains 5 beloved Christmas carols along with the words so you can watch and make a joyful noise since we can't sing in person together. We're also going to try Zoom caroling on the first two Sunday nights of December which will be followed by communion for those who are worshipping online. Everyone will have to mute but I'll have my guitar with me and will take requests!

For now, we will continue in-person worship. I surveyed those who have been coming regularly and they overwhelmingly wanted to continue in spite of [con't. p.2]

[from p. 1] the limit of people gathering indoors which was reduced from 25 to 10. Churches are exempt so we are free to make this decision. Both Anne and I are fine with worshipping in-person as well.

Depending on what's happening with the number of infections, we'll make a decision about Christmas Eve as early as we can in December. The plan right now is to offer two in-person worship services on Dec 24 at 5:30 and 7:00. A reservation will be required so we can control the numbers in each. I will also put together a special online service as well.

I also hope you'll give yourself permission to simplify the way you celebrate the Advent/ Christmas season. Take joy in simple rituals and reach out to others you won't be able to see this year with phone calls, cards, etc.

Finally, I encourage everyone to make an Advent wreath this year. It can be as simple as four candles on a plate, but it will help us to mark the days of this holy season together.

Blessings, Pastor Dave

Thanks to everyone who donated cookies for Western Carolina Rescue Mission's Coat Drive. They were very pleased and surprised at the number of cookie bags we brought them!



Birthdays

Sherry Prazich	15
John Corkran	16
Amy Barrett	26
Michael Dawn Crook	27

Anniversaries

None listed

If you'd like your birthday or anniversary to be published, please give these dates to Pastor Dave. Thank you!

Special Tanks to John & Toni

A special thank you goes out to John Corkran and Toni for their many years of service to our congregation. John has been either president or vice-president for many years. His wisdom has helped us to navigate some challenging time in the life of our church. Toni has faithfully served as Financial Secretary for about as long as John has been on Council. Well done, good and faithful servants!

New Financial Secretary

Seth Crook will take over for Toni as our new Financial Secretary. If you have any question regarding your 3rd quarter giving statement, give him a call or send him an e-mail. It's going to take a while to transition between Toni and Seth so please be patient. Thank you, Seth, for taking on this important ministry in our church!

Offering Envelopes

A little closer to Christmas, your offering envelopes for 2021 will be ready. If you're worshipping online, let Pastor Dave know and he can put them in the drop-off box on the front porch of the church for you to pick up. They can also be mailed to you if that's your preference.