

# The Weekly Update

DECEMBER 12, 2025

## INTERIOR PAINTING TO BEGIN DEC. 29



Renovations funded through our Special Appeal are moving forward! Interior painting will begin on December 29 and is expected to take about five weeks. During the first week, painters will be working in the Narthex, covering floors and setting up scaffolding to reach the high walls, so access to the Narthex and offices will be limited.

Because of this, staff will work from home the week of December 29 but will remain available during normal office hours. If you need access to the building, please contact Pastor Melody or Laura by cell phone or reach out to LeAnne by email, and they will arrange entry for you.

**If you currently use a hallway mailbox, please clear it ASAP so the boxes can be removed for painting.**

## Christmas Gift Sign-Up for Changed Choices Families

# ARE DUE SUNDAY!

**Please remember to wrap each gift and put the name & family number on a gift tag.**



## Thank you, Cross & Crown!

Because of your incredible generosity, our toy drive for the Matthews Help Center was a huge success. Together, we collected **164** toys with an estimated value of **\$3,280!** These gifts will brighten Christmas for children in our community and remind them that they are loved. Thank you for sharing joy so abundantly!

### Christmas Eve Services

**Family Worship 4 pm**  
(Nursery Available)

**Candlelight Worship 8 pm**

Both services will be live streamed.

### YOUTH GROUP MOVIE NIGHT

**DECEMBER 19 5:30-9 PM**


We will be watching Gremlins!

We will have dinner, watch the movie & play fun themed games! Be sure to wear your pj's!

## HANDS & HEARTS IN SERVICE

Join your fellow Cross & Crown members for our 2026 Congregational Mission Retreat, January 16-18! This is a chance to renew your spirit, deepen friendships, and serve together as God calls us into mission.

Our 2026 Theme: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." – Colossians 3:23

This theme us that true service flows from more than our efforts—it begins in the heart. 

#### Retreat Schedule:

- Check-in: Friday, January 16
- Depart: Sunday, January 18
- All participants will receive four meals during the retreat:
  - Saturday: breakfast, lunch & dinner
  - Sunday: breakfast

#### Optional Add-On Day:

- For those who want to stay longer, an additional night is available:
- Depart: Monday, January 19
- Meals included: Sunday dinner & Monday breakfast (Sunday lunch on your own.)

#### Saturday Only Option:

- A day-rate is also available for those who want to participate on Saturday only.

**SIGN UP BELOW**

**We want this experience to be accessible to all, so payment plans and scholarships are available for anyone who needs them!**

# PRAYER list

## MEMBERS:

JEANETTE ABBOTT	LINDA FARIES
SUSAN ARCURI	KATHI & FRANK MACARINE
JENNY BOOTH	LORI MEATH
JUNE BROOKS	JOE & CRISS UCMAN
JIM BURNS	JD WINFREY
DENNIS DOWNEY	

## FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Kenneth Ackerman, Larry Pool's brother-in-law  
 Kristi Alary, Julie Moffat's sister  
 Sidney Ames, Susan Arcuri's sister  
 Scott Anderson, friend of the Ucmans  
 Sue Azukas, friend of Jerry Putnam  
 John Bailey, Russ Bailey's father  
 Andrew Bernauer, son of Wayne & Rosemary Bernauer  
 Jim Carty, Suzy Wlezniak's brother  
 Joann Church, Behzad Vaqar's mother  
 Drude Corbet, Angelina Corbet's brother  
 Ruth Deal  
 Rick, Debbie & Jason Eldridge, friends of Vivian Farland  
 Reid Evans, friend of Barbara Maillet  
 Brad Faries, Barry & Linda Faries' son  
 Owen Farr, Julie Wright's grandson  
 Lily Ferrulli, Joann Ferrulli's granddaughter  
 Dorothy Henke, Lisa Roth's mother  
 Portia Hutchinson, friend of Felicia Eybl  
 Will Jacobs, friend of the Macarines being deployed  
 Jim Kozlinski, Cathy Kozlinski's husband  
 Mark & Ellen Kramm, friends of Jill Jurgensen  
 Helen Laatz, sister-in-law of Leslie Laatz  
 Randy LaMere, Jennifer LaMere's father  
 Madsen family, friends of Joe & Criss Ucmans  
**Marylou, friend of Annette Downey**  
 Jeanne Maylor, Denise Bratschie's friend  
 Ted Meiss, Christine Meiss' husband  
 Alice Louise (Lou) Miller, Criss Ucmans' cousin  
 Gary Mintz, friend of David & Debra Cox & Felicia Eybl  
 Matt Moulton, Tom & Janis Dorsey's nephew  
 Fred Olafson, friend of the congregation  
 Brian Orton  
 Nga Pace, Yen Forsblom's sister  
 Olivia Reardon, daughter of Barry & Linda Faries' friends  
 Sameer Saproo, Teri Strom's nephew-in-law  
 Nancy Scholhammer, friend of Susan Arcuri  
 Derek & Smith & family, Roger & Debbie Black's  
 daughter & son-in-law  
 Sherrill & Patricia Tucker, Donna Tucker's parents  
 Joanne Varnum, friend of Joe & Criss Ucmans  
 Haley White, Barbara Maillet's granddaughter  
 Lucas White, Barbara Maillet's grandson

Want to check on your giving progress? Contribution statements are always available—just reach out to Garry Rudolph, our treasurer, and he'll be happy to provide one for you.



## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 8:30 am - 2 pm	Thursday: 8:30 am - 2 pm
Tuesday: 8:30 am - 2 pm	Friday: 8:30 am - 2 pm

Wednesday: Church Office closed, phone lines & office email is open & replied to between 8:30 am - 5 pm.

## 2025 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jeff Bratschie- President	Lori Meath
Jill Jurgensen- Vice President	Chris Frisina
Felicia Eybl- Secretary	Jerry Putnam
	Kati Goode

# Happy Birthday

Emily Tiller

DEC. 15



## Wednesday Night Happenings

12-17-25

6 pm



Taco & Potato Bar  
 Fresh Garden Salad,  
 & Dessert

## MIRIAM CIRCLE 2025 DONATIONS

Remember all the donations and hard work that made the Miriam Circle Yard Sale such a success last summer? Your generosity is already making a difference in our community!  
 In October, we were able to donate \$1,000 to Changed Choices, and in November, we gave \$1,000 to Common Heart Food Pantry. We also sent 10 care packages to our congregation's college students and one to a military member—a project made even more special thanks to support from a Thrivent Action Card. None of this would have been possible without your participation and support of the yard sale. Thank you!  
 The Miriam Circle

A SERVICE OF  
*Lessons & Carols*  
**DECEMBER 28TH**  
**ONE SERVICE AT 10 AM**

## Coming up this week...

Sunday, Dec. 14 8:15 am- Traditional Worship  
 9 am- Coffee Hour  
 9:15 am- Adult Bible Study on the book of Psalm  
 10:15 am- Contemporary Worship  
 11:30 am- Rooted Sunday  
 Monday, Dec 15. -7:30 pm- Women's Bible Study  
 Tuesday, Dec. 16- 12 pm- Staff Meeting  
 Wednesday, Dec. 17- 6 pm- Wednesday Night Happenings Dinner  
 6:30 pm- Men's Group Fire Pit Gathering  
 6:45 pm- Midweek Advent Service  
 7:10 pm- Handbell Choir  
 7:45 pm- Choir  
 Thursday, Dec. 18- 7:45 am- Men's Bible Study  
 Friday, Dec. 12- 4:25 pm- Walking Club  
 5:30 pm- Youth Movie Night