



**WORSHIP AND PROGRAMS:**

Worship: Remotely and On-Site (with restrictions)  
**Sundays, 9:55AM**  
(Music starts at 9:50AM)

**Regular: Remotely**

Adult Choir:  
Wednesdays, 6:45PM

Adult Hand Bells:  
Wednesdays, 6PM

Afternoon Ringers  
Wednesdays, 3PM

Bible Study:  
Wednesdays, 10AM

Fiber Fellowship: Zoom  
2nd Tuesday, 3:30PM

Quilt Guild:  
3rd Tuesday, 1PM



**Board Meetings: ZOOM**

- Christian Ed: Jan. 12, 6:30PM
- Council: Jan. 20, 7PM
- Deacons: Jan. 6, 7PM
- Finance/Property: Jan. 13, 7PM
- Media/Tech: Jan. 18, 7PM
- Missions: Jan. 4, 7PM
- Music: Jan. 17, 7PM
- Vitality: TBD

**PASTOR'S PAGE**

“When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage.” Matthew 2:10-11a

It's always a little hard to believe it when the calendar turns over to a new year. There's the remembering what's been, or what could have been. There's the wonder at what's going to happen, or what could happen. It's what author Susan Beaumont would refer to as a "liminal" moment – meaning we find ourselves at a sort of threshold between one season of our life to the next.

I imagine the magi having such a moment in the scene described here. I imagine that after a long and unsure journey – a journey where they had come face to face with a king ready to kill – well I imagine after a journey like that there's got to be relief in knowing that what's behind you has been worth something. Perhaps they felt validated for having set out on such a long quest at the sight of a new star in the sky. At the same time I also imagine there was that final moment of anticipation – that moment when the vision is almost realized and you can hardly believe it's actually going to happen. What we know from the story is that whatever is running through the minds of the magi, they're overwhelmed with joy.

This year I'd like to continue on with a tradition I started last year – star words for the season of Epiphany. I'll be sending out paper stars to each one of you, and each star will have one word on it. For example, my word in 2021 was "balance". Each paper star will be accompanied by a letter that says a little bit more about how you might incorporate the star words into your daily prayer life – and each star will have been prayerfully written by hand and prayerfully selected for you. My prayer will be that the stars will guide you, just as the star of old guided the magi... because their star led them to overwhelming joy.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Jeff



# JANUARY

## FAITH FORMATION

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December was an exciting and busy month for our children and youth programs. With a wonderful Christmas pageant, a scarf-making project for the Mission's tree, Christmas cookies and more, there was lots of fun and learning.

With in-person worship paused for at least a few weeks, this month may look a little different. However, rest assured there will be more fun and learning coming from the wing this month. As always, our first goal is to create a safe and welcoming environment for our youngest folks to learn and grow.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### **K/1 CLASS AND MIDLERS**

Our Faith Formation programs were set to resume on January 9th with both the K/1 and Middlers class meeting in the wing during worship. However, with the pause in in-person worship, Sunday School has also been postponed for the time being.

The CE Committee is hard at work on some Sunday School at Home surprises until we can gather together once more. Keep your eyes out for some fun coming your way!

## C O N F I R M A T I O N

### **8TH GRADE AND UP**

Confirmation classes will begin in January. Confirmands and their families will be receiving a schedule in the mail shortly.

## S C A R V E S

### **DECEMBER MISSION PROJECT**

This past month, the Middlers spent time learning about David and Mephibosheth and the importance of grace. Then they worked together to sew felt scarves to add to the gloves and hats on our Mission tree. Check out the next page to see some pics of the process!

## Y O U T H G R O U P

### **MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL**

Our Youth Group met to spend time decorating Christmas cookies to sell at the Artisan Fair. The group voted to donate their proceeds to an organization that supports mental health. Together, they raised \$200 to give to the National Association for Mental Health! Many thanks to everyone who helped decorate cookies and all who supported the group by buying the cookies! Stay tuned for more youth group fun in the future!

Interested in faith formation for your child/youth, but not ready to return in-person yet? Please contact Pastor Ann-Marie to discuss possible alternatives.

# SCENES

FROM  
FAITH FORMATION  
@CCC

## MESSY CHURCH



## YOUTH GROUP



## MIDDLER SCARF PROJECT

*Notes from Murray*



Happy New Year! Auld Lang Syne - For the sake of old times. "We will take a cup of kindness yet for auld lang syne." Two friends sharing a cup of tea and reminiscing over times past. We just past the holiday season which can give us mixed feelings, but my wish for you all is that you are filled with recollections of meaningful and warm times with family and friends. [Here is a lovely recording of Auld Lang Syne.](#)

I am writing this on the first day of winter, December 21st. It was almost a year ago that my mom passed away peacefully. I consider myself fortunate to have been with her in final moments. She had left her bible next to her bed and a piece of paper was left sticking out of it. It was meant to be found by my brother and me. The poem ends with "Miss me, but let me go." My mom was

always one to move on from grief, but also remembered fondly the times that were had with those she loved. She didn't reference the Beatles much, but I know she listened to them when she was young and knew many of their songs. [Here is one](#) to take a listen to - for those getting the printed version, it is The Beatles', *Here Comes the Sun*. I remember listening to on the car radio one day when she and I were going somewhere in Modesto. We both sang as we went on our way. Even though winter is just beginning, when I realized we had arrived the winter solstice, I was warmed with thoughts of spring - halfway there! The days start to get longer and while the weather can be bitter at times, we will be enjoying warmer days soon.

"We will take a cup of kindness yet for auld lang syne."

Sincerely,

Murray

## STEWARDSHIP 2021-2022

Happy New Year from your Stewardship committee! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas. As we move forward into 2022, we want to thank you for helping us along the way in 2021. So far, even though we are still mired in the pandemic, we have made tremendous gains in our pledge drive. Currently we are just over 65% of the way to our goal. The more we can pledge, the less reliant we will be on our invested funds. If you have already turned in your pledge, thank you. If you have not turned in your pledge yet, thank you for prayerfully thinking about pledging to the Church and its missions. If you are unable to submit a pledge, thank you for being a valuable part of our Church family! As always, if you ever have any questions feel free to reach out to us at any time.

Your Stewardship committee:  
Matt Howard, Jillian Larson,  
Kate Howard

	2021	2022
\$ 200,000.00		
\$ 190,000.00		
\$ 180,000.00		
\$ 170,000.00		
\$ 160,000.00		
\$ 150,000.00		GOAL
\$ 140,000.00		
\$ 130,000.00		
\$ 120,000.00		
\$ 110,000.00		
\$ 100,000.00		AS OF 12/22
\$ 90,000.00		
\$ 80,000.00		
\$ 70,000.00		
\$ 60,000.00		
\$ 50,000.00		
\$ 40,000.00		
\$ 30,000.00		
\$ 20,000.00		
\$ 10,000.00		
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We pray for the families of Barbara Lutz (mother of Eric) and Edward Koza (father of Karl, father-in-law of Sue), may they rest in peace.



**Wishing all the best on your Birthdays**  
Nelda Hayes, Shirley Bamford, Mark P. Deyoe, Rev. Rollin Johnson, Jessica Gross, Isabella Morales, Larry Jones, Christopher Williams, Marilyn Fairbanks, David Wilcox, Lindsay Kennedy, Rebecca Lacourse, Lelah Dickerson-Sinclair, Sandra Hill, Tim MacIntyre, Malikai Swisher Rosa, Mark W. Deyoe, Kristine Blanchard, Amy Brooks, Eva Lomba, Ethan Harrigan, Thomas Jones, Bill McCarthy

(listed in order of day of month from 1 to 31)

# BOARD OF MUSIC

## FROM THE BOARD OF MUSIC

### Organist Transition

We regret that we have accepted the resignation of Dr. Steven Young as our organist. Our Music Director, Murray Kidd, has confirmed substitute organists for the month of January. The Board has formed a Search Committee and is in the midst of posting the position at various sites related to organists and the arts.

### From Arts & Music Planning Circle

Save These Dates:

*Midday Music: February 16 at 12:15 pm*

*Just Peace Players present "Heal the Earth" on Sunday April 24 during morning worship.*

We welcome your ideas for other events, tentatively planned for March, June and October.

Please speak to Donna Costa, Audrey Jones or Candy Savage with your suggestions or email to [boardofmusic@brocktonucc.org](mailto:boardofmusic@brocktonucc.org)

### December Midday Music

Over 30 audience members enjoyed a wonderful program presented by Mary-Katherine Fletcher for Midday Music last month. The national organization, American Guild of Organists, had designated 2021 as "The Year of the Young Organist," and we were happy to support Ms. Fletcher as she continues to perform and prepare for auditions for Master degree programs this year.

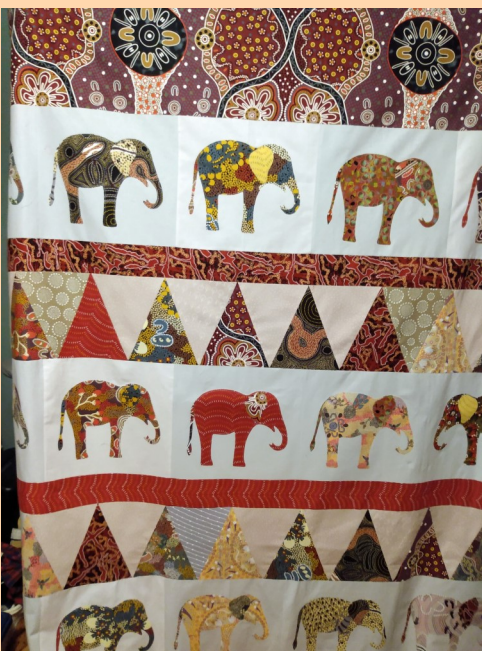
The next Board of Music Meeting will be on Monday, January 17 at 7:30 pm via Zoom.

*Board of Music members:* Donna Costa, Henok Kaptimer, Leigh-Ann Larson, Hector Morales, Luane Rich, and Murray Kidd (ex-officio).



## COMMON THREADS QUILT GUILD

Our December cookie swap was delicious with a dessert of "cherries in the snow" and lots of take home cookies for snacking. In light of the COVID variants, we decided to skip Jan. and Feb. meetings and will meet in March of 2022.



Meanwhile if you need fabric for any project from the guild's stash or batting for NICU quilts, placemats, or lap quilts please call Janet @ 508-583-0505. Completed placemats may be left in the office for David Wilcox and he will get them to meals on wheels.

Board of Deacons,

Thank you so much for all your help with the Memorial Service for my husband. It was a wonderful service and I feel deep gratitude for all that you did. Being part of Christ Congregational Church has helped me through a difficult time.

Thank you also for the beautiful mum. It has lasted a long time.

Sandra Hill



To the Board of Deacons...

A big thank you for the beautiful mum delivered by Janice Urban. Your outreach has been so thoughtful and greatly appreciated.

Blessings to all,

Nelda Hayes

Dear Deacons,

The poinsettia is absolutely beautiful as well as huge! I've put it on the coffee table in the living room for now. It adds a lovely, bright touch to the room and cheers us up when we see it. Thank you so much for thinking of us! We truly appreciate it.

In Christian love,  
David & Marilyn Fairbanks



# CHRISTMAS CARD TREE

Wishing you a very  
Merry Christmas  
and a year of  
Health & Happiness  
Ruth Copeland

To wish you many  
blessings at  
Christmastime and  
throughout the  
coming year.  
George Manoogian

May love fill your  
home and your heart  
at Christmas and  
always.  
Love,  
Paula & Ken

Celebrate this  
Christmas with  
Hope, Happiness &  
Peace! Thank you  
for all your care.  
Sandra Hill

Wishing you a  
Christmas filled  
with joy & special  
moments  
Love from Sofia,  
Barn & Brenda

At this very special  
time of year; we  
remember those  
close to our hearts  
Merry Christmas  
Janice, Matt,  
Andrew & Kate  
Howard

May your Christmas  
be blessed with  
peace and joy  
Audrey Simmons

May all your wishes  
come true this  
Christmas!  
Saundra Alden

May all the Joy of  
Christmas fill your  
heart now and  
throughout the  
year. Much love  
church family!  
Beth McIntyre

Happy Holidays!  
Barbara and Paul  
Moody

Warmest Wishes to  
you this beautiful  
time of year!  
Merry Christmas!  
Don & Cindy Myers

To wish you many  
blessings at  
Christmastime and  
throughout the  
coming year.  
Jeff & Pat Illsley

Wishing you every  
good thing the  
season has to offer.  
Happy Holidays  
Alicia Phoenix &  
Kailana

Wishing you a very  
Merry Christmas and  
every good wish for  
the New Year!  
Sheppo & Thomas  
Tammy & Carlos  
Sam & Emily  
& Ben

Merry Christmas!  
John Hagberg  
Chris Madden  
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The Landerholm's  
Diane, Lisa & Ally

May this joyful day  
of our Savior's birth  
resound with hope  
and peace on earth  
Merry Christmas  
Jean Cappiello &  
Cody

Everything you need  
to feel happy, every-  
one around you who  
makes you feel  
blessed...That's what  
you're wished this  
Christmas season.  
Bob Cutting  
Sharron MacMullen

Merry Christmas!  
Andrea, Eva and  
Sadie Lomba



**Christmas 2021**  
The Christmas  
Poinsettias and  
Memorial Donations  
are Given to the Glory  
of God and in Loving  
Memory of:

**A**

Merton L. (Sonny) Alden, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Merton L. Alden  
Terrence "Terry" L. Alden  
Aida Azoukou

**B**

George & Constance Bamford  
Horace W. Bamford  
L. Elsie Bamford  
Sandra Ellen Bamford  
Richard Bouthilette  
Alice & George Boyer  
Anne Brooks  
Richard & Leona Brooks

**C**

Amy & George Cahill  
Blanche Cavanaugh  
George Cavanaugh  
John & Dorothy Copley

**D**

Mr. & Mrs. Howard W. Dalton  
Mr. & Mrs. Albert D. Daniels  
Frank DePaola  
Mr. Joseph Dodd  
Mrs. Mabel Dodd  
Daniel E. Dunklee Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel E. Dunklee Sr.

**E**

Harriet G. Eastman

**F**

Allen & Connie Fisher  
Bernice Fisher  
Harold & Marjorie Fisher  
Jo Mary Samuelson Fisher  
John & Theresa Forest

**H**

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Haase  
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin J. Holmquist  
George & Arleen Hutt

**I**

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur E. Illsley, Sr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur E. Illsley, Jr.

**J**

Aaron Johnson  
Bob Johnson  
Constance "Penny" Johnson

**K**

Frank & Elsie Kittredge

**L**

Carl W. Landerholm  
Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Landerholm  
Sue Lindstrom  
Mr. & Mrs. Earle G. Lovell  
Mr. & Mrs. Earle W. Lovell  
Ronald & Charles Lovell

**M**

Walter & Flora Marlenga  
Robert & Patricia McCrone  
Mr. & Mrs. James McGunnigal

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick McGunnigal  
Mr. Stephen McGunnigal  
John Molander  
Margaret & Arthur Molander  
Mark Molander  
Rita & Arthur Molander  
Babe Moline

**R**

Mr. & Mrs. Philip A. Rooney, Sr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Philip A. Rooney, Jr.

**S**

Cutty Samuelson  
Faith Samuelson  
Margaret A. Sheppard  
Richard Sheppard  
Terry Sheppard  
Vivian Sheppard  
Linda Siegrist  
Mr. Herbert S. Simmons  
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert J. Sinclair  
Robert E. Soncrant  
Ethyl Southworth  
Winslow & Doris Staples  
Scott & Jayne Stevens

**T**

James C. Thomas, Jr.

**W**

Beverly & Bedford "Bud" Wheaton  
Douglas & Doris Wilbur

**Y**

Mrs. Mildred Yecius





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Sunday Worship Time: 9:55 a.m.

## CREATING BELOVED COMMUNITY

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here!



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