

The Messenger

Advent Soup Suppers

After the feedback from our Lent Soup and Bread Suppers, we will be having an Advent series beginning on Wed, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m. and continuing on Dec. 10, 17 and Christmas Eve in Fellowship Hall.

Each week we gather to for dinner, which is followed by a study and discussion with activities. We will work with Illustrated Ministry's "Will to Dream," which focuses on different people in Jesus' heritage: Isaiah, John the Baptist, Elizabeth, Zechariah, Anna and Joseph. The curriculum runs



through Epiphany so other pieces will be made available after we finish the soup suppers.

Each session comes with coloring pages, bulletins, a devotional, sharing activities and practices for the week.

Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve

On Christmas Eve, we will have a traditional Lessons and Carols service at 7 p.m. with a soup supper before the service.

Lessons and Carols is a service that is based on ancient sources and adapted for modern use in 1880 by E.W. Benson. It was later used at King's College, Cambridge, England, which was first broadcast in 1928 and has continued to be broadcast across the world each year. The service typically uses nine lessons or scripture readings followed by a Christmas carol.

During Advent, we don't use any Christmas carols to emphasize the anticipation and preparation for Jesus' birth. That means on Christmas Eve is our first opportunity to sing Christmas carols, which is a selection of traditional carols as well as more modern ones to match the lessons.

Earlier this year, I began serving FUMC Trinidad. We will be having an 11 p.m. service to welcome in Christmas Day. I've always loved the 11 p.m. service and you are welcome to join us at 216 Broom Street.

bring the food to the cars.

We had about 50 people come to get food and we'll have a second pop-up distribution on Friday, Dec. 5 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Volunteers can help sort at 1 p.m.

Our regular distribution will be on Dec. 19. Our truck will be arriving that morning, which makes everything a little more chaotic because we don't have the day before to sort and organize. We're asking for volunteers to arrive at 8 a.m.

Food Distributions on Dec. 5 and Dec. 19

Beginning in November, we made some of the excess pantry items from our regular distribution available to the public. We did it to get more food to people at a time when SNAP benefits were not being released and with expected increases in utilities for the winter.

We went through the pantry bags and unpacked them, then organized them around Fellowship Hall. As people began coming in, it became clear we needed to get our shopping carts to help

Calendar highlights

Dec. 3 - Advent Soup Supper

Advent soup and bread suppers will be on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Dec. 4 - Fiber Fellowship

The next Fiber Fellowship meeting will be 1:30 p.m. at the Pfeiffer's.

Dec. 5 - Pop-Up Distribution

Our next pop-up food distribution will be at 4 p.m. Food sorting will be at 1 p.m.

Dec. 7 - First Sunday Offering

The December first Sunday offering will go towards the Food Depot.

Dec. 7 - Potluck

Our next potluck we will be having pot roast and roasted vegetables. Potlucks are held after service in the fellowship hall.

Dec. 7 - Trinidad Chorale

Trinidad Chorale will be at 2 p.m. at FUMC Trinidad with fellowship afterwards.

Dec. 13 - Christmas Bazaar

The annual UWF Christmas Bazaar will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Frito pie with drink and dessert for \$10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dec. 18 - UWF Meeting

The next UWF meeting will be Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Dec. 19- Food Distribution

Food Distribution will be at 9 a.m. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 8:30 a.m. Food sorting will be Friday morning.

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Eve service will be held at 7 p.m. with a soup supper before the service at 6 p.m.

Dec. 28 - Hymn Sing

We will be singing pre-selected hymns for Sunday service.