



Serving God, Sharing Love

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Advent Hope

Rev. John van de Laar

The season of Advent calls us to remember the God who comes to us – past, present, and future. In the light of God’s eternal reign, we cannot help but reflect on our own priorities. The mark of Christ’s disciples is our love, faithfulness, righteousness, justice, and peace. These are values that last and that have universal value. But, we can only live these values when we trust in, and take notice of, the signs of God’s Reign working in our time and space.

Advent calls us to be people of this kind of awareness, recognizing the signs of God’s reign that are already visible in our world - in places of peace, restoration, and sacrificial service - and calling out the signs of God’s reign in other places - places of need, violence, and self-interest.

This means that we cannot avoid making a commitment to follow God’s ways. It means that we cannot avoid living with faith in the principles and the unseen reality of God’s Reign. It means that we have to keep encouraging and strengthening one another. And it means that we need to take care to live according to the values of God’s Reign, and avoid falling into the self-gratification that arises when we lose faith, or grow despairing of change.

Ultimately, as we work for justice in the world, we need the Advent hope to keep us from cynicism, despair and expediency. We need the reminder that God’s Reign is at work in our world, in order to keep us faithful to what we proclaim and believe. Then, whatever we may encounter, and whoever we may have to confront or work with, we are able to embody the life-giving, hopeful Reign of God.

Advent
A Season of Hope
& Expectation

(adapted from <http://sacredise.com/lectionary-resources/advent-sunday-c/>)

December Worship

ADVENT NAMES FOR THE MESSIAH

DECEMBER 3:

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 A.M.

Preacher: Rev. Peter Cottrell
Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7
Sermon: *Wonderful Counselor*
Communion

DECEMBER 10:

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 A.M.

Preacher: Rev. Peter Cottrell
Scripture: Isaiah 9:6; John 20
Sermon: *Mighty God*

December 17:

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 A.M.

Preacher: Rev. Peter Cottrell
Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-8
Sermon: *Everlasting Father*

DECEMBER 24:

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - CHRISTMAS EVE

10:00 A.M.

Preacher: Rev. Peter Cottrell
Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7
Sermon: *Prince of Peace*

DECEMBER 31:

1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 A.M.

Preacher: Rev. Laura Berg
Scripture: Luke 2:22-40
Sermon: *Joyful New You*



Message from Peter

Rev. Peter Cottrell, Senior Pastor



Advent is an amazing time of year if we don't get too overwhelmed by the season. Created to allow Christ followers a time of preparing for the birth of Christ (God becoming human to show God love and to show us how to be more human), Advent sometimes takes on a life of its own with events with sugar and lights and food and gifts for anyone and everyone. Over the years, I have found ways to hunt for the Christ child in the midst of tinsel and egg nog. But it takes a significant amount of energy to keep the focus. Some time in the next few weeks we will go to Epcot for the Candle Light Processional. It is something my family has been doing for about 30 years. I have not been able to schedule it every year; but if at all possible, I try to go. Carla and I also work really hard to balance our gift giving by giving to missions in the name of members of the family so we will give to one of our church's missions in the name of most of the adults in our family. For us, it keeps us focused on the fact that Christmas is not about me and getting but about God in the flesh and giving.

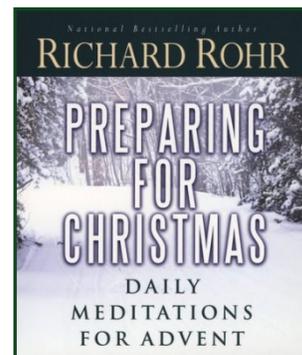
I hope that your season is filled with friends and family, fun and fellowship but most of all I pray that you might have some time of focus. God becomes flesh, and gives God's self away so that we might really get that God loves us. Always has. Always will. (Hallelujah! Hallelujah!)

Our Advent Sermon Series this year will be based on the book *Names for the Messiah* by the scholar and teacher Walter Brueggemann. We are also inviting you to read a daily devotional by Father Richard Rohr entitled, *Preparing for Christmas – Daily Devotions for Advent*.

**Join us as we prepare for Christmas
by participating in our Advent study,
*Preparing for Christmas:***

***Advent Meditations* by Richard Rohr
Tuesdays, December 5, 12 and 19
6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Register in the Church Ministries Office



\$20 per poinsettia

**Order Before
December 11**

Church Ministries Office, Welcome Center or 386-428-6252



Message from Peter

Rev. Peter Cottrell, Senior Pastor

As we begin our new year, we will have a guest in our pulpit on January 7th. Dr. Gary Spencer, our Atlantic Central District Superintendent, will help us consider our vision for our church with some awareness about what is happening in the world.

On the 14th, I (Peter) will be preaching about our mission and vision as well as we aim for building the Kingdom of God by serving the world in New Smyrna Beach.

Beginning Sunday, January 21, we will have a four week series on John Wesley's teaching about earning and saving and giving based on the book by Jim Harnish entitled *Earn. Save. Give. Wesley's Simple Rules for Money*. February 11th will be our Commitment Sunday when we will collect pledge cards and start the process which allows us to set our budget for our fiscal year which begins July 1st.

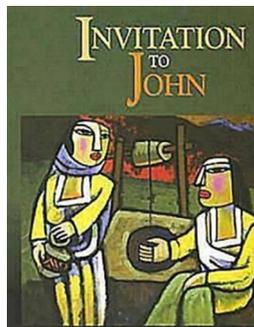
Introduction to John:

a short term DISCIPLE Study

Tuesdays, January 23 - February 6

6:30-8 p.m.

The invitation from Christ is: "Come and see, Follow me." Experience the magnificent passages in John including the *I am* statements ("I am the truth, the life and the way; I am the living water" and more). Revisit stories only told in John's gospel including Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene and the raising of Lazarus.



Sign up in the Church Ministries Office.
Books will be available at the first class.

Join us for the annual
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day March
January 15 9 a.m.



January Worship

JANUARY 7:

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 A.M.

Preacher: Dr. Gary Spencer
Scripture: TBD
Sermon: TBD
Communion

JANUARY 14:

2ND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 A.M.

Preacher: Rev. Peter Cottrell
Scripture: Matthew 6:33
Sermon: *The Aim of the Church:
Building the Kingdom
of God*

January 21:

3RD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 A.M.

Preacher: Rev. Peter Cottrell
Scripture: Proverbs 3:13-14
Sermon: *We Don't Need More
Money: We Need
More Wisdom*

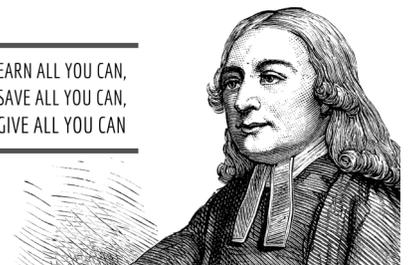
JANUARY 28:

4TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 A.M.

Preacher: Rev. Peter Cottrell
Scripture: Proverbs 10:4
Sermon: *Earn All You Can*

EARN ALL YOU CAN,
SAVE ALL YOU CAN,
GIVE ALL YOU CAN



All sermons can be heard
at our website
www.coronadouc.org ;
or



Christmas
at
Coronado

Sing Joy to All the World

Christmas Concert with Chancel Choir & Orchestra
December 10, 7 p.m. Sanctuary

Eirinn Abu Christmas Concert

December 16, 7 p.m., Sanctuary
Tickets \$20 donation

The Longest Night

a winter service of hope and healing
Chancel Choir & Orchestra
December 21, 6 p.m., Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Services

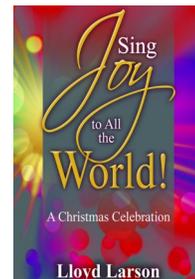
5 p.m. Family Oriented Candlelight Service
7 p.m. Candlelight Service
11 p.m. Candlelight Service with Communion

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We hope you will accept our invitation to come with your family, friends and neighbors to these services and concerts to celebrate the Advent and Christmas Season at Coronado:

* December 10	Sunday	<i>Sing Joy to All the World</i>	7 p.m.	Sanctuary
* December 11	Monday	<i>Coping With the Holidays</i>	5:30 p.m.	Settle-Wilder Chapel
* December 16	Saturday	Eirinn Abu & Manny Lopez Christmas Concert	7 p.m.	Sanctuary
* December 21	Thursday	<i>The Longest Night</i>	6 p.m.	Sanctuary
* December 24	Sunday	Family Friendly with Sonshine Kids' Choir	5 p.m.	Sanctuary
		Chancel Choir	7 p.m.	Sanctuary
		Solos	11 p.m.	Sanctuary

We have a wide variety of events planned. During the annual **Light Up Flagler**, the Chancel Choir sang Christmas carols from the steps of the CorMeth Boutique. On Sunday, December 10, join us as the Chancel Choir and orchestra presents our Christmas Cantata, *Sing Joy to All the World!* The overriding theme of this inspiring Christmas work by Lloyd Larson is joy. It celebrates the promise that joy comes to those who wait; that following the long dark night, the breaking of dawn brings joy for the new day. The music incorporates original melodies with familiar carols in a work that ranges from contemplative to celebratory. A Good Will Offering will be taken.



On Monday, December 11, the Chancel Choir will sing Christmas carols at **Coping with the Holidays**, a program for those who have lost loved ones, at Settle-Wilder Funeral Home Chapel. The carols will be followed by a service of remembrance.



Eirinn Abu (Saxophone) with Manny Lopez (Guitar) will be here for a **Christmas Concert**, December 16. This is a fundraising event to support the missions and ministries of Coronado Community UMC. \$20 Ticket Donation. Tickets for General Admission seating are available in the Welcome Center and Church Ministries Office. Tickets may be available at the door if seats remain.

The Longest Night, a Winter Service of Hope and Healing by Joseph Martin, will be presented by the Chancel Choir with Orchestra. This will be a unique service of devotion that has a very special ministry focus. This introspective work is intended to be a worship experience that encourages those going through times of sorrow and grief during the holidays. Inspired by the solstice, winter's longest night, this service of music, scripture and prayer will seek to bring light into the darkness and offer hope to those in deepest need.



An orchestra will join the choir for this service and for the Christmas Cantata on December 10th. Church members who are able to help contribute to the cost for these musicians can do so in memory or in honor of a friend or loved one. Contact me (Church Ministries Office - 386-428-6252, ext. 119) for further information.

We invite any of you who are interested in participating in the Music Ministries at Coronado to join us as a vocalist or instrumentalist. Contact me at 386-428-6252, ext. 119. for information about any of our groups - Chancel Choir, *REFLECTIONS* (a women's ensemble), *BAND OF BROTHERS* (a men's chorus), Joyful Sound (a smaller ensemble of men and women) 11 a.m. Worship Team (our praise and worship group), or Sonshine Kids Choir.

No, they are not playing musical chairs on Sunday, but Jack Carter and Alice will be changing seats at the organ bench when Alice needs to be two places at the same time and just can't manage. We are excited to be welcoming him as a new team member to our music ministry this month. Jack has also joined the choir and both Mike and Alice are ecstatic.

Jack is the second of four children in a family where all members could sing on key with strong voices. That's a lot of talent in one family! He has played piano, organ, clarinet and ukulele. He studied organ at the University of Florida and was a music teacher and counselor for 33 years in Alachua County. He also served as organist and choir director at University Methodist and Westminster Presbyterian churches in Gainesville along with several other churches along the way. He is a very accomplished composer and has written over 100 pieces of music including organ solos, anthems, school operettas, piano pieces, a guitar concerto and a symphony.

Please join us in welcoming him and making him feel at home. (He'll be the one in the blue robe!)

We are beginning our busiest time of the year with the arrival of our winter residents and visitors. This means that the parking areas are going to be used more heavily every day but especially on Sunday mornings.

Please help us with this by:



- * PLEASE park pretty and speak pretty to others. To do otherwise only compounds the problems.
- * Do not take up more than one parking space. If you back your car in, please do not extend over the side walk. Leave room for your neighbors and your friends. They will appreciate it.
- * Leave the bus spot open per our signs.
- * Do not park in the emergency lane or along the curbs in front of the playground. We must be able to have sufficient space for emergency vehicles to get in and out.
- * Be respectful to those who are trying to guide you in and out. Our parking attendants will be back early in January, and they are hired to help both you and the church to have a peaceful, enjoyable Sunday morning.

Your cooperation will be appreciated



The Youth Mission Team is selling fair trade coffee that is grown and processed locally in San Ramon, Costa Rica where we have gone to serve at *Pura Vida* Missions for the past 5 years. Cost for one pound of ground, quality, fair trade, coffee is \$15 a bag, but any size donation is welcome. This will be available in the Church Ministries Office during the regular office hours.

Make the coffee you drink every morning count in the lives of the children of Costa Rica!



\$15 per bag

Christmas Bags for HUM

Every year we partner with Halifax Urban Ministries to provide Christmas meals to senior citizens in our area through the New Smyrna Beach Housing Authority. Bags will be available in the Courtyard on Sunday, December 3 and December 10.

**Please Bring These Items (in one large paper bag)
to the Church on December 17, 2017**

Please include \$10 (either cash or a check written to CCUMC with HUM on the memo line) in the attached envelope.

This money will be used to purchase gift cards for the turkey.



**Chicken Broth - 1 can
Corn - 1 can
Cranberry Sauce - 1 can
Cream of Mushroom Soup -
1 can
Green Beans, Canned -
2 cans
Instant Potatoes - 1 box or
1 bag (large)**

**Stuffing - 1 box or 1 bag
Sweet Potatoes, Canned
- 1 medium can or
2 small cans
Non-perishable Dessert
(such as cookies or
brownie mix)**

***VERY IMPORTANT: Do not bring the giant, economy size cans
(Sam's, etc.). Everything must fit in the one paper bag.***

***Please bring EXACTLY what is on the list -
We need each bag to have the same items***

PLEASE DO NOT BRING BAGS EARLIER - WE HAVE DIFFICULTY STORING THEM



Use your Facebook account to not only follow your friends and family but also keep up with the latest activities at Coronado and share events and news with your friends.

Facebook is free and easy – so let's use it!

Some quick directions:

- ◆ Sign into your Facebook account (if you do not have one, Google Facebook and follow the directions.
- ◆ Search for 'Coronado Community United Methodist Church,' 'CCUMC United Methodist Women', or 'CorMeth Boutique' – these are our pages
- ◆ When you find our page, click on "Like" and "Follow" – you will now see all the Facebook postings on your own Facebook feed.
- ◆ When you see something interesting, like information on our upcoming Christmas programs, please 'Share' postings from our Facebook page with your relatives and friends on your Facebook page – how easy is that?
- ◆ You can also 'Like' and 'Comment' on all our postings – Facebook is great way to share information .
- ◆ But remember, this site represents our church and our UMW, so please refrain from posting comments and messages that do not pertain or might be inappropriate for our church and activities.

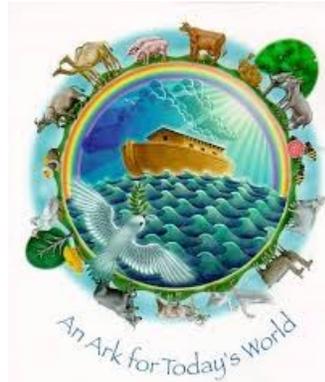
Alternative Christmas at Coronado

When the holidays pressure you to spend excessively, consider starting a new family tradition by *giving* memorable and meaningful *alternative* gifts. Each year the Missions Committee offers you a way to do this through contributions to various missions sponsored by/connected to Coronado. **You can visit the Alternative Christmas tables in the Courtyard on December 10 and 17 and also in the Church Ministries Office during the week.** Choose a project; write a check to CCUMC with the name of the project on the memo line; place the check in the appropriate envelope and receive a gift card/s which you can share with a loved one. Many families make this a tradition with their children as well as the adults. Often those children then continue it with their own families as adults.

“Serve God and Share Love” by giving a gift which truly shows God’s love to others

Heifer International

In 2006, Coronado first set a goal of launching a **Heifer International Ark** - and we sent two. Each year since then the Missions Committee sponsors an Ark for Christmas. Join us as we once again send the Coronado Ark on its way to carry animals around the world. A gift of a goat, a cow, a pig, or a flock of chicks can be life-changing for a family. An Ark is \$5000 worth of animals - 2 cows , 2 sheep, 2 camels, 2 oxen, 2 water buffalo, 2 pigs, 2 beehives, 2 goats, 2 donkeys, 2 trios of ducks, 2 trios of rabbits, 2 trios of guinea pigs, 2 flocks of geese, 2 flocks of chicks , 2 llamas. It is amazing what a gift of animals does for a family and a community. ***What would you like to add to the Ark?***



God’s Bathhouse

God’s Bathhouse, which began through the vision and effort of Elgia Glass (former head custodian at Coronado) is now serving the homeless of Volusia County in New Smyrna Beach (3 days per week), Daytona Beach (1 day per week), and DeLand (twice a month). At each stop they are averaging from 12-20 clients a day. It costs approximately \$600 per month to keep the mobile unit in operation. ***Help someone take a hot shower and regain dignity this Christmas with your gift.***



Cuba - Water Purification Systems

We are in a sister church covenantal relationship with eight churches and several affiliated missions in *Las Tunas* province, Cuba. These are all house churches; the pastor and his/her family live in the home but also use it for church services. Water in this part of eastern Cuba is very difficult to obtain. One of our churches is in a small, isolated village and receives their water by train once a week. The water that comes from wells is non-potable and bottled water is used everywhere. These people are poor, and this is a real hardship for them. A water purification system, specifically for Cuba, has been designed by a firm here in FL and is capable of purifying the water inexpensively. It is not a filtration system, but a purification system. The systems are already in use in the neighboring province of Holguin. Our goal is to provide each of our churches with a system so the entire community can have access to good water. ***Wouldn't you like to give Cubans good water to drink this year?***



Alternative Christmas at Coronado



Pura Vida Mission in Costa Rica

Our youth group has served this mission for many years. Many of our mission team members sponsor a child through this mission, and our hearts are connected to these families through the love of Jesus. *Pura Vida* Missions strives to meet the material and spiritual needs of all families who come seeking help by sharing the gospel of Christ, by giving incentives for families to keep children in school, by providing funding for school supplies (uniforms, shoes, books, & backpacks), by training parents in financial management and parenting, and by connecting families to small group Bible studies.

Wouldn't you like to help improve a child's life in Costa Rica?

Alliance for International Reforestation

AIR has been implementing educational programs and agro-forestry methods in Guatemala in order to protect water sources, prevent mudslides, reduce erosion, prevent lung disease and provide more nutritious crops, while protecting the Earth for over 26 years. They grow and plant trees and build fuel efficient stoves which improve the health of the owners because they are no longer cooking over an open, smoking fire. We sent mission teams to plant trees and build stoves each year.

How many trees or stoves would you like to give at Christmas?



Project Salud Y Paz Guatemala

Project *Salud y Paz* has been a long term partner with Coronado in service to the indigenous Mayans of the Guatemalan highlands. Mission teams, both medical and construction, have served there annually for many years. *Salud y Paz* maintains a medical/dental clinic and also operates the Susannah Wesley School which is modeled on our own CorMeth Day School. ***Gifts to Salud y Paz bring an improved life to the people it serves.***



Safe Seniors

Safe Seniors provides home repair help for fixed and moderate income Volusia County seniors in order to help them remain safe and independent in their own homes. They provide assessments and recommendations of repairs needed, complete basic maintenance for items such as leaky faucets, grab bars, broken steps, screens and windows, and light carpentry. All of this done with free volunteer skilled labor. The owner is billed at cost for materials.

Wouldn't you like to help someone remain in his/her home this Christmas?



Courtyard December 10 & 17

SUNDAY SCHOOL for Youth

9:30 a.m.

Tree House

Youth Sunday School should attend worship with your family on Christmas Eve, December 24 and New Years Eve December 31 at 10 a.m.

We will take a holiday break until Sunday, January 7, 2018

Youth Sunday December 17

Meet in the Courtyard at 9 a.m. to help serve or at 11 a.m. to help clean up

Middle School Youth Group (6-8th grade) meets weekly on Thursdays after school until 5:30 p.m. in the Tree House. Please have youth fill out medical release form for 2017-2018 school year. Parents should contact Emily Edwards in the Church Ministries Office (386-428-6252) before the first time their child plans to attend to add youth to bus list. **Middle School Youth Group Christmas Party on Thursday, December 14,** 4-5:30 p.m. at the Tree House: Bring a \$5 wrapped present for the gift exchange and wear tacky Christmas attire. **This is our last youth group until January 11, 2018.**

High School Youth Group (9-12th grade)

meets weekly on Sundays from 5-7 p.m. in the Tree House. We will meet Sunday, December 3, at the Tree House and **Sunday, December 17, at the Edwards' Home for our Christmas Party.** Bring a \$5 wrapped present for the gift exchange, a treat or drink to share, and wear tacky Christmas attire to our Christmas Party. **This is our last youth group until January 7, 2018.** *On December 10, there will be no youth group but youth are encouraged to attend the church Christmas Cantata at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.*

Remind 101

Youth Group and Event reminders will be sent out via text. Please subscribe to our texting group to get all current information and updates on youth activities:

If your child is in middle school text:

@msygccumc to 81010

If your child is in high school text:

@hsygccumc to 81010

2018 Youth Mission Project

Let Emily know if you are interested in a 2018 mission project. We do have a few required fundraisers for which you need to save the date. If you plan to participate in our 2018 Summer Mission Project, please email Emily Edwards, Youth Director at emily.edwards@coronadouc.org.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day March, Monday, January 15: Meet at church at the Babe James Center at 8:30 a.m. The walk will end with a program in Old Fort Park, and parents should pick up there around 11 a.m. This is a great way to connect with other people in New Smyrna Beach!

All youth should plan to attend!

Save These Dates!

- **Sunday Morning Fellowship Hour:** Third Sunday of every month. 2 youth from 9-11 a.m. and 1 youth/parent combo to clean up at 11 a.m.
- **Selling Coupon Books:** We will begin coupon book sales in January. *Each team member should plan to sell 10 books minimum.*



Confirmation



If any youth are interested in being confirmed in the spring of 2018, email Emily Edwards at emily.edwards@coronadouc.org with your child's name before January 1, 2018. Confirmation is a time where youth in middle school and high school learn about the Christian faith and Methodist tradition and actually confirm their commitment to their faith and become members of the church. We will be attending one of the confirmation retreats held by Warren W. Willis UM Camp. You can check out their program at www.warrenwilliscamp.org.

2017 Bazaar a Huge Success

Thank you to everyone who shopped at our UMW Bazaar on Saturday, November 4. It was a beautiful day to do some Christmas shopping, enjoy lunch in the Courtyard, and reconnect with friends. A special thank you to our crafters, who worked all year to provide wonderful handmade home décor, baked goodies, hand-crafted jewelry, silent auction baskets, and much more. Because of all your hard work, we met our monetary goal which will allow us to generously support local missions such as the Community Hot Meal program, Day School Scholarships, Gifts of Love, and the Florida Methodist Children's Home.

Then at the end of it all, some crafters donated many more hand-made items to our local Ocean View Nursing Home. These treasures will be used at their upcoming "Black Friday" Holiday Event so residents can purchase gifts for family & friends. Thank you, you helped make the holidays brighter for those in care – in so many ways! .



United Methodist Women
 invite
ALL Women and Friends
 to the
UMW Coffee
Saturday, February 12
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 Fellowship Hall



Calling all ladies at Coronado Community UMC!

Mark your calendars
and please join us for on February 2nd.

Come out for some coffee, tea, snacks,
games and prizes.

Learn about the diverse and plentiful work
your United Methodist Women
do at Coronado.

Everyone is invited!

34th Annual Women's Retreats



Want to step away from your daily activities and focus on your relationship with the Lord? Sure you do! Then please prayerfully consider joining other like-minded sisters in Christ at the 34th Annual Women's Retreat in Fruitland Park at the FL UMC Life Enrichment Center. You have 2 weekends to choose from in 2018: February 16-18 and March 9-11. Each weekend offers a time for Bible study, music, fun, fellowship and food! Take this time for yourself to strengthen your personal relationship with Jesus Christ. You'll be inspired by the assembly of speakers and wonderful leaders providing spiritual guidance to help you experience the very presence of the Lord.

The 2018 theme is "Restored and Free." ***Restore us, O God; Make your face shine on us, that we may be saved. (Psalm 80:3)*** The Keynote Speaker for February is Rev. Geraldine McClellan with Sarah Baldrige leading the Bible study. The Keynote Speaker for March is Rev. Vidalis Lopez and Rev. Diane Gutierrez will be leading the Bible study. ***It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. (Galatians 5:1)***

A general schedule of each weekend is arrival on Friday after 3 p.m. with dinner at 5:30 followed by a welcome & general session at 7:30. Saturday is a full day starting with morning devotions, Keynote Speaker, and Enrichments after lunch. You'll have a variety of Enrichments from which to choose. After dinner on Saturday, there is another general session. Sunday starts with morning devotions and a worship service. The Retreat ends by 12 p.m. on Sunday; but stick around and sit by the lake, thank the Lord for this wonderful time, and walk the prayer labyrinth.



The weekend is effortless with all lodging and food provided in the \$180 registration fee. Special needs such as wheelchairs, handicap rooms, and requested diets are easily accommodated by the terrific staff at the LEC. So, grab a sister or two or three; pick a weekend; and register now at www.flumc.org/floridaconferencewomensretreats. If you need assistance with registration, contact Lori Buonasera, Group Services Manager, Lori@lecretreats.org, 352-787-0313 ext. 4158.



Thanks to all who made the Pumpkin Patch a huge success!

There were a total of 440 volunteer hours logged unloading, working a shift, and cleaning up during the month of October, and **our total profit was \$2,800**. The Youth Group mission teams want to thank everyone for their hard work during this fundraiser which supports our summer mission projects.

If you can think of a project you have at home (i.e., mowing the yard, painting, pulling weeds, babysitting, cleaning, etc.), then you can hire out one of Coronado's finest and very hard working teens. All you have to do is fill out **ALL** the information on a "Description Form" found in the church office and turn it into Emily Edwards. A teen will contact you to set up a time that works best to come out and complete your project. When the work has been completed you will give the teen a check made out to CCUMC with their name written in the memo line for a donation you deem appropriate for their work. 100% of this donation will go directly to the youth mission and camp scholarships. **Note: You must provide all supplies for the requested project.* **We will be accepting requests January through April of 2018.**





Dr. Ann Mayo
Tuesday, January 9
6:30-8:30 pm Music-Lecture Suite
2018 Scientific Update on
Alzheimer's Disease and the Related Dementias

Dr. Mayo, RN; DNSC; FAAN, Professor, Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science and Beyster Institute for Nursing Research at University of San Diego, will be our speaker. The presentation will be a bit over one hour, and she will stay for as long as there are audience questions to address.



ONGOING EVENTS:

- ◆ **Blood Pressure Screening - December 17 and January 21**, Room 123, between services
- ◆ **Creating Cards with Fellowship - December 20** and January 17, 10 a.m. -1:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Bring lunch and a drink and enjoy some fellowship in addition to using your creativity to make encouragement cards. All supplies provided, no experience needed! Cards are distributed to CCUMC, Oceanview Nursing Home, and Florida Hospital New Smyrna.
- ◆ **Chair Yoga** - every Wednesday, 2-3 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5 per session with part of the money going to CCUMC missions. Good exercise, fun, and fellowship.
- ◆ **Grief Support Group - 2nd and 4th Wednesdays monthly**, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- ◆ **The Power of Sharing - 4th Monday each month**, 6:30-8 p.m., Fellowship Hall. This is a support group for families and friends of persons dealing with mental illness. This is a caring, supportive and confidential atmosphere for sharing your stories and challenges. A similar group is held at Trinity Lutheran Church every 2nd Monday of the month from 6:30-8 p.m., open to the public. For more information contact Rev. Laura Berg, CCUMC (386-428-6252), or Nancy Holt, coordinator for the support group at Trinity Lutheran Church, (386-316-3740).



Grief Support Group
2nd & 4th Wednesdays
3:30 p.m. Library 111

Meets every 4th Monday

6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

The Power of Sharing



Mental Health Support Group for Family & Friends

Communion Steward



Linda Vanis has retired after graciously serving as our Communion Steward for the past several years. She has been faithful in seeing that everything is ready for communion on the first Sunday of each month and at special services throughout the year. We are grateful for her willingness to serve in this important role.

The Worship Design Team will form a new Communion Team in the days ahead. Pray about whether this is a place you would like to serve as Coronado. If you are interested, please contact Amy Nowell (amy.nowell@coronadoumc.org).

Congregational Care Ministers

We Are Growing Our Prayer Life through Our Congregational Care Ministry

Prayer is a very important part of our spiritual journey. It is our “connect” with God, with one another, and is one of God’s channels for connecting us as the Body of Christ to the deep needs of the world. Through prayer, we become awakened to God’s presence, power, passion, and vision for transformation of the world. Prayer seeks not so much to change God’s mind about our wants, but to change *our hearts and minds so that we may have the heart and mind of Christ which seeks the will (dreams) of God for all creation.*

Intercessory prayer “connects” us to the needs of one another and represents our “oneness” in our Trinitarian God (Creator God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit). We sense this “oneness” and our connectedness to something bigger than our own selves in The Lord’s Prayer, in some of the Psalms, in Jesus’ prayer found in John 17, and in the Apostle Paul’s words, “Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.” (Romans 8:26-27)

Many of our stories reflect the impact that intercessory prayer (“our praying community”) has made in our lives and awakening us to the presence of God in difficult times such as during financial, emotional, family, relationship struggles, loss of a loved one, illness, addiction, and transitions in life. Each story reveals transformation and our being made one in the Spirit of Christ.

We invite you to prayerfully consider sharing your story of how prayer changed or motivated you or someone you love - whether in a one-to-one conversation with friend or neighbor, in a small group, in Sunday worship, or by publishing it in our next newsletter.

Our stories truly can be the “good news” someone needs to hear.

New Prayer Request Cards

Anyone may submit a prayer request using our new prayer request cards located on the back of our church pews or by calling the Church Ministries Office (386-428-6252). Prayer request cards are also available in other locations throughout the church. Please remember to fill the cards out as thoroughly as possible.

Prayer requests are shared with our pastors, Congregational Care Ministers, and our prayer team. You may indicate on the card that your request is only to be shared with the pastors. In addition, you may request additional support by one of our CCMs. Our prayer team receives the requests with first names only and prays for each request for at least a week.

Prayer Before Surgery

Pastors are available to pray with you and your family before surgery, or during hospitalization. Please contact Rev. Laura Berg at (386-689-2815) or our Church Ministries Office (386-428-6252) or by indicating on your prayer card the date, time and hospital where you will be having your surgery. Due to HIPAA regulations, the hospital will not call and inform the church of your hospitalization.

If you are interested in joining our prayer team or have any questions regarding our prayer ministry, please call Rev. Laura Berg (386-428-6252) or speak with one of our CCMs (on Sundays, they are wearing the We Care ribbons with their name tags).



***We were glad to share not only God’s good news with you
but also our very lives because we cared for you so much.***



Mental Illness: Coping with the Holidays

The holiday season is supposed to be a time full of joy, parties and gatherings with friends and families. But the holidays can be a difficult time for many persons dealing with

- * personal grief
- * loneliness
- * illnesses of all kinds
- * economic concerns
- * separation from family members
- * relationship issues like separation or divorce.

We talk about peace on earth but live with the threat of terrorism and the reality that our country is at war. The commercialization of the holiday season bombards us with unrealistic expectations. And many of us feel overwhelmed when our “to-do” list goes on forever! While some people experience temporary periods of depression like the “holiday blues” or Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), many of us live with mental illness every day.

Tips for Persons Living with a Mental Illness

The holidays can be times of stress for everyone. Try as much as possible to maintain your routines like sleeping, regular meals, exercising, taking medication, keeping appointments with mental health professionals and attending support groups.

During this time we may find ourselves at extended family gatherings or at parties with people who do not understand about our illness. Some people may be uncomfortable and not know what to say to you. Others may say hurtful things or offer cliché advice out of ignorance and the stigma of mental illness. It is helpful to prepare yourself by knowing who may be at a gathering. Large groups can feel overwhelming at any time! It is

all right to excuse yourself for some time away. There may be times when you may want to excuse yourself and go to a quiet place. While continually isolating yourself is not helpful, there are times when solitude can be a time of replenishment, reconnection with yourself and deeply satisfying.

On the other hand, for some people it is hard to feel down when you are helping someone else. There are many opportunities to volunteer during the holiday season. The satisfaction of giving to others can help you put your own problems in perspective.

Tips for Family and Friends

Family and friends can include their loved one in holiday activities to the degree that he or she is able to participate. Setting specific times for family traditions like baking special food, decorating the house, wrapping gifts or attending community celebrations, gives the person something to look forward to.

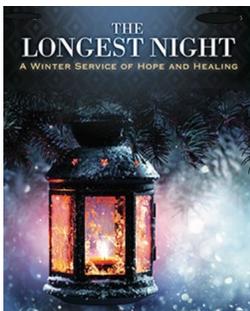
If there is to be a large gathering of family and friends, plan ahead by preparing those persons who may not know the situation. This is a wonderful opportunity to help erase the stigma and shame too often associated with mental illness. You can help them find ways to be relaxed yet respectful of any special needs. Someone living with a mental illness can feel further disconnected from others if people ignore or avoid them.

Set realistic goals and be flexible. The holidays are about love and caring one another. We would all do better to let go of the image of the “perfect” holiday and focus on accepting ourselves and our loved ones without judging, criticizing or advising.

Celebrate the Moment

Despite our good intentions, remember that the holidays rarely turn out as planned. Focus on making them a special time for you and your family, no matter what the circumstances. Celebrate this season of hope and expectation. Celebrate the many blessings in your life.

Rev. Susan Gregg-Schroeder, Coordinator of Mental Health Ministries



**Chancel Choir
and Orchestra**

December 21

6 p.m.
Sanctuary

This will be a unique service of devotion that has a very special ministry focus. This introspective work is intended to be a worship experience that encourages those going through times of sorrow and grief during the holidays. Inspired by the solstice, winter’s longest night, this service of music, scripture and prayer will seek to bring light into the darkness and offer hope to those in deepest need.

Over the past two years, I have engaged in dialogue with almost two thousand Florida United Methodist leaders in seven different settings about questions that are of great interest and concern to all of us. We will offer four of these opportunities next fall.

These gatherings are first shaped around questions submitted via email ahead of time or at the door as people enter. The topics, in order of interest, are 1) human sexuality 2) vitality and closure of churches and 3) the complexity of the ordained ministry process. On another occasion, I will reflect on the second and third topics. Here I want to reflect with you on the first one.

I often find that people ask me questions along the way about these topics, or have assumptions about them:

- Will we divide over the questions of human sexuality?
- Am I hopeful about the future of the church?
- Are we changing the way we interpret the scriptures?
- Is there a way to end discrimination against persons of LGBTQ identity in our churches?

In Florida we have approached the conversation about LGBTQ identity and the unity of the church in these dialogues, in district gatherings led more recently by Alex Shanks, and in a process designed by a group of conference leaders (lay and clergy) in collaboration with the design group **We Are Curio**. As one of the moderators of the Commission on a Way Forward, I encourage you to access the resources on the **Commission Facebook Page, and in the Bishop's Corner of www.flumc.org**. I also give thanks here for the participation of Jorge Acevedo of Cape Coral and Alice Williams of Orlando on the Commission, and Alex Shanks, who is project manager for the work of the Commission.

The most recent meeting of the Council of Bishops (November 5-10) received the Commission's Interim Report (<http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/bishops-uphold-values-of-mission-unity-space-contextuality-in-interim-repor>). In summary, sketches of three models or general directions were offered:

- A model that maintains the present language in the *Book of Discipline* around human sexuality and assumes a higher degree of accountability across the church.

- A model that removes restrictive language from the *Book of Discipline* around human sexuality and allows for greater local contextualization around the world in matters of marriage and ordination, and offers protections for those whose conscience will not allow them to participate in same gender weddings or ordain LGBTQ persons.
- A model that creates a connection or communion of branches of The United Methodist Church, but with shared commitments to mission and doctrine and shared services.

Each of the models represents values that are across the church and within the Council of Bishops. Each includes a gracious way for those who feel called to exit the denomination, although this is not the hope or intention. In the third model there would be alignment with a branch of the larger connection or communion. It would also be likely that these branches would be in full communion with each other. And it is also possible that a new model or general direction might emerge.

These models are presented as **sketches**. This mental model of constantly sketching, erasing, adding and subtracting can be helpful as we move forward.

This is an **open conversation**. The Commission on a Way Forward did not suggest a preference to the Council of Bishops, and the Council of Bishops is not now expressing a preference for the whole church. This is to facilitate an open conversation, led by bishops in their episcopal areas, that honors the desires and convictions of United Methodists who worship, study, serve and witness in their local communities. These questions are important to me:

- What are the most important values and convictions for you, as a United Methodist, as we seek a way forward?
- What resources help you to tell the story of a church that is in unity with Christ and one another?
- What are the core convictions of your faith?
- Based on brief descriptions or sketches of possible futures for our denomination, how would you build or design a structure that would help us to move forward?
- And how would this sketch multiply our Wesleyan witness and expand our mission in the world?

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As the way forward unfolds, we will be guided by the values of **unity, contextuality** and **mission**. We want to deepen our unity as Christ-centered disciples; we want to allow for greater contextuality in a diverse and global church, and we want to multiply the mission of Jesus Christ in as many places as possible. The models sketched thus far help us to envision a church that can be the vessel for these deeper values.

For more details about the substance of the models, I encourage you to read the recent summary of the Council of Bishops meeting, and I also refer you to the Mission, Vision and Scope of the Commission on a Way Forward and the Interim Status Report released in July 2017.

For an informal conversation about the ongoing work of the Commission on a Way Forward, I invite you to watch a brief video (<https://www.facebook.com/umcforward/videos/1987544601527923/>) that was filmed with me, Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball of West Virginia and Bishop David Yemba of the Congo.

The Commission on a Way Forward will meet in January, March and May 2018. The Council of Bishops will meet in February and in May 2018. ***The report of the Bishops will be adopted at this May 2018 meeting and shared with the church in the summer of 2018.*** Significant time will be given to this work at the Florida Annual Conference in June 2018. ***A special called General Conference to hear the report of the Commission on a Way Forward will take place in February 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri.***

In closing I return to the questions, which are important ones, and my brief responses, for the purpose of being in conversation with you.

- Will we divide over the questions of human sexuality? ***I do not think we will divide over questions of human sexuality.*** I am hopeful, not because of our own efforts or merits, but because the church belongs to God, and is One Body (1 Corinthians 12-14).

- Am I hopeful about the future of the church? ***I am hopeful about the future of the church.*** Some of our greatest challenges have to do with how we can learn the art and practice of discipling new, younger and more diverse people to follow Jesus, and how we can move toward and not retreat from the great human suffering that is around us and at times within us. The best of all is that God promises to be with us, through it all, in the presence of the Risen Christ (Matthew 28).

- Are we changing the way we interpret the scriptures? ***We interpret the scriptures by reading individual passages in relation to the whole;*** for example, the Book of Leviticus in relation to the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). As a spiritual practice this involves deeper study, listening to the saints of the church, using our minds and allowing the experience of the living Christ to make us a new creation (2 Corinthians 5).

- Is there a way to end discrimination against persons of LGBTQ identity in our churches? ***I yearn for a church where discrimination of the LGBTQ community ceases.*** These are persons of sacred worth. They are not out there; they are in our churches – serving, singing, giving, praying, studying, and living among us. We want to remove any obstacle that prevents anyone from knowing Christ and becoming part of His Body.

Can we do this work prayerfully, patiently and respectfully? And can we see a way of being church that includes us all - those more traditional and those more progressive, and everyone in between?

This is my hope and prayer. This is my calling to lead among you. For we are all works in progress, on a path to lives that glorify God, who created us in his image (Genesis 1). What is true for you and me is also true for the United Methodist Church:

“The God who began a good work in us will be faithful to complete it” (Philippians 1. 6)



Resources are available for study on these issues. *Living Faithfully*, a book used by the Commission in their preparations, is available at the church. A small group has just completed a 4-week study of this; the study will be offered again. Please see Emily Edwards for information about resources for personal study.

The Commission on a Way Forward has excellent material available at its website:

<http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/commission-on-a-way-forward>

Community Hot Meal Program

Joan Harvey



On the second Sunday of each month you can hear the clinking of coins and see the fluttering of bills going into the “Two Bits for a Bite” five gallon jugs located in the Courtyard and the back of the Sanctuary. Our bulletin tells you this goes to the Community Hot Meal Program, but do you know what that is? Well, it is seventeen Southeast Volusia County Churches who make up 23 Cooking Teams serving meals four days a week. Lunch is served every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at First United Methodist’s Hollister Hall; and on Sunday, Dinner is served at Edgewater United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Not all our diners are homeless; a large percentage are stretching their welfare, disability or Social Security monthly incomes. The age range of the diners includes young children to the elderly. Since this January: 14, 386 meals have been served by 2,007 volunteers, working 7,956 hours. For the last five years a delicious full Christmas Feast has been served with a visit from Santa bringing toys for the children.

Coronado has two cooking teams. The Team Leader for the second Monday of the month is Bobbi Wilson, and the Teams Leaders for the third Wednesday are Amy Nowell and Mary Perry. These teams have many volunteers from our congregation and friends. Ward Berg and Joan Harvey sit on the Community Hot Meal Steering Committee. Second Harvest Food Bank and Publix Supermarket donations to the Food Bank are large sources of supplies for the meals. Local Publix Bakery contributions supply bread and desserts delivered to Hollister Hall in the early hours by Coronado volunteers: Jim Branch, Marie Downey, Ken and Jane Patterson, Ken and Diane Grether under the coordination of Martha Ross. With the cuts in Federal Funds to all Food Banks, the teams need to supplement the meal ingredients with purchases from other sources. The monies donated to “Two Bits for a Bite” are used for these purchases.

Recently we used some of the funds to paint the Pantry at Hollister Hall to meet required storage standards of Second Harvest. When the opportunity to purchase a second commercial refrigerator came about, Coronado was able to purchase it using this fund. The clinking of coins in plastic containers has given our Church the ability to “Serve God and Share Love” to those who need a balanced nutritious meal. By partnerships with other Churches in the area, there is not a day when a person cannot receive a meal in Southeast Volusia, including holidays. We thank all those who give us their loose change to support our cooking teams and the Community Hot Meal Program. If you think you’d like to serve on a team, contact either of the cooking Team leaders. If picking up bakery goods and delivering them to Hollister Hall is something you’re interested in, please contact Martha Ross (386-428-6252, ext. 120). Be one of the links that make this Program a success.

Community Hot Meal



CHILDREN
pre-k through 5th grade

Parents can drop their children off in the chapel before they attend worship and pick up their children after worship. Children will participate in praise music, Bible lesson, activity and crafts all related to the sermon series topic that parents will hear at church. Nursery care is available for infants through 4 years old.



Mondays

6:30-7 p.m.

Music-Lecture Suite

Children through 6th grade

Tosha Williams. Director

December is here, and the story of baby Jesus is being told in every classroom along with beautiful Christmas carols being sung. Our annual Christmas Program will be December 8, 6 p.m., Sanctuary. Please come enjoy all of the children's hard-work.



The Polar Express Party will soon be here. All of the children will wear pajamas and enjoy cookies and chocolate milk.

We will have our Angel Tree up again this year to help anyone who needs help in the school and church community. Please contact Martha in the Church Ministries Office (386-428-6252) or the school (386-427-3561) if you know of a family for us to help.



Our Themes for December:

friends around the world celebration, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, snow and hibernation

Our themes for January:

community helpers, community places, space and Martin Luther King, Jr Day

As you can see we are very busy and ready to welcome in a new year.

CorMeth Day School has been truly blessed this year, and we are very grateful.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Secondhand Notes

Sandra Hawkins

It is that time of year to be shopping for all of your family and friends. What better place to begin than at the CorMeth Boutique. The store is decorated for the holidays, and there are gifts for all at amazing prices. Our selection will amaze you. We also have fabulous Christmas decorations for your home.

The Furniture Store is filled with all of those items you need to just put the finishing touch on a room or an entire home. Stop by and visit with Mike.

Save the date for our 2018 Fashion Show, always one of the highlights of the winter in New Smyrna Beach. It will be held at the Brannon Center on Tuesday, March 13. Tickets go on sale on Monday, January 29, at 10 a.m., and they always sell out.

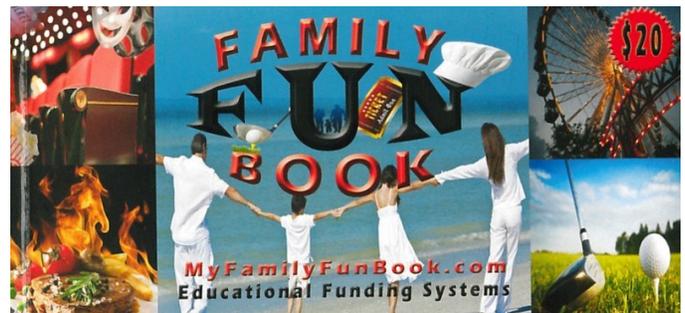
The staff of the Boutique wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



January 26-28, 2018
Camp Warren H. Willis

This is a weekend retreat devoted to connecting high school juniors and seniors with college ministries. College ministries from around the state of Florida will be represented by volunteers, workshop leaders, worship bands, and speakers.

If you are interested, Email Emily at emily.edwards@coronadoumc.org



A book full of great savings, including many local NSB restaurant coupons, good through December 2018, will be on sale in the Welcome Center on Sundays and in the Church Ministries Office during office hours for only \$20 with 50% going directly to Youth Missions

Our Church Family



HAYDEN JEREMIAH GRAU
 BORN FEBRUARY 19, 2017
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 JEREMY & BRITTANY GRAU, PARENTS



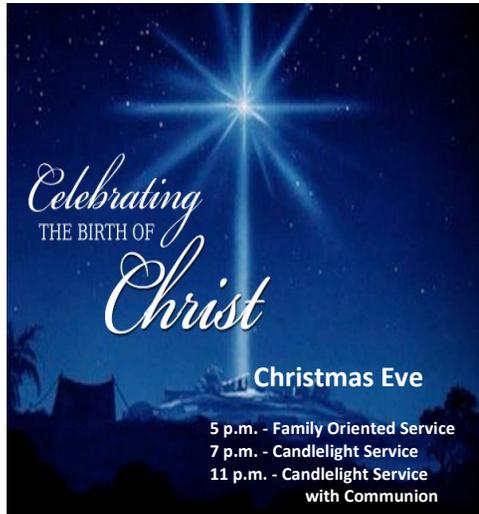
CARL "RED" HAMMOND
 NOVEMBER 7, 2017



Coronado Women's Book Club

All women of the church & friends are invited
 Room 116

December 11:
The Underground Railroad
 by Colson Whitehead
January 8:
The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy
 by Rachel Joyce



Christmas Eve

5 p.m. - Family Oriented Service
 7 p.m. - Candlelight Service
 11 p.m. - Candlelight Service with Communion

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Our Mission: Serving God, Sharing Love.

Our Vision: We are Christian believers committed to reaching out and welcoming all people, helping our diverse

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Rev. Laura Berg
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