

# The Gathering

*A monthly newsletter from Zion Presbyterian Church*

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But you have come to  
Mount Zion to the city of  
the living God, the  
heavenly Jerusalem.  
You have come to  
thousands and  
thousands of angels in  
joyful assembly.

Hebrews 12; 22



A ceremony was held on Sunday, October 4 for Zion Presbyterian's 4 new Elders. Left to right, Anders Balderston, Anne Partridge, Carl Holmes and Ken Heckbert were ordained while Ken was moved from being an inactive Elder to an active one. The service was conducted by Revs. Kirk and Allyson MacLeod.



Good cheer, tasty treats and great old-time music filled Calvin Presbyterian Church in Mermaid on Sunday, October 4 during the Fall Song Fest. In addition to celebrating God and the glory of the Fall, the service served as a fundraiser for the church's wonderful, new front entrance.

## Liz's Corner

Greetings Brothers and Sisters!

Once again God's green earth has spun around the sun to bring us to November! The frost is definitely on the pumpkin! The plant pots are emptied and the contents now compost. The leaves are bagged at the curb alongside the wilted garden plants that were nurtured from seedlings in June to fully grown, blossoming beauties only a month ago. This time of year makes me aware of our earth's beauty and fragility: how the entirety of creation reveals God's power and might. The natural world He designed to surround us beckons us to worship the one who made it all. I thank God for creating such a magnificent, diverse world and for giving us the ability to appreciate His workmanship. Praise the Lord!

As the long hours of summer daylight diminish and the hours of darkness increase towards the end of the year, the change can throw many of us into SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder). This is a type of depression linked to changes in the seasons. I always call it coming down with 'the blues'. Knowing that this loss of light contributes to my struggle to maintain a continuous stream of joy in my day to day, I've decided to make the best of what light I can get! When able, I'm going to put a chair outside to sit in the sunshine on the deck on good weather days or in the back porch at the window when the weather doesn't cooperate. This month I have decided to splurge a bit. An hour or so before the sun sets, I'm going to switch on a lamp where I'm sitting. Get ahead of the darkness, so to speak. This extravagance will be my reminder that our Saviour lives to light up our darkest places and fill us with His love. Hallelujah!!

**Lest We Forget!!** Every day let's remember to be grateful for and thank God for the peace we enjoy here on PEI. It is up to each one of us to remember the brothers and sisters who made the ultimate sacrifice in every war and conflict past and present. We pray together from every walk of life that they will not have died in vain. It takes courage and love to work against injustice. To all the men and women in our Armed Forces working for peace today, may the Lord bless you and keep you safe! God's will be done!! Life is fragile; but the Holy Spirit dwells in us. As Christians, we know that we are never alone and we have hope for tomorrow from a peace that passes all understanding. Each day, in thought and prayer, let's renew our hearts with gratitude to resist negative feelings and to build up our strength in times of trouble.

Advent is coming! Pray for each other as I pray for you. Keep the faith!  
Godspeed

*Elizabeth Ferguson*

The following sermon was prepared for the congregation of Nine Mile Creek Presbyterian Church by David Sabapathy where he preached August 16. David's mother was friends with the mother of the organist there and he is invited to give a guest sermon every summer. Thankyou for sharing it with us, David. Lay ministry at work!(ed.)

### Prophets and Kings

2 Samuel Chapter 12 is one of many biblical stories about prophets and kings. The story features Nathan, the chief prophet and advisor to King David around 1000 BCE. He confronts David because of what he did in Chapter 11, which I encourage you to read. One day, David sees Bathsheba, the beautiful wife of Uriah the Hittite who is away at war. He secretly sends for Bathsheba, has relations with her and she becomes pregnant. To conceal his sin David recalls Uriah from war to spend time with his wife but he declines, so David sends him to the fiercest part of the battle and orders his fellow soldiers to withdraw, leaving Uriah to be killed. David then takes Bathsheba as his wife, and she bears him a son. Nathan confronts David and tells him a story about a rich man who, instead of enjoying his own flock of sheep, takes away the one ewe lamb belonging to a poor man. Hearing the story, David is outraged and decrees death upon the rich man along with restitution. It is then that God's judgement is proclaimed on David with Nathan's famous words: *"You are the man!"* David, guilty by God's judgement as well as his own, brokenly replies: *"I have sinned against the Lord."*

### *"I Am the Man"- a message based on 2 Samuel 12 by David Sabapathy*

Sharing your faith can be difficult, especially in today's culture. Many people are reluctant or too busy to engage in meaningful conversations. Often we don't know where to start. That's why prayer is so important. The Holy Spirit will lead the way. I want to share with you one way to begin a faith discussion which has worked for me on walks with friends, at dinner parties, and even with people I hardly know. It centers on the topic of forgiveness. Here's how it works. When speaking with someone, I share a true story, about a time when I was treated unfairly: a storeowner wouldn't let me return an item, a friend spilled my secret, or a driver cut me off. Then I describe how I struggled to forgive the person who offended me. Sometimes I add the fact that prayer made forgiveness easier. Inevitably, the person I'm sharing with will respond with their own story of having been wrongly treated. And once they share their story, I ask if they were able to forgive or not. Forgiveness is a great starting point for spiritual discussion.

But there's something interesting I've noticed about these conversations on forgiveness. The focus always remains on how **we** forgive **others**. As our discussion unfolds, it's rare for anyone to say that **they** have wronged someone else and needed forgiveness from **them**. This is not surprising, is it? It's always easier to talk about forgiving others than it is to face our own mistakes and need for forgiveness. But I want to encourage us to regularly take that harder step — to directly face our own faults and repent, because repentance is where renewal is found, through the justice and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Running and Hiding

What is our most common response to our own sin? As I've observed in conversations about forgiveness, we tend to think far more about the sins of others than our own. David was quick to condemn the rich man, yet blind to the fact that he was condemning himself. It's one of the symptoms of the human condition: we regularly fail to see our own faults. So, our first response to sin is often no response at all, because we don't realize we've done anything wrong. For this reason, we should regularly join the Psalmist in prayer: *"Search me, O God, and know my heart...see if there is any offensive way in me."* (Ps. 139:23-24).

But what happens when we *do* see our own sin? With God's help — through the Holy Spirit, Scripture, prayer, or a protest from the person we've offended, we realize we've done wrong. Our actions are exposed, and the words once spoken to David are now directed at us: *"You are the man!"* Curiously, this is often when a familiar dance begins. We begin to work through a series of excuses. The first and most obvious: denial, *"I didn't do it"*. And if this doesn't work, we shift the blame. *"I was tired."* *"I was hungry."* *"I didn't know it was wrong."* Trying to avoid responsibility like this, we are like 7-year-old Brian who is caught by his mother writing on the kitchen wall. He immediately blames his little 2-year-old brother Leo. But his mother retorts that the red paint clearly says in bold letters, *"Brian was here"*. Brian, undeterred, doubles down: *"Look how far Leo went to frame me! He even learned to spell my name!"*

If we can't deny responsibility, then we can redefine the wrong by appealing to a higher purpose *"I needed to lie to protect my co-worker"*, minimizing the damage *"Nobody actually got hurt"*, or claiming the victim provoked us *"I wouldn't have yelled if they didn't raise their voice first"*. If all else fails, as a last effort we can distract from our wrongs by pointing to the wrongs of others: *"You're criticizing me for being late? You're always late!"*

#### I Am the Man

Why do we do instinctually run from our sin like this? Most commonly it's to protect our pride, save us from pain and consequences, or preserve our social standing. Even as King of Israel, David had similar motivations. But notice David's straightforward response to Nathan: *"I have sinned against the Lord"*. David did not attempt to deny, minimize, or distract from his sin. He humbly fell at God's feet, admitted what he had done, and sought His mercy. Psalm 51 contains David's heartfelt prayer following his visit by Nathan. I encourage you to read it while putting yourself in David's shoes. He passionately cries out: *"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love, For I know my transgressions and my sin are ever before me. Do not cast me from your presence. Restore to me the joy of your salvation."* In this heartrending prayer, David accepts God's judgement, calls on Him for mercy, and cries out for a restored relationship with His Lord and Savior.

David's prayer doesn't simply express regret or apologize. We can feel regret without taking responsibility and we can apologize without ever committing to change. David calls out to God in repentance which involves the mind, heart, and will. With our mind, we accept what we did was wrong, and we understand why. With our heart, we're filled with sorrow for the harm caused to God, others, and ourselves. And with our will, we make a deliberate choice to stop the harmful action, make restitution, and not commit the wrong again. Repentance is what God asks of us. It's a far cry from the spin we often hear from public personalities caught in the act: *"That's not who I am."* Repentance admits the truth that our actions indeed reflect who we are. And with this admission, the only right response is: *"I am the man."* No running, no hiding, only genuine repentance in the words of David: *"I have sinned against the Lord"*.

### The Power of Repentance

When we repent, something powerful and beautiful happens. Repentance lifts us up, empowering us to embrace God's justice and mercy — for our own sin and for the world's. And in that embrace, we enter a renewed relationship with God and each other.

**JUSTICE** When we repent, we long for justice for our own sin. In our mind and heart, we come to know we've harmed others, and we feel the weight of that harm. With our will, we long to see this injustice corrected even though the process may be painful for us. David's sin carried consequences: his first son with Bathsheba died, his family was torn by conflict, and his son Absalom rebelled against him. Nevertheless, through repentance, David welcomed God's judgement. Repentance knows no other way than to place our lives in the hands of God, whose judgement is right and fair. This is not a passive process. Repentance also moves us to become instruments of God's justice by apologizing to the persons we've harmed, making restitution wherever possible, and committing to not repeat the same fault.

**MERCY** When we repent, we are also empowered to cry out for His mercy. This is the natural reaction to feeling the true weight of justice for our sin. We plead for relief from that weight and God, in love, rushes to respond. When David submitted in repentance to God, it immediately opened the door to God's mercy. Notice that right away after David confessed *"I have sinned against the Lord"*, Nathan replied *"The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die."* God removes David's sin the moment he utters his confession. He also relents from the punishment of death, the Old Testament penalty for the sin of adultery. Later in David's life, God even brings blessing out of tragedy as David has another son with Bathsheba, Solomon, who becomes king of Israel. God goes on to keep his promise to David by having his kingdom endure forever. The result is that David celebrates God's mercy throughout his life. Our repentance provides access to God's mercy and enables us to celebrate likewise. Mercy, like justice, is also an active process. We respond to God's mercy by learning to forgive ourselves, letting go of guilt, and reminding ourselves of our unwavering worth before God.

The natural result of repenting and receiving God's mercy should be wanting to see God's mercy showered on all humanity. I say, "should be", because unfortunately, we often don't have this response. Sometimes when we witness the breadth and depth of God's mercy for the world it is too much to bear. Generation Z or 'Zoomers', (between 14 and 29 years of age), are known for their strong sense of global justice. As the first generation to be raised with social media, they have been widely exposed to stories of human suffering. From environmental issues to socioeconomic policies, they are angered by injustice and eager to confront it. They correctly point to the depth of David's sin: a) he committed adultery, b) lied about his sin, c) attempted to deceive Uriah into raising his child, d) had Uriah killed, e) made Bathsheba a widow and a social outcast and hurt many more people in the process!! Zoomers would say God's great mercy for David is too much to bear; he got off too easily. Likewise, God's mercy for this sinful world is an insult to the many who suffer injustice.

### Conclusion

This is the power and beauty of repentance. Next time we sin, let's stop running and simply say *"I am the man. I have sinned against the Lord"*. And through repentance - with our hearts, and mind, and will - embrace God's justice and mercy. We will experience a renewed relationship with God. In Psalm 32, written later in David's life, we hear the voice of a man gloriously restored by repentance: *"Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!"* This personal renewal will naturally flow outward, restoring our relationships with each other as we realize that the justice and mercy we received are meant for all the earth.

Thanks be to God.



It's great to see Zion Presbyterian being active on Facebook which often provides me with photos for The Gathering, so thanks to those who do the posting. I welcome photos from anyone involved in our ministries and am sending a big shout out to our seasoned newspaper guy, Gary MacDougall for taking great shots of events and including informative captions with them (ed.) Above, members of session lay hands on the new Elders, the trumpeters played joyfully for us at the Thanksgiving service and the decorations by the Balderstons were, as usual, a feast for the eyes. Thankyou!

*For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.....*

This is actually not the article I had planned to put in the newsletter this month, but I was sidetracked by a message that came into my mailbox from the Canadian Bible Society. Years ago, I signed up with them to receive a daily posting of scripture so I can start off each day in (their choice of) God's Word. This one was Psalm 90, written by Moses in which he talks to God about the transitory nature of life and how we use it... *"Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom"* and he bemoans how short life is... *"Our days may come to seventy years or eighty if our strength endures"* (Moses lived till he was 120!!). It got me thinking about Rev. Doug's recent sermon on growing old in which he focussed on God's surprising use of "seniors" for important assignments. With aches and pains, medications, doctor and physio appointments becoming more frequent in my life as I approach my 84<sup>th</sup> year (...in my head I am only 35), the job of editor for The Gathering unexpectedly landed in my lap providing an opportunity for another *lay ministry milestone* which I thought I had passed and finished with years ago. When God calls, you obey...even when it involves the exasperation of not being able to format copy and having to learn how to transfer and move images around on a screen to create pages. You may not be *able* but you just have to make yourself *available*.

In biblical times, The Jews were always mindful of and celebrated milestones. At 13 years of age a boy became a Bar Mitzvah (*mitzvot*) assuming religious and legal responsibility for the commandments. 18 was the traditional age for the bridal canopy marriage (*chuppah*) and at 20 he would be entering the workforce and pursuing a livelihood (*rodef*). He reached full maturity and peak power at the age of 30, now capable of and ready for leadership, so it is no surprise that Jesus launched his ministry at that age. It was the appropriate time and he was well prepared for it. *Koach* is the God given inner capacity to endure pressure, carry responsibility, have *power* to act and fulfill one's purpose. However, in Scripture we meet individuals God used when they were in what we might consider, their declining years. Moses was called to lead the Israelites out of Egypt at the age of 80, Noah was no youngster when he finished the ark and Abraham was leading his people from home to an unknown destination at 75. Elizabeth was old when she gave birth to John the Baptist and Anna, a widow, was an elderly prophetess who spent her days fasting and praying in the temple. You can be called late in life to be a part of God's plan for His Kingdom. You might be surprised at how able you can be.

In the New Testament account of Jesus's ministry we witness the willingness of the gospel writers in a band of ordinary guys to answer his call and follow him around absorbing his teaching. They were not scholars. In obedience to him they carried on after he left them with instructions to spread the good news, inspired by the Holy Spirit. Later, the most unlikely candidate to be recruited and used in the transmission of Jesus's message has to be Paul, from the enemy camp of the pharisees, a persecutor of Christians, a highly educated scholar, willing to leave home and become a missionary, to grow the church by trekking around the Mediterranean and all over Asia Minor, tough enough to withstand criticism, severe floggings and long periods of imprisonment. It is amazing who God chooses to carry out his plans and He is still looking for recruits who are available, even if they consider themselves unqualified for ministry. As Rev. Allyson pointed out in her recent sermon, quoting the famous British pastor and theologian, John Stott, you do not have to be ordained to be in ministry; "We do a great disservice to the church whenever we refer to the pastorate as '*the ministry*' for example, when we speak of ordination in terms of entering '*the ministry*'. All Christians, without exception, being followers of Christ who came, '*not to be served but to serve*', are called to ministry." This means all of us. We are to be participators not just spectators. So those of us who are not sure what our particular ministry is or might be, could prayerfully ask God and consider how He might want to use us to further His Kingdom. Next month I hope (God willing) to publish the article I started writing for this month and tell you why and how to equip yourself for your ministry and where it can be used.

*Joan Cumming*

## A Word from Evan

We've yet to have our first snow of the year, but so far as advertising agencies are concerned, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Right now, it's only scattered ads on the television, but the big box stores are already preparing their Christmas playlists. Get ready to hear Bing Crosby croon about a "White Christmas" while the temperature is still well above zero.

There's one ad in particular that's always made me sad, completely against the intentions of the advertiser. It's not because of any maudlin message, but how shamelessly they tell the world that buying their products and services is the path to happiness. In their commercial, a bullied child goes home from school and buys things from this major retailer to make himself feel better. It's no wonder that the phrase 'retail therapy' gets used unironically, when so often the messages people receive tell them that the only way to be happy and successful is to have a lot. A lot of what? Ideally for the advertiser, whatever it is they're trying to sell.

Of course, this is the complete opposite of what Jesus taught. In Matthew 19, a rich man asks Jesus what he needs to do to receive eternal life. When he tells Jesus that he's kept all the commandments, and asks what he's missing from heaven's pre-flight checklist, Jesus tells him *"If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."* (Matthew 19:21, NIV)

In addition to being the month when stores begin their insidious campaign to make us tired of Christmas music, November is also the month of the materialistic frenzy of Black Friday shopping. I'm simultaneously dreading and looking forward to it; there's far too much Scottish Presbyterian in me to pass up a great deal, especially when I really need to replace my wholly holey gym shoes. What scares me about that carnival of capitalism is the insanity it inspires. There are too many videos of shoppers breaking down the doors so they can be the first into the store, having fistfights over discounted clothing, or trampling each other in the rush for a gadget they'll buy because it's on sale for a quarter of the usual price and not because they actually need it.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we all felt that intensely about our need to love God and one another? Imagine a Sunday morning service with a crowd so desperate to worship God that they're breaking down the doors of Zion to ensure they get a seat in the front pew. The Board of Trustees would probably prefer we skip the property damage, but how marvelous would our communities be if people fought with that same fervour to be the first to clothe the needy, heal the sick, and feed the hungry?

I assume when I see those of you who can attend this Sunday, you'll all be very calm and orderly, holding doors open for each other rather than breaking them down. There will be no elbows thrown, unless someone starts snoring or Ray really needs that cup of coffee. Still, I pray that our words and actions will prove our hearts are full of a burning love for each other and for God.



## *Around the church*

### **Memorial Angel Service-December 6th 7:00pm.**

This year marks our 20th Memorial Angel Service. Originally planned as a one-time event, this moving and beautiful service has continued for 20 years. Although never the intent, the generosity of many who have supported the service over the years has resulted in donations totalling just over \$90,000 for the Memorial Fund. These contributions have helped make possible some wonderful renovations and improvements to our church facilities.

A very large tree is placed in the sanctuary for the Advent Season to honour the memory of departed loved ones. Memorial Angels with names of those being remembered will be prepared and placed on the tree prior to the service, and the names are presented as well on the video screen during the service. The service includes special music by our choirs and congregation members and is followed by a reception in Matheson Hall.

If you would like to remember a departed loved one, family member, neighbour, or special friend by having a Memorial Angel on the tree, please watch for further information in our November bulletins or contact Dianne in the church office.

Each year, as time passes, we see new names being placed on the tree. It is our prayer that this Memorial Angel Service will continue to bring comfort to those who are missing loved ones during this special time of the year.

**Check the calendar for dates and times of our regular ministries. November 29 is the first Sunday of Advent.**

### *Special events.*

**November 5** choir ministry at Beach Grove, 10.30am, **November 8** Remembrance Day Service, **November 14** Chili Chowder and Cows, 5.30. Tickets \$20, **November 22** Abegweit Chamber Choir, 2pm **November 26** Friends of Faith 1pm, **November 28** Seniors Christmas Tea, 2pm, **November 29** Mermaid Church Advent Service, 7pm



Chase from the Adventure Group gave a very informative talk to Friends of Faith about the work being done in collaboration with the Community Outreach Centre. He answered many questions, showed two videos describing the difference being made in people's lives and provided a leaflet outlining the many wonderful services offered to the homeless and those needing help with mental health and addictions. You can check out their website at [adventuregrouppei.com](http://adventuregrouppei.com)

*If you would like to have a visit from our ministers, please phone the church office at (902) 566.5363.*

*If you have any comments or suggestions for the Gathering, email us at [gatheringinfo2025@gmail.com](mailto:gatheringinfo2025@gmail.com)*

### "The Pumpkin Gospel"

I'm not a big fan of Halloween. I like the treats, don't get me wrong, but all the other "stuff" that goes with it: the spooky costumes or people who go overboard on their decorations. But I also don't want to be the old guy, turning off his light (appearing miserable to the kids - too cheap to by treats) and yelling, "Get off my lawn," either. So, what do we do for our upcoming youth event happening on Saturday, October 24th? We didn't want to have a "Halloween Party" but we did want to do something seasonal, so settled on Pumping Carving. What could be more fun than overseeing a bunch of kids with knives? But then again, who doesn't love choosing the perfect pumpkin? Not too big and not too small. Not too perfect and not too misshapen. And then digging deep to take out the guts of the pumpkin, whether with a serving spoon or by hand. It's squishy. It's gross, if we are honest. But it must come out, so come out it does. And then the work of transforming the pumpkin by carving a design as unique as the carver. And last, but not least, putting a small candle within the pumpkin, to see a light that illumines the darkness.

That's what we will be doing with the kids on Saturday - carving pumpkins. But what would I do for a small devotion? I have these kids, many of whom don't go to our church, some who may have never been in a church before. I do want to spend a little time to remind me them of how much Jesus loves them. And it was about that time that a friend sent me three words in a Facebook post after learning what we were doing with our Zion Youth Group. She said, "The Pumpkin Gospel." The Pumpkin Gospel? What is the Pumpkin Gospel? So I looked it up and it became clear what I was going to do with the kids.

First, I would lay the pumpkins on the table and have them choose their very own pumpkin and as they choose I would say, "Just as you chose your pumpkin, God chose you." (Ephesians 2:10 *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk with him."*) And then when they reach into the pumpkin, I can remind them, "Just like us, our pumpkins can look good on the outside, but there's a lot of yucky stuff inside that needs to be cleaned out. (Romans 3:23 - *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*) But that's not the end because "When we confess our sins to Jesus, He is faithful to forgive us and clean out all the bad stuff." (1 John 1:9 *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*) And through the work of the Spirit, as you carve something new, God is doing something new in you." (2 Corinthians 5:17 - *"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away, the new has come."*) "And just one last thing to do. Here is your candle. I want you to put it inside and we will light them after I turn off the lights. Jesus lives in us. Jesus shines his light into the dark world, through us. (Matthew 5:14-16) *"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."*) That's the Pumpkin Gospel that you can do yourself, do with your kids or share with your grandkids. And then you can pray...

Just like I chose my pumpkin, God chose me. Just like me, my pumpkin looks good on the outside but there is a lot of yucky stuff inside that has to be cleaned out! When I confess my sins to Jesus, He is faithful to forgive me and clean out all that bad stuff. Through the work of the Holy Spirit Jesus makes me a new creation from the inside out. By living in me and through me, Jesus shines His light into the dark world. Amen



# November 2026 at Zion Presbyterian Church

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| 1<br>10:30 Worship Service,<br>Children's Min.<br>11:30 am Fellowship                                                                                    | 2                                              | 3<br>10 am Prayer Group<br>12 noon First Place<br>for Health<br>6:30 pm Social Time/<br>7 pm Bible Study  | 4<br>6:30 Marcato Choir<br>7 pm Sanctuary Choir                    | 5<br>9:30 am Social Time/<br>10 am Bible Study<br>10:30 pm Choir<br>Ministry<br>Beach Grove NH         | 6   | 7                                                                           |
| 8<br>10:30 Worship Service,<br>Children's Min.<br>Remembrance Day<br>Service<br>11:30 am Fellowship<br>7:30 Legion Choir                                 | 9                                              | 10<br>10 am Prayer Group<br>12 noon First Place<br>for Health<br>6:30 pm Social Time/<br>7 pm Bible Study | 11<br>REMEMBRANCE DAY<br>6:30 Legato Choir<br>7 pm Sanctuary Choir | 12<br>9:30 am Social Time/<br>10 am Bible Study                                                        | 13  | 14<br>5:30 pm<br>Chili, Chowder & Cows<br>(CFG fundraiser)<br>Tickets \$20. |
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| 29 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent<br>10:30 Worship Service<br>Communion,<br>Children's Min.<br>11:30 am Fellowship<br>7 pm Mermaid's<br>Advent Service | 30<br>7 pm Great George<br>Street Band Concert | Memorial Angel<br>Service will<br>Be held on<br>Sunday,<br>December 6 <sup>th</sup><br>at 7:00 pm         |                                                                    |                                                                                                        |     |                                                                             |