



Ginter Park United Methodist Church Announcements for DECEMBER 20, 2020

In-Person Worship will continue this Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
Instructions to return can be found on our webpage GPUMC.org

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE for Sunday, December 20, 2020 will be available on Sunday at Ginter Park United Methodist's Facebook page and on the Youtube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqzmlpYKx3vaXvAjBPpbKhw> beginning at 9 a.m. **Please share this video with your friends and family.** Donations kindly accepted at www.GPUMC.square.site/donate

THE ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE NEEDS YOU: Please text (804)405-9713 with a short video wishing everyone a Merry Christmas for our Christmas Eve Online Worship Service. You can also send it to annedurrett1@gmail.com. During this special time we hope to include as many families as possible!

GRATEFUL AT GPUMC ONLINE COURSE:

Faithlead.org **ID: Ginterparkumc@ginterparkumc.org** **Password: GPUMC1010**

We invite you to take time to reflect on the first lecture and respond in our Facebook group Grateful at Ginter Park so we can share as we cultivate gratitude in our lives. Have you felt strongly grateful this week?

SECOND CUP OF COFFEE SUNDAY SCHOOL: You are invited to join us. We are using The Great Courses entitled Understanding the Old Testament. Our next lecture is "Abraham, the Father of Three Faiths". We meet in the Scott Walford Room on Sunday mornings at 10 am. Come in through the front of the church to be screened and join us downstairs.

FOOD PANTRY: **We are in desperate need of canned goods for the Pantry. Canned vegetables, canned fruit and canned meat products (tuna, ham, chicken) are needed most.** We are getting very low on our stock of paper grocery bags. We prefer bags with handles but will accept others. We are also collecting new socks and underwear for school-aged children to dispense through the Clothes Closet. If you can donate paper grocery bags (with or without handles) and/or socks and underwear, please drop them by the church between 8 and 11 AM on Tuesdays through Thursdays and leave them by the side door. Our Sexton, Bonnie, will get them in. Thank you for your support of these ministries.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Lorna Payne (friend of the Lipke family), Bailey Moro, Michelle DeBardleben (Vonda Crane's daughter), Jim Gray, Jean Taylor, Theo Brown (Isabelle Brown's Brother), Patti Williams, Bev. Samford, , Cora Matthews, Anne E., Horace and Barbara Ford's daughter-in-law / Jennifer's father, Bill Fulcrod, Eleanor Kensinger (sister of Alice Gray), Jakob Fedele (Liz's nephew), Jesse Richardson, Cheryl Roberts, Claude Cheeley, Nik, Teddy Sears, Joyce Forcke, Frankie Irons, Shirley Oversreet, Judy Wilkinson, Jane Whitlow, Cindy White, Jennifer Maitland, Isabelle Brown, Barbara Jessup, Richard (Ruth Plott's brother-in-law)

A NOTE FROM SUE HICKS: Everybody at Ginter Park UMC, I am missing Church and The Side Door. Since I moved on December 30, 2019 - I am still getting used to The Harmony in Mechanicsville. I am going to the service here now after the COVID 19 started. Everything is so different now. I enjoy getting my mail from y'all. Miss Church, Sue Hicks

FINANCIAL REPORT: November: \$15,593 received \$21,686 spent



Love



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today we light the candle of LOVE. This is the candle of Joseph.

If we love one another, God lives in us and God's

Love is made complete in us.

[Read] John 3:16,17

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

For God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world,
But that the world might be saved through him."

In the darkness we light a flame of love. May it dance not only upon our Advent candle but within each of our hearts as well. These three abide forever: Faith, Hope and Love, but the greatest of these is love. Love is the gift of God within each of our lives. It is the greatest Christmas gift. God sent his son to be divine love in human flesh for us all.

[Light the candle]

[Prayer]

Let us pray. Loving God, may your steadfast love surround us and transform us. Grant us grace by the power of your Holy Spirit to embody the gift of love to everyone, so that all people may be gathered into your family. May we wrap each Christmas gift with love, so that these gifts become Advent prayers awakening our hearts to the true mystery of Christmas. Amen.