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An Oasis of Grace in the Heart of the Community

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Looking Over the Pulpit - Duayne Meyer

DECEMBER
2019

*“Let us not
grow weary of
doing good.”*

Before we get into the full swing of Advent, please take time to reflect on this message from our Board of Missions. -*Duayne*



Dear NCC Friends,

A Just Harvest works in partnership with 40 Faith and Community service organizations in and around Rogers Park and the north shore “to provide a nutritious dinner for those in need 365 days a year.” A Just Harvest is an advocate for the poor and for those who are food insecure.

On the first Friday of each month members of NCC deliver and serve meals at the A Just Harvest facility in Rogers Park. The costs for the meals served are funded by our congregation as well, about \$4,300 for a year. Our Thanksgiving Day collection is the primary source of that funding.

As you gather to celebrate the year’s abundance with your family and friends, please consider the folks A Just Harvest ministers to as an extension of your own ministries and gatherings around your holiday table.

Happy Thanksgiving from your Board of Missions.

Thursday, Nov. 28th—Annual Festive Thanksgiving Day Service at 10 a.m.

Sunday, December 15th —Annual Congregational Budget Meeting after each worship service. Copies of the budget are available in the office.

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*NCC’s children and teens present:
“Christmas FAQs”*

*A Christmas Worship Program -
Sunday, Dec. 15 at 10:30 a.m.*

*Come and celebrate the wonder and joy of the Christ Child
and support NCC’s children and teens.*



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Ronda's Remarks - Ronda Bower

“So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time if we do not give up.” - Galatians 6:9

Take a break from busyness of getting ready for Christmas by coming to Messy Church Christmas, Sunday, Dec. 8, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. This is a great time to explore the excitement, joy, and messiness of the first Christmas with making sand nightlights, baby sock angels, manger scenes, playing manger races, stable building, and more; a delicious dinner; and a celebration worship where everyone can participate in telling the story of the birth of Jesus. All are welcome. If you would like to volunteer to help prepare dinner or help with the activities, please let me know.

NCC's Children and Teen Christmas Program “Christmas FAQs” will be Sunday, Dec. 15, at the 10:30 service. Come, sing some favorite Christmas carols and learn more about the story of the birth of Christ with answers to Frequently Asked Questions while the children and teens lead NCC in worship. *There will be a Christmas pasta lunch after the Christmas program for the whole congregation sponsored by NCC's Board of Christian Education. Come support NCC's children and teens.*

Children, ages 3 through 8th grade, won't want to miss the Birthday Party for Jesus on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 10:30 a.m. with games, crafts, treat bags, ice cream and cake, and lots of birthday party fun. Invite friends to come and celebrate the birth of baby Jesus.

The season of Advent, the four Sundays before Christmas, begins this year on Sunday, Dec. 1. The word Advent means “arrival” or “coming,” so it is the time to prepare our hearts, minds, and hearts for the arrival of this baby boy, the Christ Child. There will be Advent devotional materials available in the garden room and narthex beginning on Thanksgiving morning, for you to take to use during the season of Advent.

Fleece material needed: I know this is the time of year that you get bombarded with requests, but NCC's Messy Mission for January (and maybe February) is the make fleece no-sew blankets for Project Linus. Project Linus provides love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer “blanketeers.” **1 ½ or 2 yard pieces of fleece, in children of all age friendly prints are needed for each blanket.** There will be a drop off container in my office for the fleece. Everyone, of all ages, are also invited to come to church on Sunday, January 19th at 4:30 to cut and tie blankets, as well as fun taking to friends, meeting new people, and enjoying some warm winter snacks. Thank you so much!

Will you help for a three Sunday great time? Sunday school leaders are needed to lead the games rotation and cooking rotation for the Sunday school unit “Solomon Builds a Temple” January 5, 12, and 26. Sunday school leaders are needed to lead the drama rotation, art rotation, and cooking rotation for the Sunday school unit “Four Friends” February 2, 9, and 23. You teach the same lesson each week to different age levels so only one lesson plan to learn. Lesson plan is written, materials are ready for you, and another adult is with you to help. Please sign up ASAP on the bulletin board by the church office or let me know.

Thank you! -Ronda

THANK YOUS:

- Thank you to Josh Buchman for his wonderful presentation about the death penalty and faith at the Potluck and Study on Nov. 3.
- Thank you to Janet Jesse and Suzanne Schneiter for leading the Rotation Sunday School unit of “David” and Sunday school shepherds Rose Vakili, Stephanie Gustafson, Megan Gemp, Donna Cox, Loretta Kaplan, Jen Andrew, and Trish Andrew.
- Thank you for all who volunteered at November's Messy Church and all who participated. What a wonderful afternoon with 57 people participating! Hope to see you all on December 8 at Messy Church Christmas!

Mission Connections



Family Promise returns to NCC on December 1st!! We anticipate hosting three families for dinner and overnight stays December 1-8. Starting today, please look for the sign-up board to volunteer for providing dinner, staying overnight, being evening hosts and helping with set up and clean up of the rooms used for hosting. There are also index cards indicating items needed for other meals and for the guests. If you take a card, please return it with your items no later than the morning of Sunday, December 1. Non-perishable items can be deposited in the orange cabinets or the rolling metal bin in the coat room. If you are providing perishable items, please make sure they are appropriately stored and, if possible, bring as close to Sunday December 1 as possible. For any questions, please call Susan Allen 847-977-8707.

The Family Promise center is in need of the following items:

- Large pump hand sanitizers
- 8-1/2" x 11" office printer paper

Please drop them off in the office. For any questions, please call Susan Allen 847-977-8707. Thanks!

Please see the signup sheet for **A Just Harvest**. At the time of this printing, we were in need of volunteers for Jan. 3rd.

What's Happening

We Extend our Sympathy to the family of Dr. Mariano Dy. Mariano passed away on November 7th. The funeral service was on November 15th at NCC.

Our prayers are offered for Tom Behrens, Kristie Bobart (sister of Glen), Tim Byers, Loyal Carlson Jr, Jan Deetjen, Flory Dy and her family, Cynthia Holmberg, Bill Jesse, Bruce Johnston, Beth Meyer, Duayne Meyer, Sung Park, & Larry Townsend; those shut-in or staying close to home: Bob Fricke, Julie Jewell, Lois Katariski, Judi & Ray Kennedy, Sue Minnick, Carolyn Stockwell; and those in assisted living: Mike Black, & Mike Parker.

We will be **decorating the church for Advent** on December 2nd beginning at 9:30 a.m. Please contact Tracey Buchman or Suzanne Schneiter if you're interested in joining the fun.

Office Notes :

2020 **Stewardship** campaign update: Thank you to everyone who has turned in an Estimate of Giving Card. So far, we have received 68 cards with \$270,000 in expected donations during the coming year.

In order to finalize the NCC 2020 budget to be presented at the **annual congregational budget meetings on Dec. 15th** (following each worship service), the Trustees rely on all of your cards being turned in. If you have not submitted an EOG card, please prayerfully consider your support for NCC in 2020 and return your card (or pledge on the website) as soon as possible.

We will provide weekly donation envelopes for anyone who wishes to have them, but please make that request on the EOG card. Envelopes will be available in mid-December.

The end of the year is only a month away. **All 2019 donations** should be postmarked or delivered to the church by December 31st.

The office will be closed December 30th—January 3rd.

The deadline for the next **NCC Window** is Monday, December 16th.

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First Class

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December Special Events

1st—8th	Family Promise
2nd 9:30 am	Decorating for Advent
3rd 11:45 am	Potluck Book Discussion
5th 4:00 pm	A Just Harvest
8th 4:30 pm	Messy Church Christmas
15th	Annual Congregational Budget Meeting
15th 10:30 am	Christmas Program
22nd 10:30 am	Birthday Party for Jesus
24th 5:00 pm	Family Nativity Service
24th 10:00 pm	Ceremony of Carols, Lessons, and Candlelight
29th 10:00 am	Joint worship at Lutheran Church of the Ascension
Dec 30th—Jan 3rd	Church Office Closed

The Church Staff

All of the members of NCC	Ministers
Steve Ash	Business Manager
Eileen Baumgarten	Interim Organist
Ronda Bower	Family & Educational Ministry
Thom Bower	Associate Pastor
Lea Jones	Office Administrator
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Don Minnick	Pastor Emeritus
Phyllis Scott	Interim Choir Director
Warren Wiggins	Minister of Visitation

