

# December

Wednesday, December 10th

## Trip to the Historic Kirtland Nativity Exhibit

Join us as we carpool to Kirtland to see the Historic Kirtland Nativity Exhibit which has over 600 nativity sets from all over the world. We will have lunch at PF Chang's and stop to shop at Trader Joes. Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the Gathering Space.



*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

## Join us for Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 24th  
7pm

## THE VOICE

December 2025

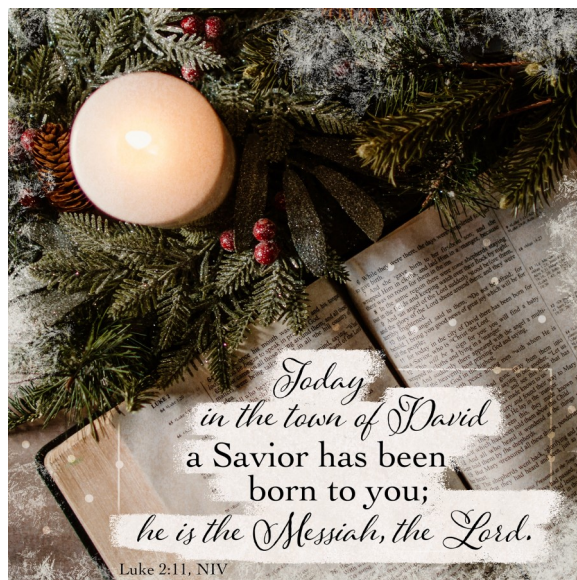
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*Today  
in the town of David  
a Savior has been  
born to you;  
he is the Messiah, the Lord.*

Luke 2:11, NIV

## Notes From Pastor Eli!

In Matthew, chapter 1, an angel appears to Joseph in a dream and said..."do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins," :20,21. Prior to the event in Matthew, Luke, chapter 1, reveals how the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to inform her that she would be with child," and you are to give him the name Jesus," :31.

My dear friend, today, you and I are often known more by numbers than by our name. Our home address, Social Security number, our home or cell phone number, our checking account number. There was a time when a name really meant something.

Juliet asked Romeo that question and answered it herself: "What's in a name? That which we call a rose, by any other word would smell as sweet." How true. But you and I and Romeo are "people", not plants, and we know what our names are not just what our numbers are.

Names were especially important to the Hebrew people. God named the first man "Adam" because he was made from the dust of the ground. "Adam" means "earth." God changed Abram's name to "Abraham" which means "the father of many nations." Jesus changed Simon's name to "Peter" which means "rock."

Some of the most important names in the Bible are those given to our Lord. "You are to give him the name Jesus because he will save his people from their sins." "Jesus" is the Greek form of the Hebrew name "Joshua," and both of them mean, "The Lord is salvation."

Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah prophesied the Savior's coming and declared, "For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulders, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, The mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The prince of Peace."

During the holiday season when our lives are especially rushed and stressed, as we think of the names and people who we love, let's keep our Lord Jesus in focus. Let's reflect on some of those significant, wonderful and powerful names which reveal to us aspects about our Savior. They reveal His character, identity and role. They help us not only understand Who Jesus is but also help us increase our intimacy with Jesus.

### **Your Activities Committee met on 11-23 and we are planning the following:**

-December 10 trip to "Historic Kirtland Nativity Exhibit" Check out their website. They have over 600 nativity sets from all over the world. We will carpool to Kirtland and leave GSLC at 9:30am. We also will have lunch at PF Chang's restaurant and shop at Trader Joe's. Please sign up so we know how many people to make reservations for lunch.

-January 11 Movie and lunch at GSLC. We are planning to have Mr. Mike's Catering provide the lunch at a very reasonable price. The Movie is titled, "The Way" with Martin Sheen and inspired me to walk the "El Camino de Santiago." More details to follow. *Eli*



- The sign and the elevator both became non functional on the same weekend. The elevator inverter board was fixed and the mother board for the sign needs congregational approval for replacement.
- The front Cleveland Ave entrance has been painted by Towpath Painting. The cross will be painted in the spring.
- Rod has reached out to local electricians to get estimates for replacing bulbs and upgrading the sanctuary lighting along with adding a surge protector for the sign
- Dave reported that in October we had receipts of \$16,900 and expenses of \$6700. We will discuss the budget in December
- The bubbler on the water fountain by the office is broken. Alan will see if new parts are available.
- Lei and Dave will meet with Chase to set up a new account and a credit card as First Commonwealth has been unresponsive even after requesting assistance.



**Thank You!**

A HUGE round of thanks goes out to Linda Lautenschlager for opening the church for our Fellowship Hall guest on November 15th and to both Linda and Lorelei Lopick who spent that day raking up 12 bags of leaves on the church property! Thank you for keeping the GSLC property beautiful and well maintained!!!!

## December Concern of the Month Monetary Donations for Christmas gift cards



During December, we will collect monetary donations for grocery gift cards. These gift cards will be distributed to those in need so that they, too, can enjoy a Christmas dinner.

**Thank you in advance for your  
holiday generosity !!**




**Check This Out!!!**



Members and Friends sharing a great time at The Pinetree Barn on November 5th!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Advent Book Study 6:30p	3 AA 7p	4 Yoga 10a	5 Quilting 10a	6
7 Lei Worship 9:15a S. School 10:30a	8	9 Advent Book Study 6:30p	10 AA 7p Council 7p	11 Yoga 10a	12 Crafts & Conversations 10a	13
14 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a	15	16 Advent Book Study 6:30p	17 AA 7p	18 Yoga 10a	19 Quilting 10a	20
21 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 7p	25 	26	27
28 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a	29	30	31 AA 7p			