

in social justice issues is also welcome to join the committee; we meet (on Zoom) the first Thursday of every month. If you would like to be included on the email list for this committee, please contact Denise Lewis: [dlewis9476@comcast.net](mailto:dlewis9476@comcast.net).

Watch for more details about the class coming in next Tuesday's email.

M&M will resume meeting on Wednesday, February 2, 2022.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The **Annual Congregational meeting** will be held after worship on January 30. There will be options to attend in person, or online; watch for more details to come.

From Community Service: During the winter months, the donations to the **Little Free Food Pantry** (located at the end of the driveway) need to be modified to tolerate the extreme cold temperatures we can see here. Please review the attached list of items for what to consider donating; ideal items are dried and in bags, like dried beans, rice, oatmeal, cereal, etc. And, remember the motto of the Little Free Food Pantry movement: *Take what you need, leave what you can.* Click [Winter Advisory List.pdf](#) for list.

Meet with Pastor Rob for **Coffee and Conversation Mondays, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am**. This is a gathering online but it is open for you to pop in and out any time during the two hour time frame so feel free to drop in and say hello. \*Note, same time and same login, recurring meeting each week. Join Zoom Meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/286584190>

Spirit of Life is working to be sustainable through **recycling**. By introducing more recycling collocated at the location of most trash cans, we can significantly reduce the amount of waste being sent to the landfill while showcasing that reducing waste can be easy. Help us to celebrate sustainability while enjoying the event. Clean plastics, tin/metal and paper should go into the recycling bins and everything else should go into the trash. Thank you! Please see Pastor Rob, any Elder or member of the staff with questions.

#### **Volunteers Needed:**

...We need one person each Sunday to serve as a Greeter and one person each Sunday to serve as an Usher for Sunday worship. We need two volunteers for each week. Please let Becky Brandt know what dates you are available to help and she will build a calendar. Call/text Becky at (218)779-0427 or email her at [thebrandtfam@gmail.com](mailto:thebrandtfam@gmail.com). Thank you!

#### **2021 Per Capita is \$36.50**

Questions about "Per Capita"? Here's an article from the Presbyterian Today magazine that provides information! Click on: [Per Capita article.pdf](#).

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**January 9, 2022 Worship**

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Just a few notes to keep in mind:

- ◆ It is mandatory that ALL wear a mask, per recent decision from Session. Please see a Session member with questions.
- ◆ For the immediate future we will not have congregational singing indoors.

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**Prelude** Open the Eyes of my Heart (Laurie Herman)

**Welcome/Announcements:** (Steve Braden)

**Call to Worship:** (Steve Lewis)

**Opening Song:** The Name of the Lord (Laurie Herman)

**Prayer of Reconciliation:** (Marge Lewis)

**Assurance of Grace:** (Rev. Steve Braden)

**Prayer of Illumination** (Steve Lewis)

**Scripture:** John 1:35-42 (Marge Braden with Steve Braden)

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

## Announcements

**Sermon:** "What Are You Looking For?" (Steve Braden)

**Call To Offering** (Steve Lewis)

**Offertory Song:** How Great is our God (CCLI #4348399)  
(Laurie Herman)

**Prayers of the People** (Rev. Steve Braden)

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Closing Song:** Ancient of Days

**Charge and Benediction:** (Rev. Steve Braden)

**Postlude:** O Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Laurie Herman)

**Session requires masks be worn for all indoor church activities (worship, M in M, Sunday School, etc) regardless of vaccination status. Thank you for your cooperation, and for your care for our community, as we continue to deal with this pandemic.**

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**News from the Christian Education Committee:**

Children's Sunday school Teacher schedule - Jan 9, 2022 - Sunday school resumes

Jan 9 PreK – 2nd - Sara

Jan 9 3-5<sup>th</sup> – Karen

Jan 16 PreK – 2<sup>nd</sup> Afanwi

Jan 16 3-5th - Karen

Jan 23 PreK-2nd - Meg

Jan 23 3-5<sup>th</sup>

Jan 30 PreK-2<sup>nd</sup>

Jan 30 3-5th - Meg

Children's Sunday School classes meet 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. There will be a PreK - 2nd grade class and a 3rd-5th grade class. We will bring the children back to the sanctuary for the Children's sermon at 10:15 and then the children can sit with their parents during the rest of the service.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE A NEW ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SERIES STARTING ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 16 (delayed due to technical difficulties).

Starting weekly, following worship on January 16, there will be a Christian Education series focused on questions and issues of race. You can meet in person in the conference room, or join on Zoom, using the Owl technology that has worked so well for previous group meetings. The class will start with a 15-minute video, followed by our own discussion of the content of the video. Joanne Boyd has agreed to facilitate our discussions; Joanne has years of experience leading workshops and classes on how to identify racial bias, and she has many of her own resources and experiences to draw upon.

Several members of Spirit of Life participated in the Anti-Racism Spiritual Pilgrimage created by the Presbytery. A small group of those participants has continued to meet, to keep the discussions going. A new committee is forming, focused on social justice issues, and this educational offering is part of the committee's mission. The class is open to everyone interested in engaging in difficult conversations about race. Anyone interested