

De Soto United Methodist Church

E-Weekly Newsletter

November 24, 2022

Thanksgiving Edition

Sunday, November 27, 2022 Scripture: Luke 1:11-13

Last Saturday evening, November 19th, a gunman opened fire at the Club Q, LGBTQ nightclub. Five lives were claimed, and many others were injured. For six minutes, all the people in the club were terrified in indescribable fear. This incident reminds us of the attack on the LGBTQ community six years ago at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida, which took forty-nine lives and wounded fifty-three others. They apparently were Hate Crimes. According to FBI, hate crimes in the year of 2020, motivated by single-bias, were 8,052, and their victims were 11,126 and by more than one bias were 211, and their victims were 346. The bias motivation categories for victims of single-bias incidents in 2020 were Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry (61.8%), Sexual Orientation (20%), Religion (13.3%), Gender Identity (2.7%), Disability (1.4%) and Gender (0.7%). It is so sad this has happened in our society. People harmed others only because they hated them. So many innocent people have suffered from hatred. Is our community safe? Will this crime stop? What should we do as Christians? Many questions are continued. The Scripture is clear about hatred. "Everyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that murderers don't have eternal life residing in them." (1 John 3:15, CEB) John Wesley taught his people to Do No Harm as the first general rule. Before we try to change our society, we need to look into our hearts first if there is any hatred that might harm others intentionally or unintentionally. This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. The word, "Advent" came from Latin word, *adventus*, which means "coming." During Advent, we celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ on Earth and His returning. As we are awaiting the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6), we also earnestly pray "Thy Kingdom Come." As we unfold the Advent themes, Hope, Peace, Joy and Love and the stories of people around Jesus' birth each Sunday, I pray that we can find the way in which we can walk our daily pilgrim journey as true followers of Jesus who was a victim of hatred but forgave and still loved them all. Christ is our hope and we can become hope for others as we are becoming like him.

In Christ,

Rev. Young Je Kim

Note from the Pastor

*The Memorial Service for Morris (Sonny) Speed will be held on Saturday, 11/26/2022 at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

A Note from Sabrina:



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



At-Home Advent Resources: November 27

Pick-up your at home resources after worship, while supplies last. Advent begins November 27.



Sharing the Christmas Story.

- >Thru Dec. 4, PreK-5th grade rehearsals, 9:00 am Sunday School. (Youth/Teen students rehearsals during Sunday school Nov. 20 to Dec. 4)
- >Dec. 10, 9:30 am, FULL Cast Dress rehearsal, Sanctuary.
- >Dec. 11, 9:00 am Arrive; 10:00 am, Present play in Worship.

Bible Explorers

Dec. 4, 4:00-5:30 pm
Lower-level

For 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders.
Fun Bible exploration & a light meal.
Bring your Bible. * Bring a Friend.

Youth/Teens:

ALL middle school
and high school
students.



>9:00 am Sunday school rehearsals for Christmas play in Sunday school.

>Nov. 26, 4:00 pm, RSVP due for Movie Outing (Black Panther II).

>Nov. 27, 12:50 pm, Movie Outing Bring \$5 & your own snack money.

>Dec. 2, 3:50-8:00 pm Christmas Caroling and Party.

Invite a friend to join you!

Questions? Contact Sabrina:
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This Week at De Soto United Methodist Church

24 Thu HAPPY THANKSGIVING



27 SUN 9:00 am

Sunday School Groups for All Ages

10:00 am

Worship

30 Wed 10:00 am

Coffee @ Cause Coffee

6:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal

Save the Dates:



United
Women
in Faith

Attention ladies! All women from our congregation are invited to attend the annual **Advent Dinner**, hosted by UWF (United Women in Faith), **Sunday December 4** at 11am in **Fellowship Hall**.

This festive event is an opportunity to celebrate the start of a joyous advent season. The entrée will be provided, and attendees are invited to bring a side dish or dessert. We will enjoy musical entertainment, games, and fellowship. Child care will be provided. You are welcome to bring an unwrapped gift item to donate to a charity Christmas fund (this is optional).

We hope to see you there!



Looking Ahead to 2023

SAVE the DATE: February 4, 2023, 3:00 pm.

Jim "Mr. Stinky Feet" Cosgrove FREE Family Concert

