## **Prayer Requests**

Place in the offering baskets or the offering boxes near the Worship Center doors or at the Welcome Center.

☐ Prayer Team ☐ Confidential

Comments:

#### This Week At ACV:

**Sunday - December 22nd** 

8:45 am Worship Team Rehearsal -WC 10:00 am Christmas Ensemble - WC 10:00 am Sunday Service - WC

#### **Tuesday - December 24th**

9:00 am Women's Prayer - C 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Prelude Music 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

#### Wednesday - December 25th

Merry Christmas
-Office Closed-

#### **Saturday - December 28th**

7:00 am Men's Group - CR

#### Kev:

WC- Worship Center GR- Great Room SC - Student Center D- Classroom D C- Classroom C S- Classroom 5 P- Pavilion

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## Looking Ahead...

December 22nd Christmas Ensemble December 24th Candlelight Service Office Closed December 25th December 31st CYAH New Years Eve Office Closed January 1st January 14th Elder Meetina January 16th JOY Group Meeting January 23rd Open Arms Dinner January 24th High School Retreat January 25 CYAH- Tubing Event February 1st Dinners of Six

#### Next Sunday, December 29nd, 2024

Greeters: Brian & Brandi Hacken

Nursery:

Children's Church: Liz Chalker & Addie Anderson

### **Stewardship Update**

Attendance for December 15th, 2024 Service: 245

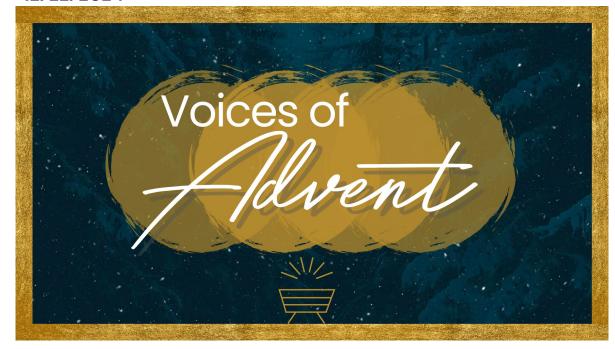
#### Giving For December 15th, 2024:

General Fund Weekly Budget \$ 12,459.83
General Fund Giving \$ 10,945.26
Missions Giving \$ 400.00
Year To Date Missions Giving \$ 19,630.00
Last Year To Date Missions Giving \$ 13,917.00
General Fund Budget (thru 20 wk) \$ 249,196.65
General Fund Offerings (thru 20 wk) \$ 245,898.05

There are many ways to give; the offering baskets, the offering boxes located at the Worship Center Exits, and online through stcroixalliance.com Thank you for your faithful generosity!

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#### 12/22/2024



Welcome to Alliance Church of the Valley We're glad you're here.

# 2024 Koinonia Café Open 10:00 am Worship Service

#### Cry Room/Nursing Mother's Room

A glass enclosed sound proof room is available at the back of the upper level of the worship center for parents with children or nursing mothers. It contains a direct audio feed from the sound booth.

#### Nursery 10:00 AM

Our well staffed nursery is available on the upper level across from the Worship Center doors for children who are infant to 36 months.

#### Children's Church 10:00 AM

We provide an age suitable learning environment for our families in Classroom #3 on the lower level. Kids age 3-6 years old are welcome to participate. Please arrive prior to the start of service.

# **SERMON**

Sermon Series: The Voices Of Advent Sunday, December 22nd, 2024

Title: Matthew 2:1-12; 1 John 4:7-16; Zephaniah 3:14-17 Text: The Wonder Of His Love

Speaker: Pastor Jeff Naegelen

#### -Visitors-

We are so glad you've come this morning to seek the Lord Jesus Christ and worship Him together with us. Please take a moment to complete the Connection Card attached to this worship folder. Please bring it to the Welcome Center in the lobby to receive a complimentary gift bag and information about the ministries of our church.

# Advent Service Advent Family

This week the Fansler family be reading from the scriptures and then they will be lighting our 4th Advent candle for Love.

# Connecting with our Church Family Thank You Ensemble

This morning you were greeted by the beautiful music of our Christmas Ensemble. They have been working hard and practicing since the beginning of November. We want to give a big thank you to everyone involved!

#### **Christmas Eve Service**

Please join us this Tuesday, for our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Come early to enjoy some prelude music starting at 4:00 pm and the service beginning at 4:30 pm.

#### Upcoming Holiday Schedule

As we are in the Christmas season we want to keep you up to date with the Church Schedule:
December 24th 4:30 pm Service December 25th Office Closed January 1st Office Closed

#### Meal Train

If you are interested in serving with Alliance Church of the Valley but by providing meals to families in the area going through challenging times, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

#### **Help Wanted**

Due to our cleaning staff being out of the office for this coming week we are looking for a few people to help clean up and prepare for the Christmas Eve and Sunday Services. If you are interested in serving the church in this way, signups are located at the Welcome Center.

#### **Parenting Class**

Steve & Debbie Kinzer will begin a parenting class during the Sunday school hour starting January 12th in Classroom D. As parents of 8 grown children, 16 grandchildren & 3 grands, they bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the class, and they will be using a curriculum that is timeless called "Shepherding a Child's Heart" by author & pastor Dr. Tedd Tripp. Shepherding a Child's Heart is about how to speak to the heart of your child. The things your child does and says flows from the heart. The book is required for this class, and cost \$10. Please indicate your interest by signing up at the Welcome Center.

#### What Happens Next

Are we living in the end times? If so, what does that mean for us? These questions can cause confusion and anxiety in the hearts of Christians, but God wants us to be prepared, not scared; informed, not intimidated. Join us on Wednesday nights in Classroom D as we take a look at Max Lucado's study called "What Happens Next". This study will begin January 8th, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

# Connecting with the Community

Open Arms

We want to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who came and made the Open Arms Dinner so fantastic! We can't wait for the next dinner, which will be on January 23rd. If you would like to give a monetary donation please mark the gift "Open Arms" or if you would like to donate non-perishable food items for the giving table please bring them to the office. Thank You!

# Young Adults New Year's Eve Celebration

Are you 18-33 and looking for something fun to do on December 31st?
You are invited to the CYAH New Year's Eve Party. Please join us in the Student Center starting at 7:00 pm for dinner, games, trivia, and prizes. Registration is available online and at the Welcome Center.

# Student Ministry High School Retreat

On January 24-26, we'll take a group of high school students on a fantastic winter retreat to Camp Forest Springs.
Registration closes January 15th. More information can be found on the church website. Contact Pastor Glen with any questions.

#### **Help Our Students**

STUDENT

We are raising funds to send our students to the LIFE conference this summer. How it works: pick an envelope from the Fundraiser Board, place cash equal to the amount that is written on envelope, and return the filled envelope to the collection box. We can all do something, and together we can do something BIG. Thank you for supporting our students!

#### **Youth Group**

There will be no Youth Group for the rest of the year. We hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you on January 8th!

# Children's Ministry

There will be no AWANA for the next two weeks. We hope that you spend this time enjoying the holidays with your loved ones. Merry Christmas. We can't wait to see you again on January 8th!

#### **Sunday School**

There will be no Sunday School next weekend, we hope you are enjoying the break and making beautiful memories. Sunday School resumes January 5th.



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☐ 3rd time guest	
☐ Regular Attender	
☐ Member	
☐ Visiting with family/friends	
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