

# WEEKLY NEWS ~~ DECEMBER 9, 2022

**COVID 19 MASKING FOR WEEK BEGINNING  
DECEMBER 9, 2022:**

**OPTIONAL**

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## **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP**

**5 PM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022**

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### **ADVENT WORSHIP**

Our Advent Midweek Services are every Wednesday during Advent! Worship using the Holden Evening Prayer service begins at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. The link for Holden Evening Prayer will be emailed out on Tuesday nights, and it is the same link we use for worship on Sunday mornings.

Choir will meet at 7 pm for the duration of Advent to provide time for Worship. There will be no choir practice on December 14.

### **KNITTERS FUNDRAISER!**

Our Gloria Dei knitters have been knitting up a storm—so much so that they are out of yarn, and out of funds with which to buy more yarn! So they are selling some of what they have knitted (hats, scarves, dish cloths, etc.) to raise money for more yarn.

The sale is Sunday, December 11 during Coffee & Fellowship Time after the service. This is a great opportunity to purchase handmade gifts for those on your holiday gift list!

*Like to sing? Join Choir!*

*Choir meets Wednesday at 6:30 pm and comes in at 9:30 am on Sunday to prepare for the service.*

*Advent is a great time to try choir—come for worship, stay for choir practice  
(at 7 pm during Advent)!*

***NO CHOIR PRACTICE DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>!***

## 38<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GIRL SCOUT TREE OF JOY SERVICE PROJECT



The Girl Scout Tree of Joy Service Project was started in 1983 by a troop of 6<sup>th</sup> graders. It has grown over the past 39 years, with thousands of gifts having been distributed to agencies in our area. Most are given for Christmas, but some agencies save them for needs throughout the year.

Again, this year there will be a Tree of Joy annex tree in the Narthex starting Saturday November 19th. It will have tags with names and gift ideas from the Girl Scout tree Service Project in Pony Village Mall. You can still go to the mall and pick tags from the main tree, or if you prefer, for your convenience you can take tags from the annex tree, and return the presents to the church, or under the tree in the Pony Village Mall. If you are returning the gifts to the church, please have the gifts back by December 15th. If you prefer to simply make a donation and have Girl Scout elves shop for gifts, make a check out to Gloria Dei and on the memo, line write Tree of Joy and give it to Barbara in the church office. The Girl Scouts donates these gifts to many different agencies in Coos County, helping everyone from children to seniors. Any questions, contact Debbie Cox at 756-2250.

### **FUNDING THE INTERN - TIME TO STEP UP**

At last January's Congregational meeting, we voted on the Intern budget separately because it wasn't clear we could afford them. As I recall, there were many who treasured the intern program and noted that giving had always risen to the occasion to support this program - and I was one of those voices.

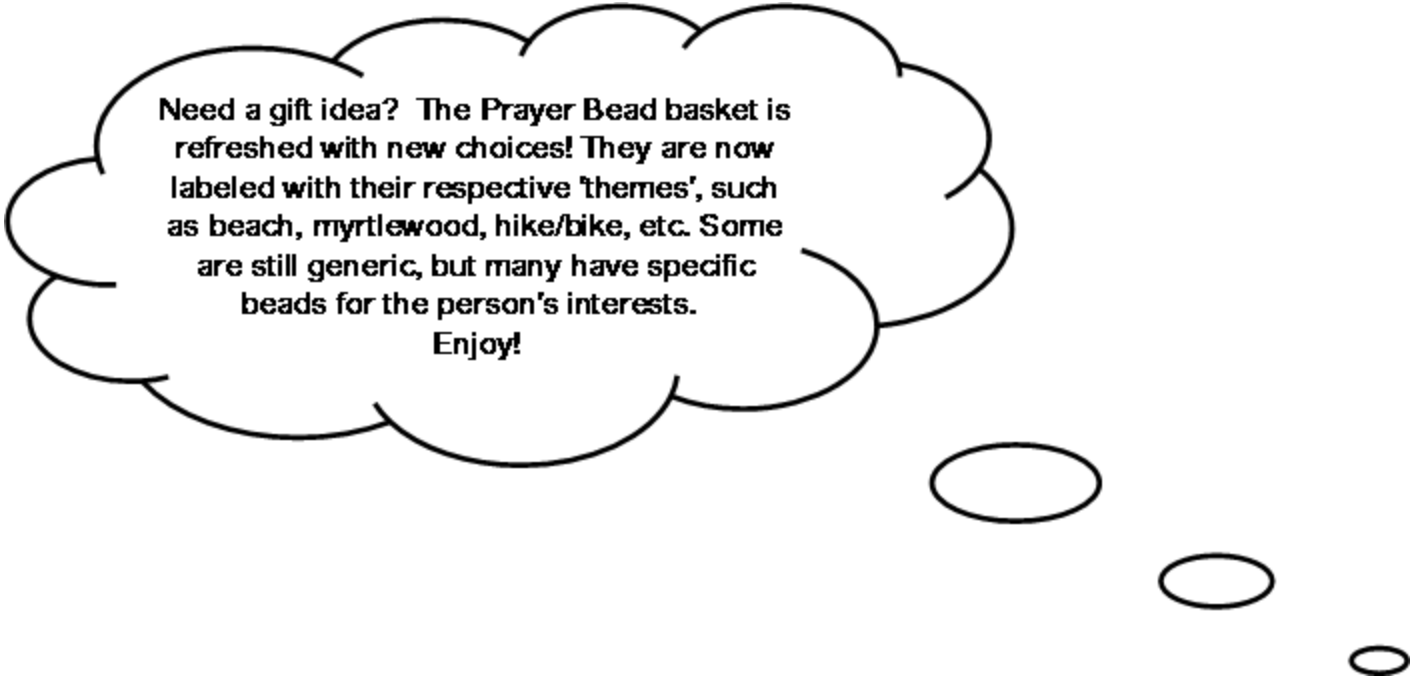
This year we got a significant boost of \$15,000 from the Endowment fund to get the program restarted. But that will only carry us into December. We need \$17,000 more to complete Intern Emily's term, and we will be planning fundraisers. But with our recovery from the pandemic going slower than anticipated, and our resultant current budget crunch, it seems to me to be time for all of us who said the intern program is important enough that the money will come, to step up and increase our giving. Please.

Ken Denton,  
Intern Committee member

### **PROGRESS REPORT:**

**As of December 9, we have raised more than \$14,300 of the \$17,000 needed to allow Intern Emily to finish with us through June of 2023. Thank you for your generosity—let's keep up the good work!**





Need a gift idea? The Prayer Bead basket is refreshed with new choices! They are now labeled with their respective 'themes', such as beach, myrtlewood, hike/bike, etc. Some are still generic, but many have specific beads for the person's interests.  
Enjoy!

**REMINDER!**

As the days get cooler, please remember to turn down the heat if you turn it up! Also, please double and triple check to make sure the doors are shut properly and locked behind you when you leave the building!

**CHRIST IN OUR HOME for January, February and March is now available in the Narthex! Pick yours up today!**

**FIREWOOD AVAILABLE!**

Gloria Dei's Firewood Ministry is alive and well! There is about a cord and a half of dry firewood available. If you or someone you know is in NEED of firewood, please contact the church office. The firewood is free with free delivery.

**GREETERS, READERS, USHERS, AND FLOWERS NEEDED!**

Sign up sheets from October through the end of the year are available in the Narthex. We need greeters, readers, ushers, and flowers! Please sign up to help as you are able!

**VETERAN'S ART & CRAFT SHOW**

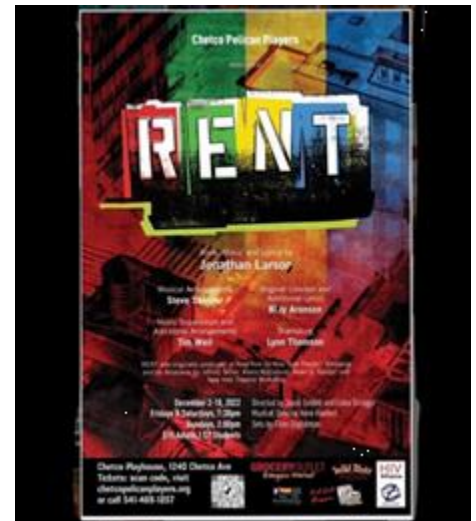
Come see a wide variety of fabulous arts and crafts made by our local veterans and their spouses. Items range from pen & ink drawings to woodworking to jewelry to knitted and sewn crafts. Stop by and visit with the Vets and see what they have created that might make good gifts for your family & friends. Part of Ian Stevenson's uniform collection is also on display. Open 10 - 5 Mon -Sat, 11 - 5 Sun. Located in Pony Village Mall across from Ross!

**HEARTS & HANDS ARTISAN & CRAFT CHRISTMAS STORE**

**A shop full of handmade creations by more than 20 crafters & artists! Located in Pony Village Mall across from JoAnn Fabrics; open mall hours through December 27!**

**CHETCO PELICAN PLAYERS PRESENT RENT**

The Chetco Pelican Players present *RENT* at the Chetco Playhouse, 1240 Chetco Avenue in Brookings. December 2 -18! Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm, Sundays at 2:00 pm. \$15 for adults, \$7 for students. Call 541-469-1857 for tickets or more information.



**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 47 in person, 19 online**



**STEWARDSHIP IS...PONDERING!**  
In Advent, we ponder the coming of our Lord!