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*December 2015*

# A Note from Pastor Tom



A noted poet was once asked in an interview if he could explain one of his poems “in ordinary terms.” He replied with some feeling, “If I could say what I meant in ordinary terms I would not have had to write the poem.”

Ultimately the meaning of Christmas resists being fully spelled out “in ordinary terms.” That’s why we need to do the extra-ordinary during Advent. If we do the extra step, if we change our routine in order to do something different, then we will be more ready to step into Christmas and to accept the “good news of great joy” of the birth of Christ.

I’m inviting you to get some candles, blue, green, red or white. Blue is our liturgical color for Advent, but since green and red, and even white, are such good Christmas candles, they’re also just fine. Set up your candle somewhere prominent at home so that you can see it while it burns.

Below you will see the prayers for each of the four weeks of Advent. Light your candle as you pray the appropriate prayer for the four weeks of Advent. Each week has its theme, as you can see. Obviously if the act of lighting and reading can be shared please do so. If your candle burns down too low then start a new one. Some people have large ones so the effect of lighting the first one is such that it ends up being shorter over the duration of Advent, giving all four candles a step like appearance, which is pretty.

Happy Advent, and of course, Merry Christmas soon enough!

1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent: [Hope](#)

“O God, as we begin this Advent season, grant us the wisdom to hope. Rekindle our minds to hope for your presence, hope for your peace, and hope for your promise of the Christ Child to be born in our lives. Amen.”

2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent: [Peace](#)

“O God, as we journey through Advent, we ask for the strength to create peace. We ask you to be the source of the peace in our hearts, the reason for the peace in our homes, and the power for peace in our world. Amen.”

3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent: [Joy](#)

“O God, at the height of our Advent walk, lead us to the joy with which you surround us. Awaken us to your gift of joy even in times of uncertainty, joy in days of struggle, and joy in the night of our failing, for especially then you are with us. Amen.”

4<sup>th</sup> Week of Advent: [Love](#)

“O God, as our Advent season draws to completion, grant us the wisdom to share your love. Renew in us our trust in love. For you have called us to love you, to love our neighbors, to love ourselves. Above all, you have sent us the babe of Bethlehem to teach us to love those who need it most, when they need it most. Amen.”

*Tom*

# THIS MONTH'S TEACHINGS

**December 6**

Luke 3:1-6

**Communion by  
Intinction  
Pledge Reception  
Sunday**

## **Prepared for the Best**

Isaac Watts famous hymn, "Joy to the World," has the line: "Let every heart prepare him room." I guess even in Watts' time, a few hundred years ago, hearts had to be opened to make room for the good news of Jesus. A lot of times making room in our hearts calls for clearing out the clutter and debris that separate us from God.

**December 13**

**Christmas Cantata**

## ***Festival of Lessons and Carols***

The Chancel Choir led by Director Juan Mansilla will perform "A Festival of Lessons and Carols" by Hal H. Hopson. This is a retelling of the Christian's story of faith from the fall of Adam to the coming of the Word Incarnate. Invite family, friends, neighbors, colleagues and everyone else. What a glorious concert this will be!

**December 20**

**Children's Christmas  
Program**

## **Children's Christmas Program**

The congregation, friends and families are invited to join our Sunday School children and youth during worship as they present a special Christmas program.

**December 24**

Luke 2:8-14

**4:00 p.m.**

**Family Worship**

**8:00 p.m.**

**Candlelight Worship**

## **Christmas Again!**

Emotionally, too many people place all their hopes on this one holiday. We have in our minds an idealized version of a "perfect" family evening and day. The perfect moments and meals and meaning. That's a lot of pressure to put on ourselves and loved ones on one holy day. What we need for Christmas is not this pressure but a relationship with God offered to us in the first gift of Christmas: the babe of Bethlehem.

**December 27**

Matthew 12:7-9

Philippians 4:4-9

**Rev. Vardell Swett**

## **Don't Throw Away Tomorrow**

The Reverend Vardell Swett will lead worship and preach.

# Events

## Advent Workshop December 4



We had so much fun last year, we are doing it again!

Grab an early dinner and then come join us for our 2nd annual ADVENT WORKSHOP. Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. We will have 6 to 8 tables set up with simple advent-themed crafts for ALL AGES. Plus hot chocolate and desserts! If you have a craft to share, please bring supplies and instructions for at least 15 people.

And let's give back to our extended community by bringing a gift for the Giving Tree and/or non-perishable foods for Boca Helping Hands.

## Church Family Fun Day December 6



After church on December 6th we will meet at Ruby Tuesday in Mizner Park at 12:00 noon for lunch. After lunch we will visit the wonderful "Boca Raton Museum of Art" located within

walking distance in Mizner park. The museum admission is free for everybody the first Sunday each month. Visit their website at [www.bocamuseum.org](http://www.bocamuseum.org) for information about the current exhibitions. This is an event for everybody, not just families. There is a sign up sheet in the Rosser room. Please let us know if you need a ride.

## Boca Christians Eating Out



The B.C.E.O. meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and conversation. Please sign up in the Rosser room or call the church office anytime before Thursday if you decide you

would like to join us so that we may reserve a table for the appropriate number of friends.

## Christmas Eve Services



4:00 p.m.

Family Worship



8:00 p.m.

Candlelight Service  
and Carols

Please join us for one (or both!) of our Christmas Eve worship services.

Our family worship at 4:00 p.m. includes our children's choir and Prime Time praise band, and familiar carol singing in a relaxed worship atmosphere.

At 8:00 p.m. our candlelight service is a traditional Christmas Eve worship with caroling.

Want to know more about our church and activities? Check out our website at [www.churchofboca.org](http://www.churchofboca.org).



## Wednesday Morning Communion Service



Join us at 8:30 a.m. for Communion on Wednesday mornings. As the early morning sun streams through the stained glass window lighting the sanctuary in

softly filtered colors, we will share in the fellowship of Christ. It's a wonderful way to start the day centered in the Lord.

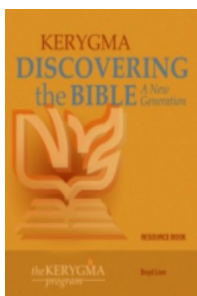
## Wednesday Lunch Bunch



Are you bored eating lunch by yourselves? You can join the Lunch Bunch every Wednesday at noon. Bring your bag lunch, we serve beverage and dessert. After lunch we usually

play Mah-Jongg (beginners welcome!), but we are open to your suggestions of fun stuff to do for those who want to remain after the meal for some fellowship. No need to even sign up—just show up!

## Wednesday Adult Study Group



You are invited to join the Adult Study Group as we explore the Bible. The Adult Study Group meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Our study is based on the *Kerygma program: Discovering the Bible*. For more information, please call Pastor Tom. 561-395-9255.

## Prayer Fellowship



The Prayer Fellowship and Bible Study meets every Friday at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship hall. Please come and join us; it is a

wonderful time for fellowship and sharing our faith. During Advent we are using "Sent, Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas" by Jorge Acevedo as our study guide. If you have any questions, please call John Bird at 561-400-5604.



## Boca Helping Hands Volunteer Days

December 5, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon  
West Boca Food Distribution Center is hosted at Boca Glades Baptist Church (441 and Judge Winikoff Road), in the East parking lot. Volunteers distribute bags of groceries to BHH clients. Note this distribution is physically active and it is carried out rain or shine! BHH requires closed-toe shoes. Age limits are listed on their web site. A completed application and a signed Liability Waiver can be done online or downloaded from the website—[bocahelpinghands.org](http://bocahelpinghands.org).

You are welcome any Saturday to help; however, we will have a Church on the Hill group there the 1st Saturday of each month, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, and enjoy fellowship together. Sign ups are encouraged, but you can just "show up!" We hope you will enjoy helping our neighbors in need! Contact Sarah Hugus for questions at 561-338-4207 or [sarahhugus@aol.com](mailto:sarahhugus@aol.com)

# News

## Christmas Poinsettias

Christmas is coming and that means Poinsettias! If you would like to have a poinsettia placed in the church in honor of, or in memory of, someone special, place your order using the form below. Order as many as you want for \$11 each and take them home on Christmas Eve. Additional order forms will be available in the weekly bulletins and in the Rosser Room.

**We must know your order by December 11th**, so make sure to get your form to the church by then. Please call Sandi, church administrator, if you have any questions 561-395-9255.

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ plants to decorate the church for Christmas Eve. *Remember, you can take them home on Christmas Eve!*

Please enclose \$11 per plant.

Your Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_)

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Please PRINT clearly and circle 'Memory' or 'Honor':

In Memory/Honor of:

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## Cantata December 13

The Chancel Choir will perform "Festival of Lessons and Carols" by Hal H. Hopson on Sunday, December 13th. Our choir will be joined by a quartet and special guest soloists to make this an event to remember.



Lessons and Carols had its origin in 1880 on Christmas Eve in England, when a service of scripture and supporting carols was developed by the Bishop of Truro. The heart of this service continues to this day—that is, the retelling of the Christians' story of faith from the fall of Adam to the coming of the Word Incarnate.

Be sure to mark your calendars to attend this wonderful performance of "Festival of Lessons and Carols" by our Chancel Choir.

## An Extravagant Welcome

The UCC is known for extending God's extravagant welcome. And that is exactly what I got when I came back to Congregational Church of Boca Raton (now Church on the Hill) in October after a four-year absence. Nick Wurster gave me a bear hug and talked me into singing with the choir right then and there even though I hadn't rehearsed. But it wasn't just Nick. Everyone I encountered that day welcomed me back as though I'd never left. I felt right back at home.



I plan to continue attending services at Church on the Hill and am looking forward to this year's Christmas Cantata. I'm back in the choir where I belong, singing a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Thank you everyone for making me feel so welcome and loved!

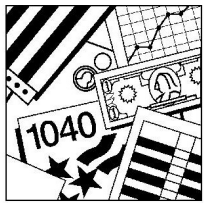
Nora Martinez

## Sunday Fellowship Hour



Every Sunday morning when you enter the church there is a cup of freshly brewed hot coffee awaiting you in the foyer. After the worship service we gather in the Fellowship Hall to visit over coffee or punch and some cookies. If you would like to hostess either of these fellowship times, talk with Grayce Esposito for more information. 561-395-4976

## Required Minimum Distribution for IRAs



This is the time of year when most senior citizens take out their annual RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) from their tax deferred IRA or 401K accounts. This withdrawal could result in extra cash becoming available. As such, it could be a good time to consider using these funds to make a contribution to the on-going IGCS (In God's Continuing Service) campaign or to the General Fund of the Church. By making a direct contribution to the Church there would be no federal tax on the amount being withdrawn. For further details on the mechanics and financial benefits of this type of transaction, church members should check with a financial organization or their tax advisor.

## Brighten Someone's Day



If we can brighten the day of someone with a call, card or a visit, please let your Member Care team know. Call Nancy Hindle, 561-213-1280.

## Facebook



Be sure to like us on Facebook to get the latest news and pictures!

And while you're online, check out our website at [www.churchofboca.org](http://www.churchofboca.org). You'll find copies of Pastor Tom's sermons, the newsletter, and bulletin, as well as our church calendar, photos, and more!

## Remember Your Florida Conference UCC Dues!

Church on the Hill is a member of the Florida Conference of the United Church of Christ. During this season of generosity, please remember to give your 2015 UCC Florida Conference dues. Dues are \$14.50 per person in your family who is a member of this church through joining or Confirmation. **Our church must pay this amount for all members, so your contribution will definitely help keep our budget on track.** As of now, we have only received a total of \$439.00 against a total cost of \$1,500. Every contribution helps!! Thank you very much.

## Prayer Requests

Prayer request forms are in the pews and in the prayer box located on the column in the Rosser room. Please feel free to fill one out if you have a special prayer you would like the pastor to know about.



## Pecans for Sale

The Adult Fellowship is offering pecans for sale. Look for the volunteers in the Rosser room before and after worship to purchase bags of prime pecans for \$11.00 per 1 lb. package. Buy now for your holiday baking!



## Our Vision Statement

Church on the Hill exists to equip people, from all walks of life, to reach their God-given potential and fulfill God's plans for their lives.

### Pledge Reception Sunday, December 6th *Where love makes the difference*

Pledge cards have mailed. You can also pick up a pledge card in the Rosser room. We look forward to receiving pledges Sunday, December 6th during our special offering time. Pledges can also be mailed to the church anytime during December.



# News

## Gizmos and Gadgets? Oh, my!



Still haven't got that tablet or e-reader working? Got a new gadget or gizmo for your birthday or Christmas and don't know where to start? Computer or laptop slow or you can't print? Can't get your wi-fi working or your new HD-TV set up properly? Geek squad let you down?

Ken Holloway, a new church member, is willing to try and help you get those things working so you can stop struggling and start having fun using them. Contact him at [noleman1010@gmail.com](mailto:noleman1010@gmail.com) or call him at 561-573-3828 to set up an appointment at church or your house.

## T-Shirts on Sale



We are continuing to sell our new Church on the Hill logo t-shirts in the Rosser room after worship each week. We also are taking individual orders for polo shirts, which are available in several colors, in both men's and women's styles.

Please visit the sales table after church any Sunday—polo shirts are \$29, t-shirts are \$12. Wear your shirt proudly! If we don't have your size, give us your order so we can get it for you!

## Save the Date!

February 18, 19, and 20, 2016



Photographers are coming to create a new Church on the Hill Photo Directory. The more family units we photograph, the more free STUFF we get from the

LifeTouch company. You will receive one FREE 8x10 photo at no obligation! Watch for details and how to schedule your photo session in upcoming Vantage issues, mid-week messages, in-church announcements and more.

## Sunday Servants

Can you provide a warm and welcoming smile to church attendees? Are you looking for a way to contribute to our worship service (even if you can't sing or preach the sermon)? If you can answer "yes" to these questions, the Deacons are looking for families, individuals, friends, and couples to become Sunday Servants. It's quite simple and very rewarding!



Sunday Servants arrive at church 25 minutes before the church service begins to greet attendees, pass out bulletins, and take up the offering...all under the direction of the Lead Deacon. We'll teach you how to become a Sunday Servant. Sign up sheets are in the Rosser room and attached to the sign up sheet is a summary of the simple—but important—duties of the Sunday Servant. We would love to have two to three Sunday Servants each week. If you have any questions about becoming a Sunday Servant, feel free to reach out to any of the Deacons.

## Car Magnets!

We now have car magnets available for a requested \$5.00 donation. Show your support for the church by displaying a magnet on your car. You can pick one up at the t-shirt table in the Rosser room.



## Christmas Raffle



This year, as in the past, the Adult Fellowship will be raffling off beautiful handmade Christmas decorations. Eleanor Magee, our new Fellowship Treasurer, will be displaying the items and selling raffle tickets for \$2.00 each, 3 tickets for \$5.00 or 7 tickets for \$10.00. The drawing will be held on December 6th.



# Adult Fellowship

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Thanks to Larry and Judy Williams we had an awesome November meeting when we honored our veterans. The offering for Wounded Warriors was \$108.00 which has been sent to this worthwhile charity.

We welcome everyone to our special December meeting. We will begin our holiday celebrations at noon on **December 2nd** with an old-fashioned Hymn Sing. Nick Wurster will be at the piano. A \$5.00 luncheon will be available. Dessert will be Christmas cookies. If you have a specialty, please feel free to bring the recipe and a sample for us to taste. For those who want to participate we will have a \$5.00 gift exchange. Also, there will be a Jewelry Show for anyone who wants to do a little Christmas shopping and support our Fellowship projects at the same time. Men and Ladies, Young and Not so Young are all welcome. Sign-up sheet is on the table in the Rosser room.



## *Adult Fellowship*

Check out the tables in the hallway on Sunday mornings for our annual Christmas Raffle and Pecan Sale. Thanks to Eleanor Magee we will again have these fun, fundraiser events. Also, Lucille Bruno and Judy Williams will have the popular napkin chains available.

We are still making Comfort Dolls, thanks to our creative Eleanor Magee. Financial donations have helped provide the materials needed. If you can cut a pattern, sew a bit, just stuff a doll body or knit doll caps we would invite you to join in this much appreciated service project.

Don't forget Wednesday Lunch Bunch. Our group is starting to grow as our snowbirds return. We always have beverages and dessert and while most of us play Mah-Jongg, we would be happy to add your favorite game. It is a nice time to enjoy fellowship with other church members and friends. Men and Ladies, all invited!

Finally, we continue to make the appeal for volunteers to work at the Sunday morning Fellowship Hour. Our thanks to Larry and Judy Williams who are there every Sunday making the coffee. However, we need people to take care of the punch table. If you look at the sign-up sheet on the Rosser room table, you will see that there are a lot of lines left blank. Grayce Esposito has organized this for many years. Originally she had two volunteers each week, we now have one volunteer per Sunday and there are many days when Grayce is in the kitchen early Sunday morning doing this job by herself. There is a need for people to step up to the plate and sign up to work one Sunday a month. It requires coming to church early to make the punch and arrange the cookies on a plate, then serving during the fellowship time, and remaining after to do clean up. To start you can team up with one of our regulars until you are comfortable taking a Sunday on your own. Please see Grayce Esposito or call her at 561-395-4976.

Respectfully submitted,  
Audrey Michele  
President

# Photos



On November 15th we were happy to have new members (l to r) Rachele Wasserman, Jeffrey and Darlene Holland, Kathryn Barlow, and Lynne and Kenneth Holloway join our Church on the Hill family. If you have the opportunity, be sure to chat with each of them and help make them welcome—they're all quite wonderful people!



Gemma Leonie Holland, daughter of Darlene and Jeffrey Holland, was baptized on November 15. Her sponsors were Sylvie Semoïn and Robert Wright.

**“I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.”**



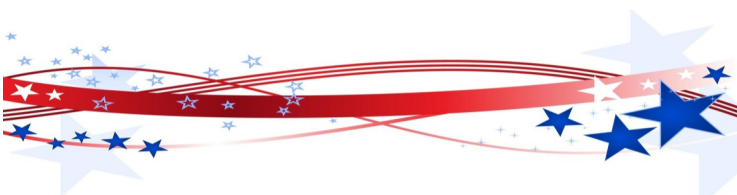
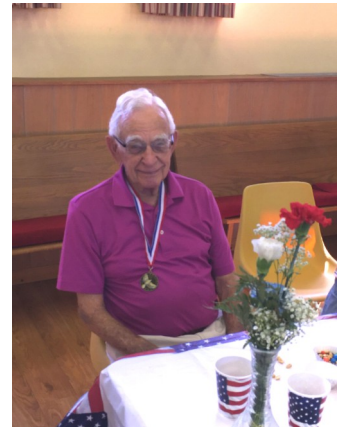


## In Honor of Our Veterans

In November we honored the veterans in our congregation at both our monthly Adult Fellowship luncheon as well as during worship on November 8th. Larry and Judy Williams did a wonderful job organizing the celebrations and we hope they know how much this was appreciated. Thank you!

We also thank Kris and Sabrina Seeds for their dedication in the kitchen, preparing the luncheon. Thank you, Audrey Michele, Grayce Esposito, Eleanor Magee, and Lucille Bruno for all of your work in making the Adult Fellowship Luncheon a success.

We were asked to give a special thank you to Elise Lacey. During worship she became concerned that we would run out of certificates for our veterans (we didn't, of course, thanks to Larry and Judy's wonderful planning), and so she made a special drawing for each veteran. Some of you may have noticed her walking around during the service—she was handing out the drawings so our veterans would know they were loved!





# Our Children

## The Giving Tree



The Giving Tree begins November 29. Please help make Christmas a little brighter for several local needy families by

participating in our annual Giving Tree.

Look for the Giving Tree in the Rosser Room. Select an ornament and fulfill the Christmas wish on the back of the ornament.

Return your wrapped gift with the attached name tag no later than December 13. Santa's Helpers will ensure that your gift arrives on time for Christmas Eve delivery. Without your help, these children will have no gifts under the Christmas tree. Gift cards from Publix, Target, or Walmart are also appreciated.

## Children's Christmas Decorating Fun November 29



Kids, enjoy fellowship and fun while decorating our very own Christmas tree in our Sunday school "living room." Join us November 29th during Sunday

school. Make Christmas decorations and watch a Christmas movie.

## Annual Bake Sale December 13



Calling All Bakers for our annual bake sale. Please bring your baked goods to the Fellowship Hall before worship service. The bake sale has been a great success because of

everyone's participation and enthusiasm! Please warm up your ovens and bring your treats on December 13th following the Christmas Cantata. All money that is raised will benefit your Sunday School. Thank you!

## Children's Christmas Program December 20

Please join our youth on Sunday, December 20th at 10:00 a.m. as they celebrate Christmas with a special program: **New Star**.



Mark your calendars for our special rehearsal dates for our Christmas program:

- Wednesday, **December 2nd** and **December 16th** during Kids Club
- Sunday, **December 6th** after church.
- Saturday, **December 19th** at 9:00 a.m. (mandatory).

It is especially important to make all rehearsals if you have a part in the play. High school readers are only required to attend the Saturday rehearsal.

## Christmas Potluck Luncheon December 20

The Christmas Potluck Luncheon will follow the Christmas youth program on Sunday, December 20th at 11:00 a.m. Please join our church family as we celebrate Christmas! Bring your favorite dish to share.



## Sunday School Teachers Wanted

Volunteers are always needed to work with the Sunday School! Anyone who is interested in volunteering with our Sunday School from nursery through high school is welcome!

Teach a class, assist with crafts, or share your special talent. Just one Sunday a month is a wonderful gift to our children and our church. Please email Marit: [marit@churchofboca.org](mailto:marit@churchofboca.org).



## Christmas Eve and Christmas Program Soloists

Please, let Marit know ASAP if your child would like to sing/play a solo for the Christmas program and the afternoon Christmas Eve program.



For more information on any of our children's events and activities, please contact Marit Lacey at 954-682-9292 or email [maritandtom@msn.com](mailto:maritandtom@msn.com).

# Our Children

## Kids Club December 2 and 16



Kids Club will meet on Wednesday, December 2nd and 16th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. We will begin with dinner as usual followed by a short lesson, children's choir,

and rehearsal for our special holiday Children's Program. For more details, contact Marit Lacey at [marit@churchofboca.org](mailto:marit@churchofboca.org).

## Prime Time Worship Band Dec. 2 and 16



The Prime Time Worship Band will practice on Kids Club Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

## Fair Trade Holiday Fair

Thank you, Jennifer Schmuhl and our MS/HS youth, for bringing us a Fair Trade alternative for our holiday shopping. It was a great lesson and a wonderful opportunity to help during this season of giving.



### Teaching Schedule

#### December 6

Preschool: ..... Leanne Guilfu  
 K-2: ..... Sarah Hugus  
 3-5: ..... Debbie Garland  
 Middle School: ..... Juliet Carl  
 High School: ..... Roberta Fowler

#### December 13

Preschool: ..... Wendy Hinshaw  
 K-2: ..... HELP NEEDED  
 3-5: ..... Danielle Peterson  
 Middle School: ..... Rachel and Tony Borchers  
 High School: ..... Family Worship  
 Acolyte: ..... Sarah Barsoum

#### December 20

#### Children's Christmas Program

Acolyte: ..... Seth Peterson  
 Noah Peterson

#### December 27

One Room  
 Sunday School: ..... HELP NEEDED  
 Middle School: ..... Family Worship  
 High School: ..... Family Worship

# Young Adults

## MS/HS Fun Friday December 11



Middle School and High School youth are invited to join Sandi in the kitchen on Friday, December 11th at 6:30 pm for December's

Fun Friday. We will be decorating cookies for the Annual Bake Sale to raise money for the Sunday school. So that we have enough supplies, be sure to sign up in the Rosser room in order to participate, or call Sandi in the church office at 561-395-9255.

A few volunteers to help bake the sugar cookies Thursday and Friday would be gratefully welcomed. Please talk with Sandi for recipe and details.

## OMG and Sticky Faith



Our high school Bible study class has two books that we are working with. *Sticky Faith* helps you deal with issues that you'll face while

in high school and when you enter college. After all, your faith is important in making good choices.

On our Life Skill Sundays we'll be starting each session with a devotional reading and discussion from *OMG*. This collection, written for teens and young adults, ties together Bible verses with life experiences to help connect you with God.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- December 6 ..... Lesson: *Sticky Faith*
- December 13 ..... Family Worship
- December 20 ..... Youth Sunday
- December 27 ..... Family Worship
- January 3 ..... Family Worship
- January 10 ..... Life Skills: Yoga
- January 17 ..... Life Skills: Meditation
- January 24 ..... Lesson: *Sticky Faith*
- January 31 ... Missions: Christians in the World
- February 7 ..... Family Worship
- February 14 ..... Valentine Activity
- February 21 ..... Life Skills: Self Defense
- February 28 ..... Lesson: *Sticky Faith*
- March 6 ..... Family Worship  
Peace River trip
- March 13 ..... Life Skills: *1st Job Interview*
- March 20 ..... Lesson, *Sticky Faith*
- March 21 ..... Family Worship (EASTER)
- April 3 ..... Family Worship
- Apr. 10 ..... Life Skills: *Smart Money*
- Apr. 17 ..... Missions: *Christians in the World*
- Apr. 24 ..... Lesson, *Sticky Faith*
- May 1 ..... Family Worship
- May 8 ..... Holiday Fun: *Mother's Day*
- May 15 ..... Family Worship (Confirmation)
- May 22 ..... Lesson, *Sticky Faith*
- May 29 ..... Life Skills: *Hurricane Prep*

## Announcements and Articles December 15



If you have an article or picture for the January Vantage, please email it to Sandi at [office@churchofboca.org](mailto:office@churchofboca.org) by Tuesday, December 15th. Sunday Bulletin announcements are due by Tuesday each week. Please email your articles, announcements and pictures for church events to [office@churchofboca.org](mailto:office@churchofboca.org) anytime before that date.



# December 2015 Calendar of Events

## Birthdays

- 1 Judie Filmer
- Anne Hugus
- 3 Hugh Stein
- 5 John Bird
- Ruth Anne Ortiz
- 8 Nancy Hindle
- 14 Jeanette Stevens
- 15 Katherine Ramos
- 16 Crystal Gruenberg
- Elizabeth Stewart
- 17 Rachel Borchers
- Sylvia Shaw
- 18 Molly Singer
- 20 Arnold Sams
- 21 Helen Goldberg
- Nilu Jimenez-Ross
- 22 John DiPrato
- 24 Chloe Heynen
- 25 Wendell Jackson
- 26 John Van Eps
- 28 Eileen Lund
- Teresa Van Eps
- 29 Cynthia Byno
- 30 Phil Ross
- 31 Phyllis Short

## Anniversaries

- 7 Lynn and Kenneth Holloway
- 12 Carol and Tulane Vass
- 14 Gail and Barry Donovan
- 12 Judy and Larry Williams
- 22 Doris and Richard Hamist
- 24 Sabrina and Kris Seeds

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 pm AA	2 8:30 am—Communion 12—Adult Fellowship 6:00 pm—Kids Club 6:00 pm—Adult Study 7:00 pm—Choir	3 6:30 pm BCEO 6:30 pm AA	4 10:00 am Prayer Group Bible Study 6:30 pm Advent Workshop	5 9:00 am B.H.H West
<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> 10:00 am Worship Service <b>Stewardship Sunday</b> <b>Communion</b> 10:15 am Church School 11:00 am Fellowship Time 11:15 am Choir Rehearsal 12:00 pm Family Activity: Art Museum <b>Giving Tree</b>	7	8 6:30 pm AA	9 8:30 am Communion 12 noon Lunch Bunch 6:00 pm Adult Study 7:00 pm Choir	10 6:30 pm BCEO 6:30 pm AA	11 10:00 am Prayer Group Bible Study 6:30 pm Fun Friday: Christmas Cookies!	12 Cantata dress rehearsal
<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> 10:00 am Worship Service <b>Cantata</b> 10:15 am One Room School House 11:00 am Fellowship Time <b>Annual CE Bake Sale</b> 11:15 am Deacon's Meeting <b>Giving Tree</b>	14	15 6:30 pm AA <b>Vantage Deadline</b>	16 8:30 am—Communion 12 noon—Lunch Bunch 6:00 pm—Kids Club 6:00 pm—Adult Study 7:00 pm—Choir	17 6:30 pm BCEO 6:30 pm AA	18 10:00 am Prayer Group Bible Study	19 8:30 am Children's Program rehearsal
<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> 10:00 am Worship Service <b>Youth Program</b> 10:15 am Church School 11:00 am Fellowship Time <b>Holiday Potluck</b> <b>Christmas Fund offering</b> <b>Giving Tree—last day</b>	21	22 6:30 pm AA	23 12 noon Lunch Bunch 7:00 pm Choir	24 <b>Christmas Eve.</b> 4:00 pm Family Worship 8:00 pm Candlelight Service	25 <b>Christmas</b> Office Closed	26
<b>1st Sunday after Christmas</b> 10:00 am Worship Service <b>Rev. Vardell Swett</b> 10:15 am One Room Schoolhouse 11:00 am Fellowship Time	28	29 6:30 pm AA	30 12 noon Lunch Bunch	31 6:30 pm AA		

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