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Pastor Kevin's Corner:

The View from the Manger

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

--Luke 2:7

The genuine Christmas story is as far from the gospel of prosperity that some American churches are espousing these days as is that manger in Bethlehem from today's Macy's in downtown Manhattan. And the message of the gospel of Jesus which translates into a preference for the poor and oppressed in society and the responsibility of each one of us to care for them is as about as far from Madison Avenue and its holiday ad campaigns as Santa's reindeer are from the cattle who shared Jesus' bed of hay that night in the ancient first century stable.

In the wonderful magazine *The Progressive Christian*, Helen London writes about a friend of hers who had on display "a lovely eight-inch, glossy, ceramic figurine of Santa Claus carrying the baby Jesus." London writes that when she asked her friend about this piece her friend was "horrified and embarrassed...[and] admitted that it had never occurred to her what a distorted message the lovely figurine was giving."¹ How very sad that the celebration of a man with the perfect spark of divine within him and the celebration of his birth and message for the world has been

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drowned out by the message of extravagant consumption rather than a message of spreading extravagant love.

When Luke wrote the gospel that contains such a beautiful and rich story of the birth of Jesus, I am sure it was not lost on the reader how the lowly, common birth of Jesus contrasted with the divinity myth surrounding Caesar Augustus and the mighty power and extravagance of the Roman Empire. I believe the author of Luke had a very specific reason for contrasting the message of the love of the poor and oppressed that Jesus would teach and Jesus' message of peace through love rather than the Roman Empire message of peace through conquest and political power. The author of Luke was contrasting the realm of God with the kingdom of the most human Caesar.

As we enter into the Christmas holiday season, I pray that each one of us will search our hearts and minds for the attitude we want to take into this most holy time for followers of Jesus. As you think and pray and meditate on the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth who became the Christ what private values do you bring to your celebration of Christmas? How do those private values translate



into the public values you express and support? What relationships with your neighbors down the street and your human neighbors on the other side of the world do the values and teachings of Jesus urge you to cultivate? What is the most important message about Christmas that you want to teach and model for your children?

Enter into this Christmas taking on the perspective and view from the manger. And, as we enter the New Year, keep your perspective a "manger" perspective so that we can never lose sight of the view Jesus kept through his life and ministry. A joyous and meaningful Christmas to you all! Amen.

Pastor Kevin

1—London, Helen. "Did Santa Really Bring Jesus?" *The Progressive Christian*, December, 2007, p. 23.

Moderator's Note

The time has finally come for me to turn over the role of moderator and be relieved of writing this (mostly) monthly update and communication to you all. I have to admit, while there are a few things I won't miss about being moderator, I have appreciated having this forum to share updates and thoughts with you all.

Our year end congregational meeting took place on November 18. What a surprise and delight to see so many of us there! It was wonderful evidence that people care very much about the future of AVUCC. Now all we have to do is get ourselves pointed in a common direction and there'll be no stopping us!

I want to thank you all for keeping the tone of the meeting focused, cooperative, and surprisingly positive, given that we covered some challenging topics. It is no fun to find ourselves with a significant budget deficit and no money in our general budget to spare for outreach. However it's never too late to ease this situation. I'm hopeful that there were some

staying on the sidelines who might feel recommitted to participating financially. I know that as the year goes by, I will be looking for opportunities to make extra financial contributions as I can, and I hope others will too. It would be a wonderful surprise to find ourselves balanced or better at the end of the year.

In the area of outreach, Judy Martin's excellent suggestion that our fellowship events be used as fundraisers specifically for outreach programs will likely bear fruit early in the new year with a ballroom dance class/social. We have a history of fellowship events raising money for Katrina relief recently and know that this is something we can do successfully.

Tom Rose's "Christmas Card" that doubles as an invitation to join us at one of our wonderful Christmas services is another great idea that could help us bring in some folks. If we can redouble our efforts to keep the focus on what binds us together, the energy shift could become very attractive. The warmth and love that I have experienced so many times, but that we have tended to withhold from each other of late, is what I believe draws others in.

While we still have room on the nominating committee, we are grateful for a couple willing souls who have volunteered to serve that function in 2008. After a slow start, we had a number of folks express a willingness to serve on council at the 11th hour. Please hold that thought and remember that we'll have more spaces to fill this time next year! I know that your new Moderator, Melanie Click, will welcome any who wish to attend council meetings.

I want to leave you with a few thoughts I had hoped to share at the congregational meeting, but we rapidly ran out of time. Before I was moderator, I remember Pastor Kevin speaking fairly regularly about the need for us to do some "visioning" work. I will admit to you that I was very resistant. I went to our website, read the existing mission and vision there and saw no need for any change. What exists is, in my opinion, a thing of beauty and an inspira-

tion every time I read it. I want to be associated with a church like that.

Well, as sometimes happens with more experience, my thinking has changed. Maybe Pastor Kevin was right. Over the past year I've become keenly aware of the gap between what we say we believe and hold dear, and our actions and direction. I'm not speaking of merely falling short of a lofty goal. It's more like saying, "My vision for my life is to see the world! But I don't want to fly. And ships and trains are so inconvenient. Oh, and I get carsick."

One of my goals was to try to find our foundation. I think our work this year has helped peel away some layers. We've gotten clearer on a few things that we choose to divide ourselves over. But the question remains in my mind, what really binds us together? Is it simply the stellar support provided by the caring committee and the warm and wonderful coffee hour? Is it the music program? And, if that's the case, do we really need a whole church just to provide these functions? What is it that binds us together as a community? If we don't know what it is, it becomes very difficult to hold together when we disagree. And we will always disagree on something.

David Hough has been a wonderful provider of perspective and wisdom throughout this year. David doesn't necessarily speak much at a meeting, but everything he says is on the mark. (Although, he sometimes leaves me with more questions than answers.) Paraphrasing a comment that David made at a recent meeting, the history of Protestantism is rife with repeated fractures over any number of issues. He pointed out that our denomination, the United Church of Christ, is a relatively new experiment to try to turn that tide and find a way for Protestant churches that may not hold exactly the same beliefs, or worship the same way, to remain a unified body based on a belief in the teachings and life example of Jesus Christ. And here's the real point—it's not clear that this experiment will succeed. In the context of the life of Christianity,

we're still a blip. 50 years out of 2000 – is 2.5% statistically significant yet?
Now, everything great starts as a blip. (At least, you and I both did!) I personally believe we've got something here and I'm committed to giving my best to see it succeed. But do we have a vision of what success looks like at AVUCC? I'd love to discover that our existing vision is something we can all get behind, but I have come to realize I may need to let go of my attachment to it in order to find the real deal.

So I will eagerly support the work of the incoming council, and I encourage you to do the same. I'm excited to see folks coming on board that have not participated on council before, Byron Henderson, Debbie Bemis as at-large members and Chuck Smith as our Vice Moderator. Also coming on board at-large is Sandy Baldwin, who brings a tremendous amount of experience in leadership both at AVUCC and at the conference level. We continue to have a great balance of experience and fresh thought.

With Melanie at the helm, David keeping the records, and Stan Yumen managing the coffers, council leadership could not be in better hands. Also remaining are Bill Duerksen and Sue Scaff, both of whom have a great deal to add to the conversation. Sue will be working with Phyllis Chai to cover her role while she's back east. While it's a shame that we are unable to tap the significant talents of those who volunteered late in the process, it's clear to me that the 2008 council represents an embarrassment of riches.

I will miss working with the 2007 council. We came together as a real team. Janey Sanders has been a wonderfully strong, but gentle voice keeping us honest. One of the most moving inspirational moments of the year was an original poem Janey shared with us. Dottie Allfrey is always the loyal, loving, nurturing presence that reminds us why we're here and to behave ourselves. Our standards of conduct were higher in her presence. Audrey

Wiedrick came on board somewhat reluctantly to fill in as a one year replacement. Audrey knows an amazing amount about our history and about the Joint Venture. Her willingness to join us for a year of sometimes uncomfortable conversations and to always be honest and open with her perspective was a wonderful gift.

I have received some wonderful support and many kind words over the course of this year, and I thank you all for that. Serving as your moderator has been a great opportunity to learn about AVUCC, to get to know many more of you, and to participate in a very tangible way. I truly love you all. This is my spiritual family, and I love this church. I look forward to continuing to participate in meaningful ways to serve our church and our community.

*“Over and Out”
Kelly Yamanishi*



ONA Questionnaire Results

Results from the ONA questionnaire were shared at the congregational meeting. If you missed the meeting, and would like to see the graphs of the results to date, please let me know. I'll be happy to share. In the meantime, here's a brief summary.

At the time of the congregational meeting, we had received 101 responses from the 145 surveys sent.

“I am in favor of our church conducting a study of the Open and Affirming (ONA) process to better inform our congregation about the process and to help us discern whether or not to become an ONA Church.”

We find that we have roughly equal numbers of members and friends of the church who seem to favor formally entering into a process of becoming an ONA church, and those who oppose doing so. If we look only at voting members who responded and separate out “friends” who attend, but are not voting members, the raw numbers on either side of this question are absolutely equal.

“I am opposed to discussing or studying ONA.”

Though we had some concerns with the wording of the question about our openness to discussion of the topic, the results very strongly indicated that we are open to the conversation. As a body, we do not oppose further discussion of the matter.

It was particularly surprising and interesting to me that one third of our respondents disagreed with the statement, *“I believe AVUCC is already inclusive and welcoming, and that further study is unnecessary.”* While it is clear that the majority of us feel that we are a welcoming and inclusive environment, that one third “minority” seems very significant to me. Is this a situation where the “majority” believes we are welcoming because they feel welcomed and welcoming, but the (significant) minority of us do not feel welcome or feel comfortable that others would feel welcome?

Here I’ll share the expanded and better attributed quote (thank you David Hough) that appeared with the graph of this item at the congregational meeting. This quote is from Thomas L Friedman, in an op-ed piece that appeared in the San Jose Mercury News on Tuesday, November 12:

The very essence of democracy is peaceful rotations of power, no matter whose party or tribe is in or out...But democracy is not about majority rule; it is about minority rights. If there is no culture of not simply tolerating minorities, but actually treating them with equal rights, real democracy can’t take root.

It appears we many have a little work to do in this area.

By overwhelming majorities, we are concerned about conflict, and want to get this issue resolved so that we can move on to other issues. No surprise there.

In terms of where we learned what we know about ONA, the response getting the highest acknowledgement by a long shot was “conversations with others.”

Also surprising to me was that the type of information we are least interested in hearing about should we move forward is “What the Bible says.” Now this could be because folks feel that they already know what the Bible says, but I found it curious none the less. We are most interested in the experience of other churches and what ONA could mean at AVUCC.

So what does this all mean? I think two important gains are made with this information. First, we can all speak to these numbers in a concrete way. We had sort of fallen into a pattern of saying, “I believe I speak for most of the congregation when I say....” Now we have a much clearer picture of the whole congregation on not all but some important areas. Secondly, this information can be used to guide

council discussions and expedite potential decisions. Council will also have the benefit of all the comments that came in with the surveys.

Kelly Yamanishi

Monthly Financial Report

October 31, 2007	
Total Income for this month:	\$13,113
Total Expenses for this month:	12,889
Excess for this month:	\$ 224
Our ten months "Year to Date" Report	
Total Income for this ten months period:	\$155,523
Total Expenses for this same period:	155,633
Our deficit for this year:	\$ - 110
Our Cash Balances as of October 31st	
Citibank Checking:	\$23,133
Citibank Money Market:	53,479
Corp America CU:	63,087
Total Cash Balances:	\$139,700

A detailed Financial Report for the month of October is posted on our bulletin board.

We have done well these past two months, so our deficit for the first ten month has been reduced to \$110. Our YTD pledging is at 85.2% and our expenses are at 83.1%.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stan Yumen



People in the Pews

Robyn Dorsey has sold her home and moved to The Terraces in Los Gatos. We are grateful that she is still close by and will of course continue to be such an active part of our church family. We wish her much happiness in her new surroundings. Robyn's daughter Leigh Ann has been moved to a nursing facility and she seems to be accepting this change without too much distress.

Have you met Lee Venus? She has moved here from Florida to be near her daughter Lynn Burns and her family. We welcome her to our church family and hope she will continue to worship with us and be involved in our church activities.

Former member Peggy Schwartz has moved to an assisted living facility near Livermore and Pleasanton. One of her daughters lives nearby. Peggy and her family were very active members for many years at AVUCC. We hope she will adjust to her new living arrangement.

Travelers on the road:

Harriet and Frank Yamada and Stan Yumen are back safely from their cruise through the Panama Canal and all parts in between. They had a great time.

For all those who are traveling and those who will be traveling in the days ahead we wish you safe journeys and a return to our church home soon.

Folks to keep in our prayers:

Andrew Garg chipped a bone in his hip and is using crutches to get around. He recently had shoulder surgery from a football accident. We hope Andrew will heal quickly and not have any more accidents.

Sharon Cannon just returned from being with her sister in England as she recovered from surgery

which involved amputation of her leg. She continues to need lots of care and prayers.

Kathy Kisabeth is still recovering, very slowly, from her recent fall and we have missed her at church on Sunday. Pray she will be able to be up and about more and feeling much less pain and walking difficulty.

Our deepest sympathy to Terry Shoup in the loss of his mother and to Gwen Hacker whose mother also passed away recently. Never easy to say "Goodbye" to someone who was such an important part of our lives.

Others who need our sympathy and prayers are: Linda Farr whose brother Bob passed away and to Bill Duerksen who lost his sister.

Christmas Card List

When you are making out your Christmas card list this year, please consider including the following:

A Recovering American Soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20307-5001

This was an e-mail I received from a friend and thought others of us could also respond to this request.

MISSING PEOPLE IN THE PEWS

Yes, we have empty spaces where some of you used to sit. We miss you being with us on Sunday mornings. We have had some very special Sunday Worship services and wish you had been here. Our choirs and John Leslie continue to add to the spirit each Sunday. Being together on Sunday to worship, pray, and celebrate under Pastor Kevin's leadership is important to our spiritual life. We wish you were here to experience this same sense of being part of our family. Set your alarm, come be

together with all of us again as we continue to love and care for each other in this very special church family. We are all important to the life and future of AVUCC. Share with others how important they are to you. Relationships are built on mutual appreciation, and there is no better way to show that appreciation than to tell someone how much you care.

"Some people, no matter how old they get,
never lose their beauty –
they merely move it from their faces into
their hearts." -Martin Buxbaum

Dot Allfrey

UCC Women's Network Winter Retreat

January 25-27, 2008 at Mercy Center, Burlingame

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Deborah Streeter, our own NCNC Associate Conference Minister...

The retreat theme: The Upwelling of the Spirit: Awakening Our Connection to the Natural World".

Please see retreat information on the downstairs hallway bulletin board. For questions, please contact Phyllis Chai (226-7150)

Outreach

BENEFICIO COFFEE:

For a hostess gift or stocking stuffer, Beneficio More Than Fair Trade Coffee would more than "fit the bill" at \$7.75 per 12 oz. bag.

At the same time, you'll be supporting the small farmers in Costa Rica. Please contact Phyllis Chai (226-7150) to place an order.

Alternative Christmas

The annual Joint Venture "Alternative Christmas" will be on Sunday December 2nd, between services in Fellowship Hall. Please plan to visit the various tables such as Habitat for Humanity, Heifer, Turning Wheels for Kids, African Team Ministries, Angel Christmas Tree, InnVision, sale of Usborne books to benefit Santa Maria Urban Mission, and the sale of baked goods by Jr. High Youth Group to benefit a needy family. Grace Community Center (lovely, colorful booklets created by clients in the art program for the mentally challenged).

The 2007 Christmas Fund Offering

The Christmas Fund Offering (formerly the Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross), one of the four Special Mission Offerings of the UCC, is an important way of sharing our joy at God's renewing and life-giving grace. Gifts to the Fund help provide pension and health premium supplementation to low-income retirees, emergency assistance to the families of clergy and lay employees and Christmas Gift Checks to hundreds of annuitants. Our gifts are needed more than ever to help the growing number of retirees whose low income annuities make it difficult to meet increasing living costs. Please consider prayerfully what you can share in this important offering on Sunday, December 23rd.

Chai Music CDs

Tax-deductible donations of \$10.00 for a Chai vocal/piano CD will be made to "Hope With Sudan" to help educate and support the "lost boys and girls of Sudan".

Contact Hi Dong Chai at 226-7150 if interested.

Inspirational

"I Will Light Candles This Christmas"

Candles of joy, despite all sadness.
Candles of courage for fears ever present,
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,
Candles of love to inspire all my living,
Candles that will burn all the year long.

Howard Thurman

A Special Christmas Prayer

God of wonder and delight,
Warm us with your love.
Embrace us with your presence.
Remind us that no matter who we are,
Or where we are on life's journey,
You welcome us.
Fill us with comfort and joy,
That we might reflect the hope of the
Christ Child.
Because all the earth cries out for peace with
justice, We pray for all the people!

Amen.

*The Rev. John H. Thomas
General Minister and President
United Church of Christ*

"**What is Christmas?** It is
tenderness for the past,
courage for the present,
hope for the future. It is a
fervent wish that every
cup may overflow with
blessings rich and eternal,
and that every path may lead to peace."

Agnes M. Pharo

Using the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)

An AED is a device that can restart a heart that has stopped beating effectively. It analyzes the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, tells the user to deliver a shock to a victim of sudden cardiac arrest. This shock may help the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm of its own. To be most effective, AEDs need to be accessible for immediate use. Consequently, an AED was purchased for our churches. You will find them in airports and malls and other public places as well.

Bonnie McPherson recently showed the Emergency Preparedness teams how to use it. It is a very smart machine, so no formal training is necessary. Here is what she told us to do if someone collapses at our church.

1. Shake and shout.

If the person isn't arousing, tell someone to call 911. Tell someone else to go get the AED. It is located in the hall between the bathrooms.

2. Open the airway by tilting the head back.

Check breathing. Is the chest rising? If so, wait for paramedics. If not,

3. Hold the nose closed and breathe twice into the person's mouth.

Check circulation. Is there a pulse? If so, continue to breathe for them until they breathe on their own, or until help arrives. If you don't detect pulse, begin chest compressions. 30 compressions then 2 breaths.

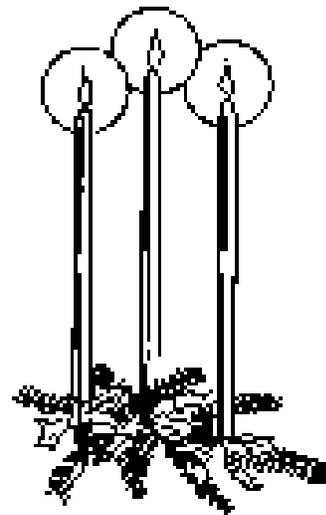
4. Once the AED arrives on the scene turn it on and it will tell you what to do. Don't stop performing CPR. Have another person put the patches on the chest. Once it's attached, it will tell you when to stop the compressions and stand clear so that it can assess the heart rhythm.

The good news is that the AED will not deliver a shock if it is not needed, so there is no harm in hooking it up to a good heart. As I said it is a smart machine!

If the person has a pacemaker (you will realize this because there will be a noticeable bulge under the skin over the heart), do not put the patches over top of the pacemaker, put them beside it.

Also, in the event you come upon an unconscious person, and you have no idea how long they have been down, do CPR for a full 2 minutes before connecting the AED.

*Mary McPherson
Education Committee for Disaster Preparedness*



An Abbreviated History of Christmas

In an effort to teach my children that Christmas is much more than the holiday hype so prevalent in today's culture, I decided to do a little research on the history behind the holiday. I turned up some interesting facts that I thought I'd share with you to help fill up some extra space. This information came primarily from the History Channel website, produced by A&E Television.

The middle of winter was a time of celebration around the world long before the birth of Jesus. We know quite a bit about the celebrations of the early Europeans.

In Rome, there were a few holidays celebrated around mid-winter. Saturnalia, which began the week before the winter solstice and continued for a full month, is thought by some to be the inspiration for the timing of Christmas.

In the early days of Christianity, the birth of Christ was not celebrated. In the fourth century, church officials decided to institute the birth of Jesus as a holiday. Unfortunately the Bible does not give a date when Jesus was born. Although some evidence suggests that he may have been born in the spring (why would shepherds be tending their flocks in the middle of winter?), Pope Julius I chose December 25. It is commonly believed that this date was chosen in an effort to adopt and absorb the traditions of the pagan Saturnalia festival.

I found it very interesting to read that the Pilgrims, our spiritual forbearers, did not celebrate Christmas. In fact it was actually outlawed in Boston from 1659 to 1681. Anyone exhibiting the Christmas spirit was fined five shillings. It wasn't until the 19th century that Americans began to embrace Christmas. Americans reinvented Christmas, and changed it from a raucous carnival holiday into a family-centered day of peace and nostalgia.

There is much more interesting information available at this site on the history of Christmas and many of its customs. You (or your kids) might want to check it out!

~Kelly

Progressive Dinner: Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 15, to attend AVUCC's Annual Christmas Progressive Dinner. You won't want to miss this.

Janey Sanders



ADVENT

December Birthdays

Ruth Breseke	Dec. 04
Leanna Dando	Dec. 05
Annie Laurie Hall	Dec. 06
Susan Hamilton	Dec. 06
Eric Gaydon	Dec. 08
Gloria Dunlap	Dec. 13
Rachel Hall	Dec. 15
Claire Henderson	Dec. 15
Kevin Smith	Dec. 15
David Sanders	Dec. 16
Kathie Graham	Dec. 17
Danielle Hall	Dec. 25

December Anniversaries

Lynn and Dennis Widman	Dec. 09
Rae and Dave Harris	Dec. 10
Betsy and Terry Shoup	Dec. 18
Athena and Jim Ballek	Dec. 23
Gwen and Ed Anderson	Dec. 27
Bob and Ariss Thomas	Dec. 31

December Worship

Sermons:

Dec. 2:	Skit with Rev. Kevin Smith, Tom Rose and the AVUCC Players
Dec. 9:	Rev. Kevin Smith
Dec. 16:	10:00 am JV Service, Instant Christmas Pageant
Dec. 19:	Wednesday 7:00 pm Blue Christmas Service
Dec. 23:	Rev. Kevin Smith
Dec. 24:	5:00 pm JV "Family" Christmas Eve Service 7:30 pm AVUCC Lessons and Carols
Dec. 30:	Rev. Kevin Smith

Special Christmas Services

Lay Readers:

Dec. 2:	Sandy Baldwin
Dec. 9:	Betsy Shoup
Dec. 16:	Robyn Dorsey
Dec. 23:	Phyllis Chai
Dec. 30:	Besty Shoup, Melanie Click, John Hawes, Judy Martin, Al Neiders, Dennis Elliott

Ushers:

Dec. 2:	Daley Family
Dec. 9:	Marian Henderson, Bev Bricchetto, Carol Martin
Dec. 16:	Bemis/Blake Family
Dec. 23:	
Dec. 30:	

Greeters:

Dec. 2:	Tom & Jennifer Rose
Dec. 9:	Bill & Dot Allfrey
Dec. 16:	
Dec. 23:	Tom & Carla Gerber
Dec. 30:	

Advent:

Dec. 2:	The Henderson Family
Dec. 9:	The Gaydon Family
Dec. 16:	
Dec. 23:	
Dec. 24:	The Machado/Hacker Family



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Questions—Contact one of the editors:
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 7:45 AM AVUCC Breadmaking 10:00 AM JV Thanksgiving Service 11:00 AM JV Choir rehearsal	26 7:00 PM Disaster Preparedness Teams Launch 7:30 PM Boy Scout Troop #294 meeting	27 3:30 PM Girl Scout Troop #849 Meeting 7:30 PM AVUCC LRPC	28 9:30 AM Quest meeting 1:30 PM Girl Scout Troop #180 4:15 PM ECA Bell Choir rehearsal 5:00 PM AVUCC Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00 PM AVUCC Counsel meeting 7:00 PM ECA Vestry meeting	29 8:00 AM ECA Men's Breakfast 10:30 AM ECA Thursday Morning Bible Study 3:15 PM Girl Scout Troop #1365 meeting 7:30 PM ECA Choir rehearsal	30 3:00 PM ECA Montgomery Meals	1 8:00 AM AVUCC Men's Breakfast 12:30 PM Almaden Valley Childrens Choir Performance 4:00 PM JHYG baked goods to church
2 Advent Alternative Christmas 7:30 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM AVUCC Worship 10:10 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM ECA Holy Eucharist & Annual meeting 6:00 PM SHYG Shopping	3 9:00 AM Unicorn Thrift Shop Luncheon 7:00 PM JV Duplicate Bridge 7:30 PM Boy Scout Troop #294 meeting	4 1:00 PM Christian Ed. staff meeting 2:00 PM JV Staff meeting #825 6:30 PM Almaden Valley Women's Club 7:00 PM Christian Ed. committee meeting	5 9:30 AM Quest meeting 2:30 PM Girl Scout Troop #825 4:15 PM ECA Bell Choir rehearsal 5:00 PM AVUCC Bell Choir rehearsal 6:30 PM AVUCC Folk Choir rehearsal 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:30 PM Shalom Choir Rehearsal	6 8:00 AM ECA Men's Breakfast 10:30 AM ECA Thursday Morning Bible Study 3:15 PM Girl Scout Troop #1365 meeting	7	8 ECA Christmas Party
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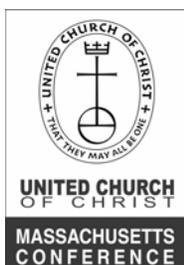
-Daily Lectionary-

December 2007

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**The readings listed for Sundays are from the UCC Desk Calendar and are not part of the daily lectionary cycle.*

Day	Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Epistle
Sat.	Dec. 1	Isaiah 1:21-31	Matthew 24: 46-51	Romans 13:8-14
*Sun.	Dec. 2	Isaiah 2:1-5	Matthew 24:36-44	Romans 13:11-14
Mon.	Dec. 3	Isaiah 2:6-11	Matthew 25:1-13	Acts 1:6-11
Tue.	Dec. 4	Isaiah 2:12-22	Matthew 25:14-30	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Wed.	Dec. 5	Isaiah 3:8-15	Matthew 25:31-46	2 Peter 3:8-18
Thu.	Dec. 6	Isaiah 4:2-6	John 1:6-13	Acts 10:9-16
Fri.	Dec. 7	Isaiah 5:1-7	John 1:19-28	Revelation 5:1-10
Sat.	Dec. 8	Isaiah 5:8-12,18-23	John 1:29-42	Romans 3:21-31
*Sun.	Dec. 9	Isaiah 11:1-10	Matthew 3:1-12	Romans 15:4-13
Mon.	Dec. 10	Isaiah 5:13-17,24-25	John 3:22-36	Acts 10:34-43
Tue.	Dec. 11	Isaiah 6:1-13	John 5:30-47	Revelations 22:16-20
Wed.	Dec. 12	Isaiah 7:1-9	Matthew 11:1-6	Galatians 6:1-10
Thu.	Dec. 13	Isaiah 7:10-25	Matthew 11:7-15	Hebrews 10:32-39
Fri.	Dec. 14	Isaiah 8:1-15	Matthew 11:16-24	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Sat.	Dec. 15	Isaiah 8:16-9:1	Matthew 17:9-13	Romans 13:8-14
*Sun.	Dec. 16	Isaiah 35:1-10	Matthew 11:2-11	James 5:7-10
Mon.	Dec. 17	Isaiah 9:1-7	Matthew 21:23-32	Hebrews 12:18-29
Tue.	Dec. 18	Isaiah 9:8-17	Matthew 18:1-6	2 Thess. 2:1-3,13-17
Wed.	Dec. 19	Isaiah 9:18-10:4	John 10:31-42	Hebrews 10:19-25
Thu.	Dec. 20	Isaiah 10:5-19	John 4:1-15	Romans 4:1-8
Fri.	Dec. 21	Isaiah 10:20-27	John 4:16-30	Romans 4:9-15
Sat.	Dec. 22	Isaiah 11:1-9	Matthew 1:1-17	Romans 4:16-25
*Sun.	Dec. 23	Isaiah 7:10-16	Matthew 1:18-25	Romans 1:1-7
Mon.	Dec. 24	Isaiah 9:2-7	Luke 1:1-20	Titus 2:11-14
Tue.	Dec. 25	Isaiah 62:6-7, 10-12	Luke 2:8-20	Titus 3:4-7
Wed.	Dec. 26	2 Chronicles 24:17-22	Acts 7:55-8:8	Acts 6:1-7
Thu.	Dec. 27	Proverbs 8:22-30	John 13:2-20	1 John 1:1-9
Fri.	Dec. 28	Jeremiah 31:15-17	Matthew 2:13-18	Revelations 21:1-7
Sat.	Dec. 29	Isaiah 41:14-20	John 4:7-15	Revelations 1:1-8
Sun.	Dec. 30	Isaiah 63:7-9	Matthew 2:13-23	Hebrews 2:10-18
Mon.	Dec. 31	Isaiah 26:1-6	John 8:12-19	2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2



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