

"DAILY GIVE BACK"

ALL CHURCH ADVENT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR 2021

Jesus gives to us everyday - He gives us hope, peace, love & joy!

This calendar is a daily way to remind us to be more like Jesus by doing small things everyday. We can give, not just our money, but also our time, talents and friendship to others. Jesus came and changed the world.

We can also change the world by doing small things every single day!

Each day this Advent season... "Give Back" in the following small way...

SACRED SUNDAY



Flip this calendar over and spend time with God in worship & the Advent wreath

MOTIVATE MONDAY



Everyone needs a little pick me up. Motivate someone today!
Ex. You are doing great at... keep up the good work!

TEXTING/ TELEPHONE TUESDAY



Reach out to someone to say hello. Check in with someone.

WORD WEDNESDAY



Open & read the Bible...
Get into God's word!

Not sure where to start
- Read Luke a couple of verses

THANKFUL THURSDAY



Tell someone Thank You.. & why they matter to YOU.
Thanking people is important!

FOOD FRIDAY



When you go to the store, pick canned soup & crackers. Bring it to PUMC.

SMILE SATURDAY



Make someone smile...a friend, a stranger. Spread sunshine in the world!

Jesus gives back everyday and so can we. Let us give back this Advent Season!

Questions... contact Kim La Rue or Rebecca Brownlee

ADVENT WREATH LITURGY

Advent is a time of waiting for the arrival of the baby Jesus when we are mindful of God's presence with us. This year Advent begins on November 28. One way to mark this time of waiting is by creating an Advent wreath. Gather four candles which represent each of the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. They do not have to be the same size or shape. Put them in a place they can stay during the whole season. Make a circle or a square with the candles and connect them with a garland of pine, ivy, or long ribbon to wrap around them. Use the scriptures and prayers below to mark each Sunday of Advent and light the candle(s) on your wreath. Invite your family and friends to share this experience with you.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Read Scripture reflectively, then light the first candle on your Advent wreath and say this prayer:

God of all hope, we come into your presence thanking you that you are with us. Sometimes life makes us discouraged and hopeless, and it is hard to dream and have hope. Through the Jesse's root you sent us your Son Jesus, to fulfill your promise to bring hope, healing and light to this world. On this first Sunday of Advent, we ask that you would fill us with your hope. Amen.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Scripture: Philippians 4:4-7

Read Scripture reflectively, then light three candles on your Advent wreath, and say this prayer:

God of all joy, we are half way to Christmas and some of us are excited and happy, but some of us might be sad. We know that you are a source of joy unspeakable that only comes from you as a gift in Christ Jesus. We pray that on this third Sunday of Advent, you restore our joy and fill us so that it overflows and sees no end. Amen.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Scripture: Luke 1:68-79

Read Scripture reflectively, then light two candles on your Advent wreath, and say this prayer:

God of all peace, we thank you for this quiet moment as we pause to be in your presence. Our world could be hectic and stressful. Our minds could spin with endless lists and things to do. Our hearts could be weary when we hear about sad things on the news. Your Son Jesus came to bring us peace, and so on this second Sunday of Advent, we pray for peace in our hearts and in our world. Amen.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Scripture: Luke 1:39-55

Read Scripture reflectively, then light all four candles on your Advent wreath, and say this prayer:

God of love, thank you for your gift of love that you brought to us through Jesus. We all want to know that we are loved, that we are needed, and that you created us for a purpose. Help us trust that your love never lets us go. Help us believe that nothing can separate us from your love, even death. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we ask that you fill our hearts with love and help us share this love with others. Amen.