



# The Voice on the Village Green



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## Celebrate Christmas by Helping Afghan Refugees

As you have heard a few times now, Our church will help Exodus Refugee Center in their work of setting in Afghan Refugees in Indianapolis (a different group than those at C. Atterbury). They've already resettled over 100 people.

We can help with coats (men's, size small or medium), scarves, hats, gloves -- new or gently used, but must be clean. Also needed are gift cards to Wal-Mart, Amazon, Uber, and Lyft.

Fill the box in the narthex with warm winter apparel and attach gift cards to the Christmas tree by Sunday, Dec. 12.

Questions? Contact Denny Kubal at [jdkubal@aol.com](mailto:jdkubal@aol.com).

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**EXODUS  
REFUGEE**  
*The life ahead.*



## Advent Season Rev. David Hayes, preaching

2nd Sunday December 5, 10:30 a.m.  
3rd Sunday December 12, 10:30 a.m.  
4th Sunday December 19, 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve December 24th  
Celtic Christmas Music, 6:30  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00p.m.

## ***Love God, Love Others, Pass It On!***

### **December Birthdays**

12/01	Nancy Tipple
12/02	Karen Scott
	Louise Miller
12/05	Janis Shaffer
	Cathy Schrock
12/07	Rodney Rich
	Matthew Tuxhorn
12/09	Joel Sechler
12/16	Barbara Davies
12/17	Oliver Brady
12/20	Donna Ormiston
	Jan Greenlee
12/23	Cindy Moore
12/30	David Phelps
12/31	Rita Simon
	Aaron Sechler

### **December Anniversaries**

12/01	Pam & Randy Boer
12/17	Jan & Bill Swigert
12/20	Ann & Jim Callahan
12/21	Janis & David Shaffer
12/27	Donna & Robert Ormiston

### **ONLINE GIVING**

Go to **[www.nashvilleumc.com](http://www.nashvilleumc.com)** and click the online giving button. It's quick and easy!

### **Sunday Flowers**

For anyone interested in arranging flowers for a Sunday service, we encourage you to do so! Whether in honor of someone's memory or just because, you can either contact a local florist or bring your donation to the church office and we will arrange it for you. Just be sure to let us know so that we can make sure to schedule dates.



### **Fill the Grocery Cart!**

As a reminder, we are still collecting cereal for the Salvation Army Food Pantry, and will continue to do so all through December. So fill that grocery cart in the narthex. If you have questions, see Linda Wescott.



### **Thankyou**

A big thankyou to all those who helped with the Hanging of the Greens this past Sunday. Your work brought the spirit of Advent and Christmas into the building for all to enjoy, and it is much appreciated!

*Happy Trails*

### **Pastor Mary's Clergy Renewal Leave Update**

Pray for traveling mercies for Pastor Mary this month. So she will travel to North Carolina for a woodturning class at the John C. Campbell Folk School. On December 14 she and Michael leave for Spain with several days in the Madrid area before meeting up with family in Barcelona for Christmas.

If you want to follow Pastor Mary's experiences and see some photos, check out her blog at:

<https://unhurriedgrace.blogspot.com>

# Our Life Together

## Music Notes

We are thrilled to have our Chancel Choir and Crystal Ringers back. It makes life at the church feel a bit more like what it used to.

We now have about 10 choir members back (or almost back), and have just as many hand bell ringers. Not the least of which is our new hand bell director on staff, Andrew Eden, who participates in both. Pastor Mary has already sent out a church-wide email about him. But to recap, he has a Historical Performance (Early Music) degree from Oberlin College in Ohio, specializing in historic keyboards (organ/piano/harpsichord), and recorder. He plays other instruments as well. He was raised in Sheridan, IN, lived many years in Indianapolis playing in various chamber groups, currently lives in Gnaabone, and has a new kitten named 'Smokey'. When you see him, please introduce yourself and welcome him.

If anyone has interest in singing with the choir for Advent/Christmas, please contact Tammera at 812-322-9433. You don't have to be able to read music to participate.

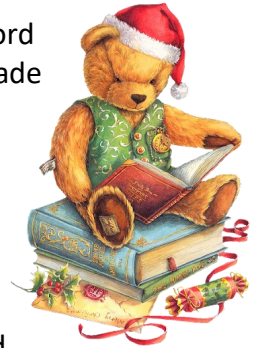
## Newsletter Ditty from the Library

As we prepare for Advent and celebrate our Savior's birth this December, there are some wonderful books in the church library to help us!

Ideal's "Prayers and Poems for Christmas" tells the story of Christ's birth with beautiful pictures, scriptures and prayers.

"The Christmas Miracle" by Jack Hartford illustrates the amazing promise God made to Mary, mother of Jesus and provides practical lessons of hope in today's world.

Last is a small book titled "Hallelujah: What Men Live By" by Leo Tolstoy. It is the story of Michael, a fallen angel, and how he lived on earth as a shoemaker, learning humility and respect for man.



A most blessed Christmas,  
Diana Wright

## Serving Opportunities in 2022

Would you like to serve? Do you feel a nudging of the Holy Spirit to serve in a particular area of the church's ministry? As we prepare for the coming of 2022 here are some particular areas of service:

The **Trustees** care for the maintenance of the buildings (church and parsonage), coordinate capital projects (like the upcoming shelter project) and plan for the care and use of the physical assets of the church. The Trustees are elected in classes so that there are always experienced people familiar with the building. There is a two-year opening as well as a full 3-year opening. Contact Georgia Harris at georgiaharris1118@gmail.com.

**Missions Committee** -- responsible for coordinating the church's effort to serve in the community and world. The Missions Committee coordinates food donations for area food ministries, addresses the 'sock'n'underwear ministry' for the schools, encourages serving teams for Mother's Cupboard and helps our church connect with Habitat for Humanity and other efforts as Christ's hands and feet and voice in the world. Contact Mike Goering at maplesky53@gmail.com.

**Nurture-Member Care Committee** -- This team is responsible for making sure that visitors and newcomers are welcomed into our church family. They provide gift bags to visitors; they coordinate the hospitality teams for Sunday morning and they support new members with Shepherding Ministry. Contact Deb Beckinger at debeckinger@gmail.com.

**Worship Committee.** Do you love worship? Would you like to be involved in planning to keep worship meaningful and memorable? Contact Norman Knight at nlknight@aol.com.





## Some Tips & Suggestions from Our NUMC Financial Secretary

Thank you for your pledges and gifts throughout 2021. As we approach the end of the year, a few reminders:

- Final bank deposits for 2021 will be made at **noon on Friday, 12/31**. Any gifts received after that time will be reflected in 2022 giving.
- Gifts for more than one purpose or time period can be made in one check. Just be sure to indicate the purpose and amount for each item in the memo line of the check.
- Annual giving statements will be available in January. If you would like an interim statement of your giving at any time, email the Finance Team [NUMC.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:NUMC.treasurer@gmail.com) or contact the church office.
- NUMC is able to accept gifts of stock. Information regarding this option is available in the church office.
- You may prepay a 2022 pledge in 2021. Your check will be deposited in 2021 but reflected on your 2022 giving statements. Please indicate this information on your check or notify the Financial Secretary.
- Electronic giving is available for credit/debit card transactions or thru automatic deductions from a bank account. Access these options on the NUMC website, TEXT giving at 844-582-0720, or via your financial institution.

**Questions?** Contact Kathy Roberts, Financial Secretary: [numc.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:numc.treasurer@gmail.com) or via the church office at 812-988-4666.



## Note from the Finance Committee

“Our hope and prayer is that God working through this congregation will pull the realization of abundance into the reality of giving.”

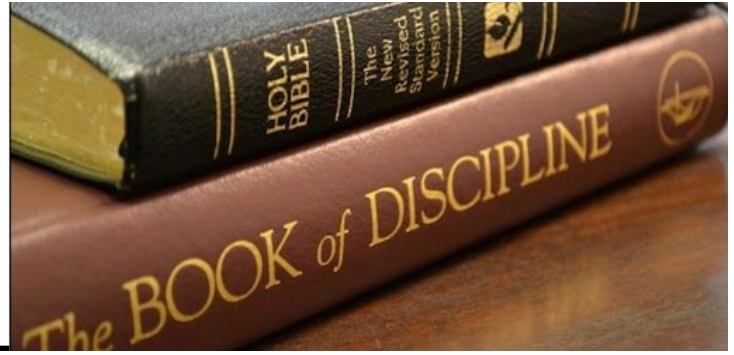
This is a quote from Ruthann Bailey that I took from one of her e-mails to me as we were contemplating the stewardship campaign, and I think it perfectly encapsulates the basis of stewardship. I give to the church because I have experienced the faithfulness of God’s gifts to me, and in doing that I am showing the image of god by being faithful to Him. Thank you to all of you who show His image by your gifts to the church.

We have struggled with how to keep NUMC on firm financial footing as we transition this pandemic era of closings and distancing. The Finance committee will need to make decisions about the budget for 2022 that could affect the way the church operates. I have heard suggestions from cutting back the office expenses to reducing youth leaders and many things in between. My reaction and the committee’s stance has been a firm “ holy cow! ” This church community is a part of all our lives and for that reason I don’t see cutting back as the way forward. The obvious answer is to ask for and raise the money needed to continue our work of loving God and loving our neighbor.

We are asking you to pledge from your heart because we believe this church is important to you as brothers and sisters in the work of spreading the word and love of Christ. Your response is shown in the pledge numbers to date, 15 of 23 pledgers have increased and we are at \$106,000. If we can get to 38 pledges, which was the stewardship campaign total last year, then our hope is to have approximately \$170,000 pledged. That would be a great start to not making any cuts to what we do, but only your generosity and faithfulness can make this happen.

May you have a happy holiday season,  
Bruce Marks, Finance Committee

## **New Structure Adopted for NUMC to Streamline Decision-Making and Simplify Meeting Attendance for Leaders**



The United Methodist *Book of Discipline* requires the functions of several committees but allows those functions to be accomplished by one body if the church should so choose. In its meeting on Nov. 16, the Church Council voted to try this model in one area: finance.

It was acknowledged that several people overlap different committees. For example, the Lay Leader actually serves on all 5 administrative committees: Church Council, a Finance Committee, a Staff-Parish Relations committee, Lay Leadership and Nominating Committee and the Board of Trustees. In addition there is always a finance report at Church Council and a good deal of attention is given to finances.

In an effort to limit duplication of effort, to lower the number of meetings any one leader attends and also to acknowledge that the actions of the Finance Committee generally also get attention by the Church Council anyway, the Church Council approved the following proposal printed below.

The proposal is a bit of an experiment but one which received unanimous approval. It will be very interesting to see if it works well for 2022. If you have questions, feel free to contact Jack Wescott (Lay Leader), Donna Marks (2021 Church Council Chair) or Heather Mollo (2022 Church Council Chair) for more discussion.



Proposal:

- 1) The Church Council would also be designated as the Finance Committee.
- 2) A portion of each meeting of the Church Council would be designated as the Finance Committee meeting.
- 3) The order of the meeting agenda would be determined by the chairperson of Church Council.
- 4) The Finance Chairperson would chair the Finance Committee portion of the meeting.
- 5) When the Finance Committee adjourns, the Church Council Chair will resume his/her function as chairperson of the meeting with a simple affirmation by the Church Council of the actions of the Finance Committee.
- 6) A combined set of Minutes would be kept with designations of Finance Committee and Church Council as appropriate.

The Church Council and the Finance Committee will meet bi-monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November or on whatever day of the month the Church Council decides to call its regular meetings. Meetings can be attended by Zoom. Additional special meetings might be called by either the Chairperson of Church Council or the Finance Committee Chair but any special meetings would need to be designated as to which body is being convened. [For example, a special meeting of the Church Council to address an issue of worship would not then turn its attention to the church budget in the same meeting without previous agreement.]

# December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 World AIDS Day  NUMY 6p  Bell Reh. 5p Choir Reh. 6:30p	2  UMW 9:30a		
5  2nd Sunday of Advent Poinsettias			8  NUMY 6p  Bell Reh. 5p Choir Reh. 6:30p			
12  3rd Sunday of Advent			15  NUMY 6p  Bell Reh. 5p Choir Reh. 6:30p	16  Trustees 7p		18  Charles Wesley's Birthday
19  4th Sunday of Advent		21  Compassionate Friends 7p	22  No NUMY  Bell Reh. 5p Choir Reh. 6:30p			
			29  No NUMY  No Bell or Choir Rehearsals		31  New Years Eve	