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The November
2021
Garden Times

Wintergarden Monthly Newsletter

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POTTERY SALE

HUGE!

Dates: November 13 and 14

Time: 10am-2pm

All proceeds benefit the Garden of Eatin' at Wintergarden (food pantry, community garden, food forest, and sensory garden).



PLEASE BRING NON-PERISHABLE GOODS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY.



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Happy November! It has been a very busy past few weeks, and it has been a lot of fun as well! Serving lots of folks through the food pantry, Make a Difference work day, moving pottery and pottery and pottery, Family Fun Night Trick or Treating night for the community, and last weekend, our HUGE Pottery Sale for the community (don't worry our northern friends, we will do another one in February)! When I say a lot of pottery, I really mean A LOT! Rick Laurence's company has donated thousands of pieces of pottery to help us raise money for the food pantry, community garden, sensory garden, and food forest.

This past weekend at our pottery sale, we met so many people in our community. And we consistently heard "We didn't even know you were here! This is amazing!" Thank you all for showing up, being you, engaging in conversation, and sharing your faith through talking about the feeding ministry of our congregation. I had spent time thinking about what a successful weekend of the pottery sale would look like. And I feel we had such a successful weekend that I am still soaking in

- We had a large percentage of our faith community comes out to volunteer both days and everyone stepped up to help.
- We welcomed everyone who came to the pottery sale.
- We are authentic, real, and honest about who we are as the people of God who gather together with the Wintergaren Faith Community.
- We had fun getting to know our neighbors.
- We practiced sharing our stories of how God is made a difference in our life.
- We were open to hearing and learning from the people who come to the sale.
- We feed people through beginning to build relationships and told our story of why we feed people.
- We fed people by inviting them to the table of food.
- We spent time in prayer and fellowship with folks.
- And we sold pottery and raised **\$15,125** for the feeding ministry of Wintergarden.

In addition to the pottery sale this month, we also have our community Thanksgiving meal on November 25 at 2pm. Everyone is invited to bring a dish and a friend to join for the meal. Afterwards, we will join together to watch a movie. We hope this will be a time when anyone who don't have a place to be for Thanksgiving Dinner will feel welcomed to join us for the meal.

And we continue to feed people physically, spiritually, emotionally, and mentally in our community. Grateful to be on this journey with you as we continue to reach out to our community and learn more about the ways that God is leading us out to be the neighbors who we are called to be.

Praying for you all! Blessings to you this week and month!

In Christ,
Pastor Devon

ADOPT -A- ROAD

Light breakfast followed by clean up of Wintergarden Ave after Halloween.

Thanks to everyone who came out to help with Adopt-A-Road. We might need to plan another day sooner rather than later. Stay tuned for a new date coming soon!



COMMUNITY *Thanksgiving* MEAL

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH
BEGINS AT 2PM**

BRING A DISH TO SHARE. FAMILY FRIENDLY
MOVIE TO FOLLOW THE MEAL.

It's almost time for the best meal of the year! Everyone is invited to join us on Thanksgiving (November 25th) at 2pm for our Thanksgiving Community Meal. Sign up sheets are being passed around at church. Please let us know what dish you will be bringing to share. Following our meal, we will watch a movie together!



WORSHIP INFORMATION

**Sacred Space at
8:30am in the Garden**

**Traditional Service at
9:30am in the
Sanctuary**

Worship Services Updates

Sacred Space Meditation Service continues in the garden and on Facebook Live on Sunday mornings at 8:30am. This is a service centered in silence, scripture, and prayer. This is a meditation service with communion. We gather around the fountain for worship.

Our Traditional 9:30 service continues to be on Facebook Live and in person.

Here are some of the links to help you connect with us through our Sunday morning worship opportunities:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/wintergardenpres/videos/>

Hope to have you join us! We are encouraging folks to wear masks indoors, and if you don't feel well, please stay home and join us online.

Adult Sunday School - Sundays @ 10:45am

1,2,3 BOOKS OF JOHN

In person and on Zoom following worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE CANCELLED ON SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 14TH.

Following worship on Sunday morning, everyone is welcome to join for the Adult School on 1, 2, and 3 John. If you are interested in joining on zoom, please reach out to Pastor Devon and let her know.



FELLOWSHIP SURVEY

FILL OUT THE SURVEY TO
HELP US SCHEDULE OUR
FELLOWSHIP TIME

We have only heard from 2 families about fellowship....

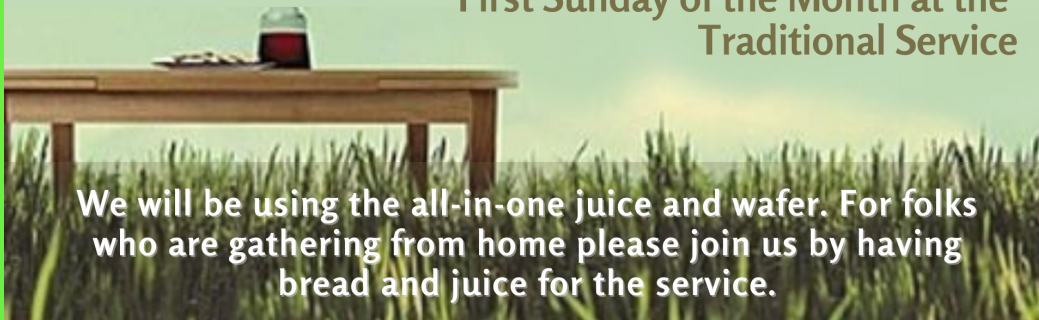
For the past 18 months, folks have been invited to join for fellowship at 11:30 on Sunday after church via zoom. It has been a great way to stay in touch with our seasonal friends and get to know one another. BUT we are now in need of changing the timeframe because Pastor Devon will be teaching Children's Sunday school during that timeframe.

Fellowship has been a time for conversation, catching up, and praying. We hope more folks will be able to join us during the week.

Here is the link to let us know what time you could join us:
<https://forms.gle/VoBd4hv45hHVv9pd9>

COMMUNION

Weekly Communion at Sacred Space Meditation
First Sunday of the Month at the
Traditional Service



We will be using the all-in-one juice and wafer. For folks who are gathering from home please join us by having bread and juice for the service.

Lectio Divina

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

**Join on Mondays at 8am
via Zoom**

Lectio Divina, literally meaning “divine reading,” is an ancient practice of praying the Scriptures. During Lectio Divina, the person listens to the text of the Bible with the “ear of the heart,” as if he or she is in conversation with God, and God is suggesting the topics for discussion.

All are welcome to join us every Monday morning at 8am to study the scripture that will be used for worship the following Sunday.

There are four movements for Lectio Divina:

1. Lectio: (Listening to the Word of God or Reading God’s Word)
2. Meditatio: (Reflecting on the Word of God)
3. Oratio: (Responding to the Word of God)
4. Contemplatio: (Resting in the Word of God)

Here is the Zoom Link:

Join Zoom Meeting: Click [HERE](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87832080869?>

Meeting ID: 878 3208 0869

Passcode: 396015



Tuesday, December 7 at 1 PM ET

The 13th Gift: a True Story of a Christmas Miracle - by Joanne Huist Smith

The 13th Gift is a heartwarming Christmas story about how a random act of kindness transformed one of the bleakest moments in a family's history into a time of strength and love. After the unexpected death of her husband, Joanne Huist Smith had no idea how she would keep herself together and be strong for her three children - especially with the holiday season approaching. But 12 days before Christmas, presents began appearing on her doorstep with notes from their "True Friends." As the Smiths came together to solve the mystery of who the gifts were from, they began to thaw out from their grief and come together again as a family.

The Wintergarden Wordies gather on zoom every month on the first Tuesday of the month. If you are interested in joining the book club click [HERE](#) to get an invite from Sue Healy.



We continuing serving a monthly meal at the Homeless Coalition. Our next time to serve is November 23, at 4:30pm. (THIS IS THE 4TH TUESDAY INSTEAD OF THE 3RD TUESDAY) In addition to preparing the meal, we are finally able to serve the meal again. We can take up to 6 people to serve. We will have sign up sheets for people to help.

When You Can't Pass the Offering Plate

A huge thank you to everyone who has continued to mail in your offering checks and to those who have ventured out into on-line giving. The on-line giving is incredibly helpful for our congregation. If you haven't tried it out yet, please do so. For those of you who have giving electronically, we truly appreciate you trusting technology and using that resource. We receive your offering quicker when you give electronically, so thank you so much. If anyone is wanting to try it out, click [HERE](#). You will be directed to a secure website that is connected to the church. It's secure! We promise!!!

ps...when we gather on Sunday, the collection of the offering will be slightly different. The children will come around to collect the offering instead of the offering plates being passed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ongoing Events:

SUNDAY

Sacred Space 8:30am

***In the garden
and on Facebook Live***

Traditional Service at 9:30am

***In the Sanctuary
and on Facebook Live***

Children's and Adult Sunday school at 10:45am

TUESDAY**WEDNESDAY**

Typical delivery day for the food pantry (between 8:30-11:00am)

The Chosen Bible Study and Dinner from 5:30-8:00pm

THURSDAY

Food Pantry 12-4pm

FRIDAY

AA Men's Group at 7pm (Closed-meeting in the Sanctuary)

SATURDAY

2nd Saturday- Coffee and Conversation at 7am

2nd Saturday- Workday inside and outside

4th Saturday- Gardeners Gather at 9am

NA Meeting @7pm

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