



The Church on the Cape Newsletter



January 2020

Pastor's Letter

Dear Family and Friends of Church on the Cape;

A Hindu saint was approached by a village man who asked him how he can encounter God. The saint sent him back without telling him what to do. Day after day he came back asking the same question, and the saint remained silent. Finally impressed by the man's sincere quest, the saint asked him to come down the river in which he will take a bath. When the man came to the river, the saint grabbed him in his head and put him in the water. The poor man pawed the air to get out of the water. Then the saint let him go and told: "come and see me under the tree tomorrow." The next day when the man came the saint asks him why he struggled so much to get out of the water. The man replied, "because I couldn't breathe and wanted to get some air." The saints said, "the very day you yearn for God as much as you fought to get air, you will encounter God."

One of the amazing and beautiful things I found about the faith journey is that God is never done with me and I am never done with God. Our faith and relationship with God never stop growing deeper and wider. As I think of my faith and relationship with God, it has grown so much over the years especially in the knowledge of who God is, how God manifests God's self to us, what God wants from us and how we can be faithful to God etc. Because God is bigger than our comprehension and our capacity of knowing God is limited, there are more images and characteristics of God to be found and more knowledge and wisdom of God to gain. That's why one of my excitements at the beginning of

the new year is being curious about how much more I will learn about God and how much deeper our relationship will reach. I know, in this process, I will experience God's love and grace, challenges and surprises, mercy and forgiveness. All of these are certainly a gift of God. But I am aware that there is one condition to the gift. It will happen only when do I yearn for it, just as the man tried so hard to breathe air.

In 2020, I hope we continue to yearn for the encounters with God. I hope our journey together will bring us the new knowledge and wisdom of God. And I hope it will help us build a stronger relationship with God and with one another. And I hope it enables us to reach out to more people in Christ's name. Since you have already enriched my faith journey and relationship with God in the past 6 months, I expect much growth in my life and faith in the new year. I hope you have the same expectation.

May you be richly blessed by God's life-giving and world-transforming love and refreshing energy of life.

In peace,
Ho-Soon



Thank you for your Christmas cards and gifts for me and my family! Your thoughtfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated, and will be fondly remembered.

January Lectionary Readings



January 5:
Epiphany Sunday
Holy Communion
 Isaiah 60:1-6
 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
 3:1-12
 Matthew 2:1-12

January 12:
Baptism of the Lord
 Isaiah 42:1-9
 Psalm 29
 Acts 10:34-43
 Matthew 3:13-17

January 19:
Second Sunday after the Epiphany
 Isaiah 49:1-7
 Psalm 40:1-11
 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
 John 1:29-42

January 26:
Third Sunday after the Epiphany
 Isaiah 9:1-4
 Psalm 27:1, 4-9
 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
 Matthew 4:12-23



January 5
 1/5 Matthew 2:1-12
 “*What’s New? 1—Trusting the Star*”

January 12
 1/12 Matthew 3:13-17
 “*What’s New? 2—Prelude in January*”

January 19
 1/19 Isaiah 49:1-7
 “*What’s New? 3—Chosen to be a Light*”

January 26
 1/26 Matthew 4:12-23
 “*What’s New? 4—The Time Has Come*”

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SPECIAL DATES AND EVENTS

- >New Year’s Day, *January 1, 2020*
- >Epiphany, *January 6, 2020*
- >Baptism of the Lord, *January 12, 2020*
- >**Gathering of Caregiver, January 15, 2020 at 2 pm**
- >Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, *January 18-25, 2020*
- >**Adult Book Study, Begins January 20, 2020**
- >Martin Luther King Jr. Day, *January 20, 2020*

GROUP DINNER WITH PASTOR HO-SOON INVITATION

SPRC invites all members of the congregation to participate in small group dinners with Pastor Ho-Soon to share thoughts, hopes and dreams for the future of Church on the Cape with her. There are sign-up sheets for hosts and attendees in the hallway. This will be an opportunity to get to know the pastor better, for her to get to know the congregation better and to help her to be more effective in her ministry by listening to your thoughts and ideas. If you have any questions please contact Sandy Day.

Gathering of the Caregivers

There will a gathering of the caregivers on Wednesday, January 15 at 2 p.m. If you are currently providing care for your loved one or did in the past, you are invited to come for a conversation and fellowship. If you need someone to stay with your loved one while you attend this gathering, let Ho-Soon know, so an arrangement can be made.

Special Thank You

To all who contributed to Advent Daily Devotionals! Your reflection made it possible for us all to walk the Advent journey focusing on God's promise and fulfillment with the mindfulness of God's presence in our daily life.

Also to Susan Baracco for coordinating with the writers and putting out the Advent Daily Devotionals every day. Thank you for the generous giving of your time and connecting us all through your daily emails!

Articles above, Pastor Ho-Soon

Finance Committee Report

The end of the year is a time when the Finance Committee begins to close out the books for the outgoing year, look forward to a new year, and new opportunities to serve God. We have seen how He has worked in our church and how He is using our church family to help others in need both in our on community and far beyond during the year. It is because of your faithful and generous giving that we are able help more and more families who have so many needs.

We have seen significant positive changes in our church over the past year. God is good and He is using us to spread His Love, His Peace and His Word far beyond The Church on the Cape.

Thank you all, again, for your commitment and support.

UPDATE OF THE 2019 FINANCES:

Operating budget for 2019: \$285,904.00

Income to budget as of

November 30: \$253,301.37

Disbursements from budget

as of November 30: \$261,094.43

Net: (\$7,763.06)

NOTE: The gap between income and disbursements, year-to-date totals, was reduced by \$12,796.02 during the month of November to \$7,793.06. The Committee is confident that we will end the year with income balancing disbursements.

Doug Coleman
Chairman, Finance Committee

**CHILDREN WERE A SPECIAL
PART OF THE CHRISTMAS EVE
SERVICE CARRYING THE LIGHT
OF THE ADVENT SEASON**



Our Special Thanks to the Choir and Musicians at Church on the Cape

Church on the Cape is blessed by the musical talents and time given by members and friends who bring happiness and joy to us each Sunday, and on Special Occasions like the two wonderful Christmas Concerts in December 2019. Shown below are several photos and comments highlighting the events including Thanksgiving Sunday.

Thanksgiving Sunday, November 24, 2019

The sound of chimes delighted our ears and enriched the worship experience on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 24. Thank you, **Barbara, Ruth and Susie!**



Christmas Concert by Senior Moments

A wonderful and amusing Christmas spirit was in the air at the Christmas Concert by Senior Moments on December 11. Much thanks to the director, **Beryl Samia**, and the members for bringing us such a joyful concert in this Christmas season. Thank you!

The Senior Moments Concert Choir, directed by Beryl Samia, consists of Church on the Cape Choir members and other talented friends, performs at the Atria and other venues, and fortunately for us as well.



Shown here are Wendy Emmons, and Senior Moments Director, Beryl Samia having fun at the concert.

Wendy joyfully and enthusiastically leads the Singing of Hymns chosen by attendees before Sunday Church Services. **Thank you, Wendy.**



David Emery has been singing in the choir since his childhood and with much gratitude and wisdom, he discerned that it's the time to step down from the choir loft and continue to sing in the pew with the congregation. Christmas Concert by Senior Moments was his last performance. **Thank you, David, for sharing your gift and love of music all these years!**

Prelude Concert "Sounds of Christmas"

An hour filled with Christmas music brought the reverence and joy of Christmas to the community gathered at church to fill the sanctuary and the Parlor of Peace. Special thanks to Janice Stover (on the right) for choreographing the entire concert, in which the drama of Christmas story was told to us meaningfully! Big thanks to our pianist Nancy Chamberlin and violinist Susan LaVerriere for their passion for music and generous spirit to share their time and gifts. And another special thanks to our soloist Kelly Hollis for enriching our concert with her amazing voice and lovely spirit. And finally big applause to the members of Christmas Choir for their love of music and putting together their time and efforts for this special presentation! **Because of you all, we truly felt the presence and love of Jesus. Thank you, Kelly, Jan, and all the members of the Church on the Cape Choir.**



Please see associated photos on the following page

Musical Thank You Continued



On the left is Nancy Chamberlin, piano, and right Susan LaVerriere, violin, who serve God and us with exquisite music on Sundays and special occasions as well. **Thank you, Nancy and Susan.**



We were graced by the splendid voice of soloist Kelly Hollis accompanied by Church on the Cape Choir shown below, and in the last photo the Church on the Cape Choir at the concert. Our sincere thank you to each of you.



Soloist Kelly Hollis Photo by Bill Hidell



Article and photos by Pastor Ho-Soon and editor

Christmas Prelude Fair a Big Success

The church was full of excitement as the doors opened (a bit ahead of schedule!) on December 7th for the annual Christmas Prelude Fair. Everywhere you looked there was something going on; Ho - Soon greeted each person with an invitation for mulled cider as they entered the building, the bake sale was in high gear with people lined up to buy tins of cookies, homemade jams, Lillian's famous granola, Harriett Eaton's famous carrot cake, fudge, and more.

The place was hopping; there was a jewelry table, the alternative fair, handmade knit items, games, crystal, craft items, dishes, glassware, the Cargo Shop and more! It was all there, and it was going fast!

Many thanks to Debbie Parsons for overseeing this and the 'elves with wings' as Debbie referred to the many volunteers who helped to make this happen. Debbie notes that the fair raised a little over \$6,000 for the church, which is a new record.

Lillian Bartlett remembers when the fair was set up in the Parlor of Peace; it must have been much smaller and much more crowded! Tom Bradbury recalls that this fair has been around on and off for the past 70 years. He remembers when the fair was set up at the Atlantic Hall. Take a look at the 1950's photos on the right provided by Tom Bradbury (THANKS TOM) to see how big a deal the Fair has been for many years.

Perhaps the most important ingredient of the fair was the love and community felt by all who were there; the workers and shoppers alike felt the joy and happiness. God bless each and every one of you that helped to make this a wonderful Prelude Fair. Please see the Fair photos on the following page.

Your editor would like to thank Carol Nason for her tireless attendance at church functions for newsletter coverage, her resourcefulness and initiative as shown by the accompanying historical photos and dumplings article that follows, and also the graciousness of those in photos for sharing their joy with us.

Joan Lennon and I would like to sincerely thank all the "ELVES and ANGELS" who made our Christmas Fair such an outstanding success. It was a true community effort and we are grateful for your help and enthusiastic support.

May the New Year bring never ending blessings to you and yours.

In Christian Love,

Joan Lennon and Debbie Parsons

BAKED GOODS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN POPULAR



SETTING UP FOR THE FAIR



JUST LIKE TODAY, IT'S A TEAM EFFORT



Christmas Prelude Fair Photo Page

By Carol Nason



Making Dumplings with Ho-Soon

On December 5th, Olivia and Henry Spencer, and Isla and Jacksen Phillips, gathered with their moms, Kelly and Heidi, at the home of Ho-Soon. It was the day to learn how to make Korean dumplings and pancakes. By the end of the afternoon, the children were pros, and their bellies were full. It was a marvelous gathering, and Ho-Soon was a magnificent teacher. The huge plates full of dumplings and pancakes disappeared into the stomachs of the children and moms alike. Many thanks to Ho-Soon for her warm hospitality.



Article and photos by Carol Nason

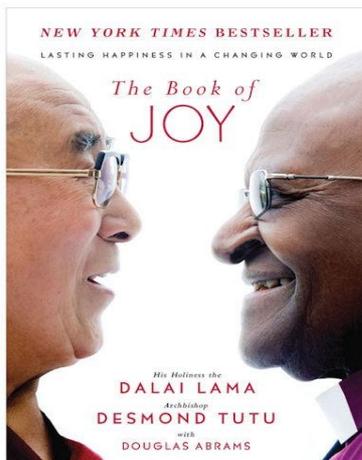
Celebrating 50 Years Together

Many thanks to Jim and Sue Hathorne for choosing to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with their church family on December 1st. They were joined by their beautiful family.



Article and Photo by Carol Nason

Adult Book Study on “The Book of Joy” via Zoom (Video Conferencing)



There will be a 4-session study on “The Book of Joy - Lasting Happiness in a Changing World,” the conversations between two renowned and inspiring figures - The Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. In the book they describe their paths to joy and share their wisdom in the face of decades of exile (for the Dalai Lama, from his homeland of Tibet) or violence and racism (as Tutu experienced in South Africa). **Dates are Mondays, January 20, February 3 & 17 and March 2 at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up.**

Due to the unpredictable weather and for the out of the area participants, the study will be held via Zoom, a video conferencing website. When you sign up for the Book Study, there will be a tutorial available one on one. You can check out at www.zoom.us or watch the tutorial video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vFhAEoCF7jg>

Pastor Ho-Soon

How We Care, How We Share

We are a loving, caring and giving congregation endeavoring to surround one another with Prayer, Love, Cards, Notes, Support, Food, Transportation, and assistance in whatever ways we are able. So, how do we get the word out? There are now three ways to share Celebrations, Concerns, Loss and Need.

Constant Contact; When news is to be made public, an email (separate from the Newsletter or Weekly Bulletin) may be sent to all church members. If you are advising of someone other than yourself, do make certain the person(s) approve what will be shared. Please advise Pastor Ho-Soon, Sue, or MOC (Jane Smith, Shirley Bradbury or Karen Holt Steitz).

MOC; For that which is more personal and requires a higher degree of discretion, the Ministry of Caring will send cards, make phone calls, visits, provide rides, bring food, offer prayers, etc. The information and work of MOC is kept strictly among the members of the Ministry. Please advise Pastor Ho-Soon or MOC (Jane Smith, Shirley Bradbury or Karen Holt Steitz)

Prayer Chain; Debbi Lord leads the Prayer Chain. A small intimate group of angels who dedicate prayer for those in need. Persons and their prayers are absolutely confidential; only the Pastor and Prayer Chain are privy to this information. Please advise Pastor Ho-Soon or Debbi Lord.

Love's lesson

A new year promises new adventures, challenges and friends. But the most important (and simplest) lesson we can learn is summed up by 19th-century hymn writer Jane Eliza Leeson:

*Savior, teach me day by day
love's sweet lesson to obey,
sweeter lesson cannot be,
loving him who first loved me.*

Prayer for a new year



Lord, I give up all my own plans and purposes, all my own desires and hopes, and accept thy will for my life. I give myself, my life, my all utterly to thee, to be thine forever. Fill me and seal me with thy Holy Spirit. Use me as thou wilt. Send me where thou wilt, and work out thy whole will in my life at any cost, now and forever. Amen.

—Betty Scott Stam

**WITH HAPPINESS, JOY, AND CONGRATULATIONS
FOR YOUR BEAUTIFUL
GRANDSON/GRANDDAUGHTER/GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER**

Wishing Benjamin Thomas Link,
grandson of Shirley and Tom Bradbury,
a lifetime of health, joy, and love.



Wishing Edith (Edie) Claudette Metcalf
granddaughter of Judy and Bob
Metcalf a lifetime of health, joy, and
love.



*Christmas Day with the
Metcalf Family*

Baptism of Benjamin Thomas



Benjamin will be baptized on January 26 during the worship service. Please come to witness the sacrament and join us in welcoming him into the church.



*Wishing Isabella Elizabeth Simmons,
granddaughter of Carol and Brian
Nason, a lifetime of health, joy, and
love*



*Wishing Olivia Kate McNicholas, great
granddaughter of Beryl and Jerry
Samia, a lifetime of health, joy, and love.*



*Isabella and Proud Family
On Christmas Day*



Joyful Family Celebration



The Church on the Cape A United Methodist Church

We of The Church on the Cape represent various religious and cultural backgrounds and life styles. We are young, old, and middle aged, single, married, widowed, divorced, parents, grandparents, and members of extended families. Above all, we are people who take risk, make mistakes, confess, repent and try again.

At the center of our community is Jesus the Christ whose life, death, and resurrection are the reasons we are together. The life and hope in this community have more to do with Christ's faithfulness to us than ours to Christ.

Whether you are searching for a faith community, or just passing through; we want you to feel at home. Whoever you are, whatever your history, your scars, your gifts; you are among persons like yourself.

Join us from wherever you call home. If you like what you see here, we post our sermons and worship music via our website, www.churchonthecape.org.

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