

From the Pastor

November 28, 2017

The Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church have requested that each United Methodist congregation observe **Global Migration Sunday on December 3, 2017**. This is the first Sunday of the season of Advent. Our communion rail offering that day will be received to support Migration Advance No. 3022144 as a response to their request.



Wars, natural disasters, persecution, economic hardships and growing violence around the world have led to more than 65 million people being forced to leave their homes and migrate to places unknown.

For most of these migrants, the decision to flee their homeland comes as a last resort effort to live. In their call for this special Global Migration observance and offering on December 3rd, the Council of Bishops remind us this is the time of year we remember how Joseph and Mary sought to save their lives and especially the life of the Christ child as they fled to Africa to escape the wrath of King Herod, who (threatened by the birth of Jesus) ordered the massacre of children (Matthew 2:13-14).

Please participate in our offering on December 3rd and pray for those suffering the journey of forced migration. Remember the words of Jesus who said, "when you welcome the sojourner, you welcome me." (Matthew 25:35)

Blessings,

Craig