

A note from the Pastor

*But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah,[a] the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host,[b] praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors! ( Luke 2:10-14)*

During this Advent Season with Covid knocking at our door, we still are trying to take time to prepare our young people for the Christmas Season. On Saturday mornings throughout Advent we have been leading a short Bible Lesson for the youth at Spirit of Hope. We are using the theme: Flames for the Faithful. Each week we give the candle for the week a special name and read the scriptural passage that goes with it. Here are the summaries:

Week 1 – PROPHET’S Candle - We listen to the candles on the wreath saying : LISTEN to what is being told to you regarding the coming of the Christ child.

Week 2 – OLIVE TREE’S Candle– We listen to the candle that says PREPARE the way for the Christ child.

Week 3 – SHEPHERD’S candle - We listen to the candle that shouts REJOICE in the name of the Lord!

Week 4 – ANGEL’S candle - WE listen to the candle say GLORY be to the Christ child!

What makes this fun for everyone is when Carol and I get to dress up in costumes to be these characters. It was interesting to be a talking olive tree. We have accumulated several beautiful costumes from another congregation and I hope to use them more in the future to share the Biblical stories through drama! Let me know if you would like to join the fun and be an angel for a while!

Peace,

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