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Welcome to the December 2017 edition of the Bayshore Gardens Community Church Beacon! We are pleased to continue to provide updates on the life and ministry of the church. Also, we invite you to join us in worship this Sunday! Finally, we encourage you to personally bring a friend to experience God!

During the past month (November) we prayed for these folks who had particular concerns: Alice Gladney, Bonnie Pfohl, Stephanie Ramos, Earl Shoemaker, Ruth Wiers (*please see note below*), Jeffrey Williams and our Shut-Ins: Fred Geldmaker, Muriel Johnson, Pat Palmer, Ken and Marcia Russell and Evelyn Tolsma.

**Note:** *On November 19, 2017 Ruth Wiers went home to her Lord and Savior. We continue to pray for Joyce and Mike Hays.*



**SHOEBOX UPDATE:** We sent 31 Shoe Boxes plus the funds for mailing them. Those 31 Boxes will not only affect 31 children from any of 150 countries, many war-torn and impoverished, but also their families! These children will also receive a booklet about, and an opportunity to learn more, about Jesus. So those 31 Boxes that we of Bayshore Gardens Community Church sent will be a blessing to many. Thank you to all who gave. Your participation along with the others will make a difference to millions.

Nancy Lee and Joyce VanWyk

**‘The spirit of giving gifts has been present in the mind of each Christian as he or she commemorates the Christmas season. Our Heavenly Father gave to us His son, Jesus Christ. That precious son gave to us His life, the Atonement, and victory over the grave.**



**“What will you and I give for Christmas this year? Let us in our lives give to our Lord and Savior the gift of gratitude by living His teachings and following in His footsteps. It was said of Him that He ‘went about doing good.’ As we do likewise, the Christmas spirit will be ours.”**

*President Thomas S. Monson “What is Christmas?” Ensign, December 1998, 5*



**Let us welcome God’s bright and shining morning star, A child born in a manger, A son sent to redeem the world, A savior come to renew all things. May His light shine on you, May His light shine in you, May His light shine through you, The light of God’s Christmas star be with you, in this season of new birth.**

Dear friends of Bayshore Gardens Community Church!

Greeting to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the One who's birth we anticipate with great excitement! We are preparing the church for Advent and Hope that you will join us December 2 at 9 AM to decorate! Each Sunday of Advent we will be lighting candles on our Advent wreath that remind and prepare us for the major themes of Advent: LOVE, HOPE, JOY, PEACE, and then finally on Christmas Eve will light the Christ Candle at our 7 PM Candlelight Christmas Eve service. These Advent themes will coincide with the sermon series on "How to Have the Best Christmas Ever:" Spend Less, Give More, Worship Fully, and Love All. We look forward with great anticipation to this great celebration and we want to invite you to join us this Advent and please bring friends and family with you to join us as together we "love God and Love others" this Advent season and always.

On a personal note, it is a great joy to serve alongside of you as your pastor. I am greatly touched and humbled with the love and warmth you have shown and continue to show me and my family. Thank you for the many birthday blessings that you gave to me: the cards, the prayers, the gifts, the calls, messages and texts! Wow! Thank you so very much!

Please remember to bring some folks with you to our community dinner this Saturday at 6 PM. George and Lori have graciously donated the turkeys and hams, and we need you to bring a delicious side dish or a pie for dessert! Our judges are all ready to crown the maker of the best pie!

In this Advent season, I pray that you will find a deeper and renewed faith in our Lord and Savior as we work hard to love those in our community and as we strive to love God more fully each way and each day.

We are in need of donations of both clothes, gifts and money to help us in adopting the children from Bayshore Gardens Elementary school that we have adopted this year. Please contact either the church office or Sondra to get more involved and help make Christmas better and brighter for these underprivileged children! What a joy to partner in such a great endeavor, thank you for the ways in which you are helping to make Christmas special for these children!

It is a great honor to partner with you, my friends in loving God and loving our community. Thank you for having me as your pastor! See you on Sunday!

Merry Christmas to all y'all!

*Just a branch,  
Pastor Dustin*

Amount Needed for November's Monthly Budget	Amount Received for November's Monthly Budget
\$ 3,406.00 x 4 Sundays = \$ 13,624.00	With help from Classis we received \$ 15,637.80

**Please remember that our expenses continue even when you cannot be here.**

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