

December 20, 2015

Advent 4

Freedom Bound: The Path of Love

9:30 am Sunday School ~ Classes available for all ages

10:30 am Morning Worship

Gathering with Songs of the Christmas Season - Jan Livengood

Welcome/Call to Worship Roveen Yoder

Announcements, Sharing Joys and Concerns

Offering/Offertory - Dawn Dayton, Beth and Aaron Livengood

Worship in Song Judi Brenneman

"Love came down at Christmas" HWB #208

"Oh, how shall I receive thee" HWB #182

Advent Candle Lighting

"There is more Love somewhere"

Scripture Luke 1:39-56

Message *"Love came down at Christmas"* Pastor Merle

Song of Response *"Freely, Freely, you have received"*

Response Prayer for Liberation

Blessing

Song of Sending *"The Lord lift you up"*

3:00—7:00 pm Christmas Open House The Pinto Church Family is invited to the home of Pastor Merle and Evie Christmas at 15420 Shamrock Rd SW. Come when you can and stay as long as you want. We would be blessed by your presence.

Today Nursery: Karen Morgan

Next Week: December 27 Nursery: Caitlin Flowers

Last Sunday Attendance: Sunday School: 67
Morning Worship: 83

Announcements

PLEASE NOTE: Worship Service begins at 10:00 am next Sunday. No Sunday School is scheduled. No Evening Service is scheduled.

Your tithes and offerings would be greatly appreciated. We are currently behind budgeted giving by a significant amount. To receive tax benefits and be included in this year's budget, please have your offerings in by Sunday, December 27.

Thank you, Jeff Morgan, Council Chair

The Church Council has decided to once again have the One Christmas Card Project. The Council encourages everyone to just send or bring one card to the church for everyone and contribute the savings of postage and cards into the Christmas Card Fund. This Fund will then be given to a Christmas Project. Suggestions for the use of these funds can be given to any Council member.

During the first 4 Sundays in January, we will be collecting your food gifts for the Super Souper Bowl drive for Union Rescue Mission. Check the poster near the front door for details.

For Your Prayer Time

As we make final preparations to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day, pray that our hearts will be prepared to receive Him and share His love.

Give thanks for healing, restoration, and safety that has been experienced.

Ask God to be near to and comfort those who experience pain and memories of loss while others around them rejoice in family gatherings.

Pray that we, like Mary, may experience and be blessed by God's presence with us.