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TAKING A LOOK AT THE TEACHINGS...

In the Book of Mark (4:10-20) Jesus is asked by those "...around him along with the twelve..." about the parables. And it is clear from the literal word in scripture that he is concerned that they aren't getting the message. So he delivers a lesson about the meaning behind the parable of the sower (Mark 4:1-9).

In this passage Jesus was teaching from a metaphysical level and telling His followers to look at more than the literal perspective. The "seed" is the Word.

When the Word is presented there will be time when our awareness is such that Satan (The Adversary RW:172) takes the Word away. Basically, we

aren't ready in consciousness to expand our awareness. On other occasions the Word will fall on "rocky ground" and while we are joy filled in the moment as events and challenges in our reality occur we fall back into our old error thought patterns and "stumble." Then there are those occasions where the Word is sown in the "thorns" however the cares of the world, the lure of wealth and the desire for other things "choke" the word and as a result we don't demonstrate as we can. And finally, there are times when we are ready, we hear the Word, accept it and express it in our world "thirty and sixty and a hundred-fold."

As we take the Truth, the Word, into consciousness and take ownership of it we know who we are to BE, what is ours to DO and we do it. In that moment our world, our consciousness, expands "thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."

Another lesson, within this lesson, is to know that You **will** hear, accept and express what You **need** to hear, accept and express **when** You need to hear, accept and express it. This BE-ing whole and free.

LOOKING AHEAD. . .

November

There is only One Power and One Presence in my Life.

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- 30 1st Advent - Faith

December

Living in the Presence:

The Promise of Christmas

- 7 2nd Advent - Peace
- 14 3rd Advent - Love
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- 28 Preparing for the New Year

Christmas Candle Lighting Service
Wednesday Dec 24th at 7:00 pm

Movie & Desert

Nov 15 - 6:30 pm

"King of California":

Just out of the mental institution, Charlie (Michael Douglas) takes Miranda (Evan Rachel Wood) on an adventure to find ancient Spanish treasure that he believes is buried under the local Costco.



Dec 13 - 6:30 pm "After Life" If you had to choose one memory in which you would spend eternity, could you?



Birthday Pot Luck

Nov 2 - Happy Birthday to

Greg Magna Tatiana Barajas
Lorna Vaughn Diane Coash

Dec 7 - Happy Birthday to:

Mary Hulse Sandra Conchos
Lou Lowman David Larson
Catherine Flores Terry Parks
Patricia Van Scoy Rob Wheeler

Do we have your birthday?

NO ! Call the Office!

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I AM THE CHRIST OF GOD

By Donna Mae Rose

"The Christ" is the very breathe of God; expressing, "Being." God is the energy that directs and guides the individualized Christ within. Spirit is forever leading us into the Truth of who we are: the masterpiece that only the Supreme Genius can create. Know that God is Love and not to be feared. Pray "without" ceasing for this is being Home in its purest form. Spirit will take nothing from us that we are not willing to give, yet gives us everything. Thank you, God, for the gift of Life.

As we unfold towards our highest good, breaking self-imposed boundaries, "The Father" brings us into the awakening of our beautiful Self. Space-time is the "Waiting" as it were, for the coming events leading us into the answered prayer. It is a time to be consciously aware and to release any stumbling blocks such as negative and emotionally controlled thoughts. Then, as we enter alone into the unknown and give our self completely over to the Divine, we open our heart to the One that can be trusted. The spiritual life is a continuing process, should temptation come to us to return to the old way of thinking, God waits for our return with arms out stretched ready to embrace us. The "Father's" patience endures forever.

Taste and see that a healthy love for self is the place to be. And remember no one is greater or lesser than anyone else. We are all equal regardless of the appearance. Love yourself and your life right where you are.

HEAVENLY NOTES:

By Steve McManus, Minister of Music

With the Holiday Season just around the corner (whew, that year flew by!) the Music Department is once again planning for the special events that it brings. Besides the regular Sunday services, we are once again planning a very special Christmas Candlelight Program to be held on Wednesday December 24th at 7:00 pm. Be sure and come to this one, as we believe it will be the best yet! There will be congregational caroling, specials by the Unity Singers, and of course, lots of great solos/duets.

As you have likely noticed, our illustrious little group is growing! We are excited and pleased to welcome new choir members, Jim Montegna, Larissa Montegna (well, she's not exactly new), and Sherrie Padilla. They



have already proven to be invaluable assets to the group, and we are SO happy to have them! Remember, anyone and everyone is invited to sing with us. There are no auditions or requirements, except for having a heartbeat! So, if you like to sing, or even think you MIGHT like to sing, please join in the fun every Sunday morning at 9:15. Your life will never be the same!!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE...

These are some of the areas within the Ministry where your time and talent could be put to use:

Hospitality Team

We have room for you to serve on the Hospitality Team. One Sunday a month help set up for fellowship in Bosworth Hall following the service. See Maureen Henderson or call the office.

Video/Sound Technician

Prepare the sound system for use prior to the Sunday service or special event to accommodate speakers and/or musical performances. Works with Steve, Shula and Rev. Rob on post-production work to

prepare tapes and cd's for the "On the Road" program (*No experience necessary... we will teach the ease of use of the system.*)

Transportation Assistant

We have folks who would love to come to church, however, they are unable to drive. Would two Sundays a month work for you to ride share?

Multi-Media Crew

We are looking for people who either know or would like to learn Power Point, Microsoft Publishing (this newsletter) to support our staff

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as we grow. We will need people just like you every Sunday. Would once a month work for you?

Contact and Communication Team

First things First... **THANK YOU Janet Grove!** Janet is the moving force behind insuring that those who we haven't seen at church receive cards to let them know we think about them.

The Church supplies the cards, stamps and addresses. From your home You supply the love and a few minutes to say "We Love You, We miss you, We look forward to seeing you soon"

Ushers & Greeters

You can play an important role! You are the first person new Folks meet. We want folks to be at home here, just as you were the first time you came. **Which Sunday's work best for you?** Please see Diane Coash the chair of this committee and we will put you in the schedule.

Platform Chairperson

Assists Rev. Rob and our Guest speakers during the Sunday Service by introducing the songs, leading the affirmation, presenting the opening prayer, welcoming visitors and presenting the announcements. We are so blessed to have Rev. Anne Ainsworth and Diane Coash in that position. There is room to add YOU today.

Membership

The Membership committee is looking for new ideas and your input. Care to Serve?

Did we forget any Ministry Team?

If so, let us know and we will find those who are willing to serve in that area.

A HOLIDAY FAMILY ACTIVITY



MAKE DOUGH ORNAMENTS

Kids: Do this with an Adult

YOU WILL NEED:

4 cups flour

1 cup salt

1 1/2 cups lukewarm water

Rolling Pin

Cookie Sheet

Cookie Cutters

Toothpick or Straw

Acrylic paint

Glitter, glue, beads

Ribbon or yarn

Clear Spray Varnish

Mix flour and salt well. Gradually add water, stirring with a large spoon. Finish mixing with your hands. Knead until soft and pliable, adding a few drops of water if necessary.

Roll out on floured surface about 1/4" to 1/8" thick. Cut shapes with cookie cutters and place on cookie sheet. Use a toothpick or straw to make a hole in the top of the ornament for threading with ribbon later.

Bake at 325° until dry, about 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Allow to cool completely before decorating.

Paint with acrylic paints and add glitter or other decorations. When decorations are dry, spray them with a clear varnish to preserve them. Thread ribbon or yarn through the hole at the top and hang on the tree!

SPEAKING OF TREES...

WE WILL HAVE ONE TREE IN THE SANCTUARY AND ANOTHER IN BOSWORTH HALL WITH PLENTY OF ROOM FOR YOUR ORNAMENTS...

IS THIS ONE YOURS?



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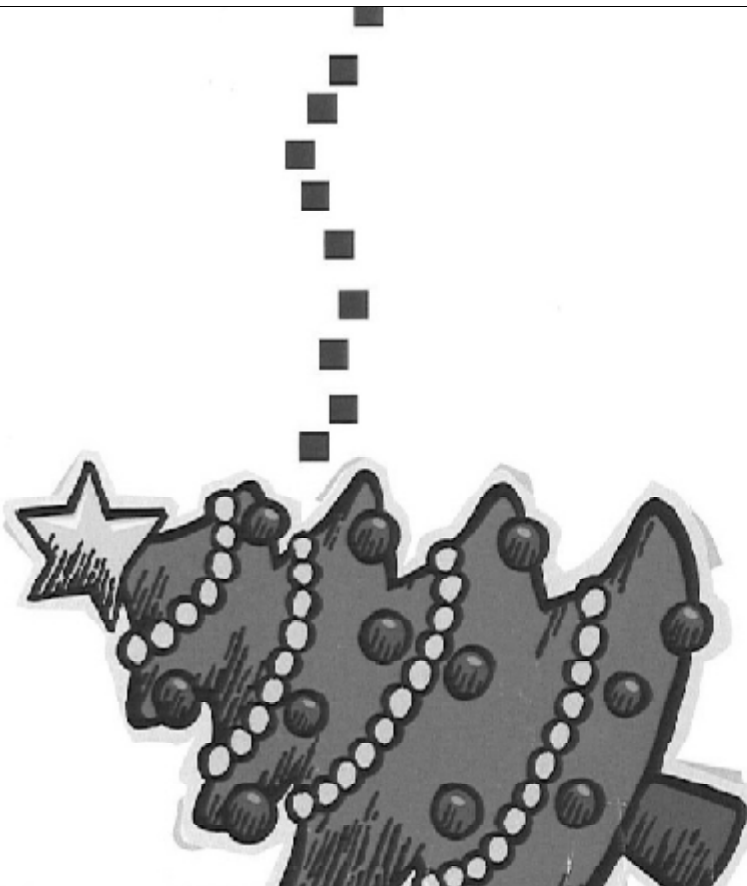
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Countdown
to
Christmas!
2008

**BEGINS SUNDAY NOV. 30TH
LIVING IN THE PRESENCE:
THE PROMISE OF CHRISTMAS**