Pastor's Peace

A Thought of the Moment

It is that season again. It is hard to believe it is already here. The Seasons of Advent and Christmas are upon us. It begs us once again to reflect upon the hope and peace that came to Earth on that Christmas night. So here is the question. Why has it not?

To bring Christ's Kingdom to the earth, we must be <u>active</u> agents. Being active is more than a prayer and hoping God will do it. Being active is being attentive to the call of Christ to be the presence of Christ in this world. It is more than providing food, clothes, or support in loss. Being the Kingdom of God means being an advocate for these and others as well. It means meeting people where they are without judgment and providing safety for those attacked. In this Advent season, I wish for you to reflect on what being the presence of Christ in this world looks like. What do hope, peace, joy, and love in the Kingdom of God look like?

We may discover that the reason the Kingdom of God has not come is that we have the wrong idea of what it is.

The season is full of events: Remember the cantata on December 10 during the morning service. Please bring finger foods to share after the great music as we meet in the Fellowship Hall.

The Blue Christmas Service is on the 16th at 4:00. This is for anyone who has experienced loss and is meant to bring hope in a season where loss is most felt. We will have refreshments following the service.

Caroling will be on the 17th at 4:00. Come and lift your voices as we head out to sing together.

On December the 24th we will have our Christmas Eve Service at 4:00.

Blessings and Peace,





SATURDAY, December 2nd—900am Yard Clean-up at the Parsonage

SATURDAY, December 9th—4:00pm Dinner for Past Deacons, Widows and Widowers

SUNDAY, December 10th Musical Presentation by MPBC choir

TUESDAY, December 12th - 10:00am Super Seniors—Covered Dish Lunch Christmas Caroling to homebound

TUESDAY, December 12th - 6:30pm Deacon's Meeting - Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, December 13th - 6:00pm Dinner & Business Meeting Dinner: 6pm (\$5), Meeting: 6:30pm

FRIDAY, December 15th - 4:00-8:00pm Kids Nite Out

SATURDAY, December 16th - 4:00pm Blue Christmas Service

SUNDAY, December 17th - 9:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, December 17th—4:00-6:30pm Congregational Christmas Caroling

SUNDAY, December 24th - 4:00pm Christmas Eve Service





Cookie Baking / Crafts

Sign up sheet on bulletin board, or call church office



Dinner and
Entertainment for
PAST DEACONS
WIDOWS and
WIDOWERS
Saturday,

December 9th 4:00pm

Please RSVP NLT November 26th to the church office 910-485-5681

If transportation is needed, please advise when you RSVP









Congregational Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 17th 4:00pm - 6:30pm