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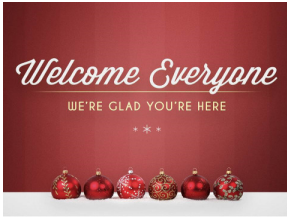
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# Love God ... Love Others ... Love the World!



EVENTS THIS WEEK	DAYS	TIMES
<b>Morning Worship</b>	Today	9:30 am & 11:15 am
<b>Journey Kidz</b> – Baby Zone (Infant - 24 months) – Tot Zone (age 2-5) – Live! Zone (K-6th grade)	Today	9:30 am & 11:15 am
<b>Adult Bible Study</b> (church office)	Today	9:30 am
<b>Jr/Sr High Bible Study</b> (teen room)	Today	9:30 am
<b>5th &amp; 6th Grade Bowling Party</b> -Bowl America	Today	6:00-7:45 pm
<b>Refuel</b>	Tonight	6:30-8:00 pm
<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	Tonight	6:30-7:30 pm
<b>Healing Stitches</b>	Monday	9am-12pm
<b>Yoga</b>	Wednesday	6:30-7:30 pm
<b>Ladies Coffee Break</b>	Thursday	10:00-11:30 am
<b>Life Groups Meet</b> - check out the flyer in the lobby for specific days and times	Sun - Fri	Various times

# Upcoming Events



***Thank you for choosing to worship with us today! Please fill out a connection card and note any prayer requests and praises on the back. Thank You.***

## **ELDER SELECTION TIME!**

The nominations are in and the candidates for elders for 2016 are Ray Mullins, who will be giving his testimony today, and Pete Becker and Matt Randolph, who have served previously. If you have any concerns or feedback about any of the candidates, please contact Mike Ambroso, [mambroso@gmail.com](mailto:mambroso@gmail.com), or any of the other current elders. They will be making the final selection in the coming weeks.



## **TODAY! SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6: DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR WOMEN OF FAITH**

Women of Faith: Loved The Farewell Tour - Ladies of the Journey! There is still time to sign up for this amazing event which will be held on January 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at Eaglebank Area in Fairfax (GMU). We have sold the original block of tickets that we bought, but if you are still interested in going, please sign up in the lobby. If there is enough interest, we can purchase another block of tickets. If not, you can still purchase individual tickets online – it will still be a great experience! The cost may be slightly different, but \$80 for the event, \$12 for lunch is probably still close. We will let you know the exact amount once we've bought the tickets. If finances are an issue, please let us know - scholarships are available. Contact Tonya Mullins, [cwotomo4@gmail.com](mailto:cwotomo4@gmail.com), or Judy Davis, [judydavis5839@gmail.com](mailto:judydavis5839@gmail.com), for more information.



## **TODAY! SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6: 5TH & 6TH GRADE BOWLING!**

Our 5th & 6th graders are invited to go bowling together this evening from 6:00-7:45 pm. We will meet at Bowl America, 6450 Edsall Road. The cost is \$10 per kid, which includes dinner. Please RSVP to Michelle at [journeykidz@verizon.net](mailto:journeykidz@verizon.net).



## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

There will be a short congregational meeting after each service next Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be affirming the new budget for 2016, and the new elders for 2016 will be announced. If you will not be able to attend the meeting, an absentee ballot is available in the lobby and on the website. A draft of the budget for 2016 is also available. All active members over the age of 16 are encouraged to at-

tend. If you're not sure if you are eligible to participate, please feel free to contact the Journey office, (703) 971-0277 or email [journeyoffice@verizon.net](mailto:journeyoffice@verizon.net). If you have questions on the budget, please contact Pete Becker at [pbecker.beco@verizon.net](mailto:pbecker.beco@verizon.net).

# Upcoming Events

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13: GIRLFRIENDS IN GOD

Ladies, take a break from your Christmas list to just Be Still And Know. This will be a lovely afternoon starting after the Congregational Meeting next Sunday, at about 1pm, with hot soups for lunch, a time of worship, and time for fellowship. Enjoy your time with your God and girlfriends. Lunch and childcare are provided. Contact Elissa McGhee for more information, [elissa.mcgee@gmail.com](mailto:elissa.mcgee@gmail.com).



## ATTENTION FOODIES! "FOOD AND FRIENDS" IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!

The Journey announces a new opportunity for us to get to know each other a little better, while taking advantage of the DC area being a gastronomic target-rich environment. "Food and Friends" will start out with 6 groups, each with a sponsoring single or couple. The idea is for 6-8 individuals in each group, sharing a meal 3-4 times over a 4-month period. Can be home pot-lucks or a favorite restaurant or pub. For families who wish, the church will make the kitchen and play space downstairs available for carry-out or potluck. Groups are purely social in nature. We hope many of our new families and recent guests will give it a try, although the groups are open to all who wish to join. Sign up sheets are in the lobby. Sign up this month - first meals in January. For more information, contact Jim Pruitt with ConneXion Ministries at [jptex1950@aol.com](mailto:jptex1950@aol.com).

## COMMUNION PREPARATION FOR 2016

Have you been looking for a place to serve at the Journey? We need people to prepare communion. Making sure that everyone can participate in remembering the sacrifice that Jesus made for us is perhaps one of the most important and rewarding tasks you can have! We need people to prep & set up before 1st service and between services, and someone to clean up after 2nd service. You'll see a sign up sheet in the lobby reflecting these two areas. Normally sign up is on a monthly basis, but if you can only serve one or two weeks in a month, that's OK, too! Easy to follow instructions and all supplies are provided. If you can help, sign up on the sheet in the lobby, or just talk to Judy Davis. For more information, contact [judydavis5839@gmail.com](mailto:judydavis5839@gmail.com).



## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24: CHRISTMAS EVE

*Our Christmas Eve services will be at 6:00 & 7:30 pm. We will have childcare for sleepers through walkers available for both services.*

# Focus on Missions

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH: KOINONIA CHRISTMAS BASKETS DUE

We are approaching the Holiday Season and once again Koinonia is requesting Christmas Baskets for their clients. Our family at the Journey - either with their life group or on their own (it makes a great family activity!) - can help a family who otherwise might not have a Christmas dinner by donating a Christmas Basket. If you & your family or your life group would like to help, please pick up a basket! A list of suggested items is included. We will be filling them with enough food to feed a family of four (4). And be sure to sign up that you've taken a basket on the sign up sheet provided - we need to register each basket with Koinonia so they know how many they have to give away. Baskets need to be returned filled up by Sunday December 20th. For more information, contact Judy Davis at [judydavis5839@gmail.com](mailto:judydavis5839@gmail.com).

Also, you can join Fiona's this Thursday through next Thursday to contribute to Koinonia. See the ad below:



*catch the spirit!*

## Food and Clothing Drive for Koinonia\*

December 10 - 17th



Join us December 10 - 17th at Fiona's and bring your donations of food and clothing to support our local needy! Current food needs include:

- toiletries
- toothpaste
- toothbrushes
- kleenex
- paper towels
- paper napkins
- ketchup
- mustard
- cooking oil
- coffee
- low sugar/diabetic items
- grocery store gift cards

Clothing Needs: New socks and underwear. Also gently used coats and winter clothes.

\*Koinonia is a faith-based, non-profit organization that serves the Kingstowne-Franconia area by providing food, clothing and other short-term support to families and individuals in need. Go to: [koinoniacares.org](http://koinoniacares.org)

# Sermon Outline



Matthew 1:1, *"This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham."*

Luke 1:3-4 (NLT), *"Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I also have decided to write a careful account for you, most honorable Theophilus, so you can be certain of the truth of everything you were taught."*

John 1:1-2, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning."*

John 1:3, *"Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made."*

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James Irwin, *"There is one thing better than man walking on the moon, and that is God walking on the earth."*

**Observation #1:** Before the world began...God had a PLAN to rescue mankind

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Isaiah 7:14, *"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel."*

Isaiah 53:6 (NCV), *"The Lord has put on him the punishment for all the evil we have done."*

Luke 1:30-31 (CEV), *"Then the angel told Mary, 'Don't be afraid! God is pleased with you, and you will have a son. His name will be Jesus.'"*

Matthew 1:21, *"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."*

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# Sermon Outline

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NCV), *"Christ had no sin, but God made him become sin so that in Christ we could become right with God."*

**Observation #2:** Not only did God have a PLAN, He sealed it with His PROMISE that it would be fulfilled and God always keeps His PROMISES

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Micah 5:2 (MSG), *"But you, Bethlehem, David's country, the runt of the litter—from you will come the leader who will shepherd-rule Israel. He'll be no upstart, no pretender. His family tree is ancient and distinguished."*

Isaiah 9:6 (NCV), *"A child has been born to us; God has given a son to us. He will be responsible for leading the people. His name will be Wonderful Counselor, Powerful God, Father Who Lives Forever, Prince of Peace."*

Isaiah 53:5 (CEV), *"But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed."*

Psalms 22:16-18 (NLT), *"My enemies surround me like a pack of dogs; an evil gang closes in on me. They have pierced my hands and feet. I can count all my bones. My enemies stare at me and gloat. They divide my garments among themselves and throw dice for my clothing."*

*Reflection...*

2 Corinthians 9:15, *"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"*

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Romans 3:23-25 (NCV), *"Everyone has sinned and fallen short of God's glorious standard, and all need to be made right with God by his grace, which is a free gift. They need to be made free from sin through Jesus Christ. God sent him to die in our place to take away our sins. We receive forgiveness through faith in the blood of Jesus' death."*

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## Christmas Poinsettias

Thank you to everyone who purchased poinsettias to decorate our church. The following were purchased in memory or honor of loved ones:

- A red poinsettia was donated in memory of Jesus Christ by Jim and Karen Pruitt.
- A red poinsettia and a white poinsettia were donated in memory of Elaine Hill by the Hill family.
- A white poinsettia was donated in memory of Meara Leigh McFerran by Jace, Andrea, and Layla McFerran.
- A red and a white poinsettia were donated in memory of Maria and Andrea Ripetta and Mary and Lloyd Spaur by Linda and Luigi Ripetta.
- A red poinsettia was donated in memory of Karl Drum by Cathy Drum.
- A white poinsettia was donated in memory of Jim Fuson by Matthew Randolph.
- A red and a white poinsettia were donated in memory of William and Joan Wickersham and Wilbur and Twila Johnson by Dave and Shelley Johnson.
- A red poinsettia was donated in memory of Irene Morrill by Constance De Souza.
- A white poinsettia was donated in memory of Cherie Foss by Tom Foss.
- A red poinsettia was donated in memory of Cherie Foss by Tori Foss.
- A red poinsettia was donated in memory of Lee and Lay Tingley and Laurie and Glen Davis by Carol Davis.
- A red poinsettia was donated in memory of Bob and Florence Jacobson by Brad and Denise Lincoln.
- A red and a white poinsettia were donated in honor of Come Quickly Ministries by the Becker/Ulrich Wednesday Night Life Group.

