

**PASTOR GUSTI WILL BE TAKING A COMBINATION OF STUDY LEAVE AND VACATION Monday, November 18 - Tuesday, December 3.** Guest Preachers: Rev. Harry Daniel, November 24 and Christa Mastrangelo Joyce, December 1. For pastoral emergencies contact your Deacon directly or Deacon Moderator Jen Jones at 681-247-0193.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY DECEMBER 8, 9:45am in person and via Zoom** (link TBA). Receive updates from the Session, elect congregational leaders, and approve Pastor Terms of Call.

**STEWARDSHIP SEASON CONTINUES!** Each member household should have received a Stewardship Letter and Pledge Form for 2025 highlighting our theme: *Focus on the Future*. The Session has made strategic investments in worship technology, children and youth ministry, staff benefits, and increased giving to mission and advocacy beyond the congregation. To maintain and build upon these investments into the future (and keep up with inflation), our total annual congregational giving needs to increase by \$55,000 - \$75,000 (15% - 25%). Please pledge as generously as you are able – an additional 5% per year for the next 4 years, if possible – to help bridge the gap and build the long term vision.

***Pledges to-date total \$107,000 from 36 households, 38% of goal***

LOOKING AHEAD ...

## **“Holding On to Hope”**

### **Worship in Advent**

December 1 - 22

What if we did not know the story?

What if the unfolding darkness  
clouded our memory of light?

What if this longing to hold the world in arms of love  
seemed impossible to fulfill?

How would we hold on to hope?

The congregation is invited to contribute readings, prayers, poetry, quotes, *et cetera* on this theme.

Please send your contributions to Lynn Dampman at the church office.