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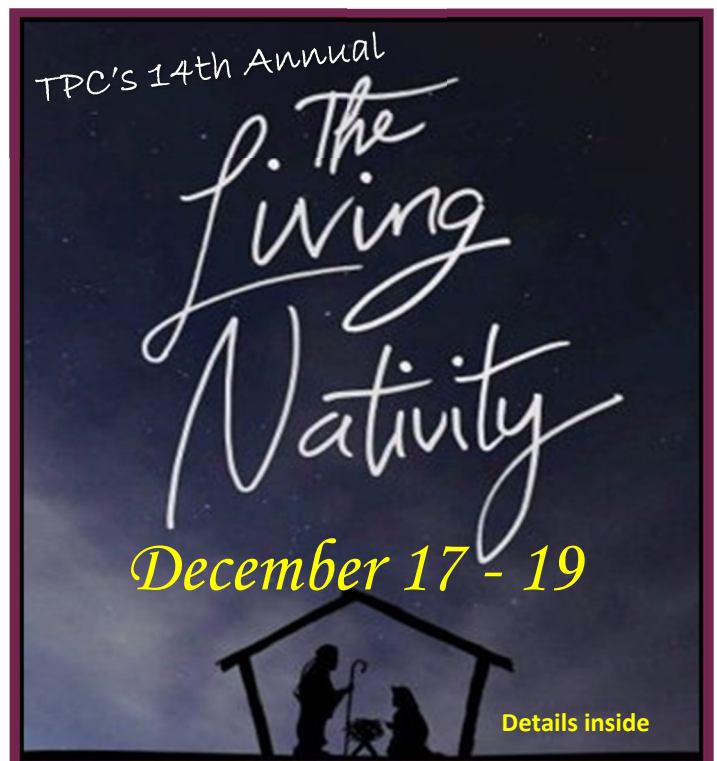
TPC monthly newsletter—DECEMBER, 2021

Hello TPC Family!

Something we are all going to start hearing pretty soon is a phrase that has become too common in our society today; “Happy Holidays!” Now I understand where this is coming from and to a degree, I can appreciate this time of year is for all people. But what I don’t agree with is removing the “Merry Christmas” from our usual greeting. This time of year is all about Christ. The trees we put up, the decorations we place on them, the lights we place on our homes and businesses, the gifts we exchange, the celebrations that we have are all about Jesus whether we realize it or not. So, I want to invite us all to remember Christ a little more this year. Honestly, I feel like our community and our world are craving Jesus more than ever. So, if you see me around town, don’t be surprised that I’ll be glad to see you and don’t be surprised if I wish you a very Merry Christmas!

Blessings and Peace!

Pastor Roger
Soli Deo gloria



LADIES' CHRISTMAS TEA

DECEMBER 4

2:00-4:00PM

TPC TENT



JOIN US FOR TEA AND TREATS AND A SWEET TIME TOGETHER. PLEASE BRING A FAVORITE ORNAMENT AND ITS STORY TO SHARE WITH YOUR TABLE GROUP.

Christmas Joy Offering 2021 – Zozu Project, Arua, Uganda

This year's Christmas Joy Offering will go to the Zozu Project. The Zozu Project founded Solid Rock Christian School, which is located in the West Nile Region of Uganda in Arua district, East Africa. It is a Christian school that focuses on providing free quality education to the less privileged poor children in the area.

This year, we are raising money to outfit the new preschool. The preschool is a very important level of education since it sets a firm foundation for a child's future academic performance. At this level, most of the activities rotate around playing, singing, sharing and gaming. The money will go for materials for the

preschool program, such as storybooks, workbooks, toys, physical education supplies, art supplies, musical instruments, and curricula.

Our goal is to raise \$12,000.

The Christmas Offering will kickoff on December 5th and continue through the month of December.

Financial gifts can be made by check made payable to TPC (please indicate "Christmas" on memo line) or online gifts can be made to the CHRISTMAS JOY fund at templetonpres.org/giving.



THANKSGIVING BASKET BLESSINGS

The weekend before Thanksgiving TPC was busy preparing and assembling Thanksgiving baskets. Because of the generosity of this congregation, 64 families from the Paso Robles and the Atascadero Headstart programs were given complete Thanksgiving meals. We partnered with Atascadero Grocery Outlet and Trader Joe's who generously provided discounts and donated items. This church raised over \$4200 which went towards the purchase of the items in the Thanksgiving baskets. Thanks to you all who provided prayer, financial support, and help with the Thanksgiving Basket Ministry. Such a blessing!

In Him,
Mick Lebens

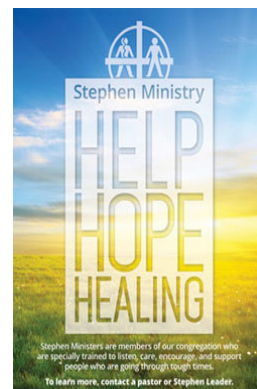


STEPHEN MINISTRY INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Training for new Stephen Ministers for our Templeton Presbyterian Church community will begin this January. The 50 hours of training are given at our church and spread out over several weeks, provided by our own Stephen Leaders and Pastor Roger.

Please join us for a brief informational meeting about Stephen Ministry training on Sunday, Dec 5th after worship in the church library. Our next training class will begin in January. If you are unable to attend and want more information, you may contact Lois Ecklund, Susan Hayward, or Frank Bush to enroll in the training.

Also, as always, if you, a family member, or a friend need the support of a Stephen Minister now, contact Lois Ecklund (805-461-1470 or 408-718-8613) to discuss having a confidential Christian-based support relationship with a Stephen Minister.





Poinsettia Dedications

Members of the TPC family are invited to order poinsettias in honor of the special people in their lives. The potted plants are displayed during Worship throughout the Christmas season and are available for pickup after the Christmas Eve service.

Order forms due by DECEMBER 15.



CALLING ALL BAKERS!

COOKIES NEEDED

for Living Nativity

Four performances beginning Friday, December 17!

All cookie deliveries to Butler Hall kitchen gratefully accepted beginning Thursday, December 16.

Contact Nancy Doughty to help with baking and/or serving: 310/503-0111 happycats.njd@gmail.com

p. The Living Nativity



An outdoor presentation by Templeton Presbyterian Church

DECEMBER 17 @7:00PM

DECEMBER 18 @7:00PM

DECEMBER 19 @5:45PM / 7:00PM

Music, animals, characters, refreshments...and a baby

Please bring own chairs and blankets for bundling up!

610 S. Main St, Templeton 805/434-1921 templetonpres.org

1ST INAUGURAL

Christmas on Main Street



OPEN HOUSE AND TREE AUCTION

Saturday, December 18, 4pm-7pm

ON MAIN STREET IN TEMPLETON

PLEASE NOTE: We may or may not have bleachers this year. Stay tuned for updates on seating!

LOWER YOUR TAXABLE INCOME BY CONTRIBUTING WITH A QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution)

The Stewardship & Finance Committee just found out about this option this year and wanted to share it with you. As stated below, "For specific tax advice, be sure to consult with your accountant".

1. What is a QCD?

- A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from one's IRA to a qualified charitable organization. Amounts distributed as a QCD are not reported as taxable income and can be counted toward satisfying one's required minimum distribution (RMD) for the current calendar year.

2. What are the QCD Rules?

- Individual must be age 70 ½ or older
- Annual limit is \$100,000 per individual
- No limit on number of charitable contributions
- Funds must be transferred directly from the IRA custodian to the qualified charity
- Deadline is December 31st of the current calendar year

3. What are the benefits?

- In addition to the benefits of giving to a charity, the QCD rule provides taxpayers the ability to lower their adjusted gross income (AGI). This can be more valuable than taking an itemized deduction, which just lowers taxable income. Because AGI is used for many tax calculations, having a lower number can allow the donor to stay in a lower tax bracket, reduce or eliminate the taxation of Social Security or other income, and remain eligible for deductions and credits that might be lost if the taxpayer had to declare the IRA distribution as taxable. (For specific tax advice, be sure to consult with your accountant.)



Winter Break

NO Youth Group

DECEMBER

21/22, 28/29



CAN YOU HELP with our monthly meal at ECHO Homeless Shelter on December 20? Food contributions and meal prep needed. Contact Kathy Westphal or the church office for details. (805/434-1921)



ECHO DONATION BASKET

This month, ECHO is requesting warm clothing items such as jackets, gloves, scarves, and hats. Items can be dropped off in the donation basket on Sunday mornings or during weekly office hours.



ANGEL TREE TAGS are ready!

Choose a tag from Butler Hall
OR donations can also be made by check to TPC (indicate "Angel Tree") and a shopper will purchase needed gifts.

Please return gifts by DEC 13

TPC collected 73 shoeboxes for this year's Operation Christmas Child campaign! Plus many more donated online. THANK YOU for blessing God's children all over the world!

