

December, 2022

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OF CHRIST



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Inviting ALL to follow Jesus in faith & action



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Join Us For A
Very Special
Christmas Eve Service
Saturday, December 24th
4 P.M. at Zwingli UCC



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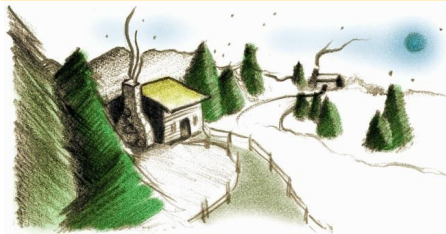
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Interested In **CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?**

If you are interested in joining Zwingli UCC, please contact the Church Office.

All are welcome to become part of this faith community.

Church Office Hours

Monday–Friday
8 a.m.–12 p.m.

Closed Holidays
These are scheduled open office hours.

Other hours are available by calling
608-938-4369.



"The good news of great joy changed the course of every silent night to come."

Alicia Bruxvoort

Important Online Offerings For You



https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzwwZLdGT03Us3IFvINLibg?view_as=subscriber

This is our **YouTube Channel**. Most of the videos we have recorded are found here! If you subscribe to this channel, you will get email notifications of newly posted videos. Many smart TVs are able to stream this channel as well.



www.zwingliucc.com - This **Website** has all you need to know about Zwingli United Church of Christ, programs offered, current newsletter and videos, and devotionals as well as information on all things Zwingli!



Zwingli United Church of Christ (Monticello) – Type this in your **Facebook** search bar and enter the world of Zwingli UCC. Our timeline has had all manner of things and ideas that are Zwingli related posts!



The Pastor is in – Call 828-817-9055 to speak with the Pastor!!!! You can also text message at the same number! **Email:** mtpreach.59@gmail.com or zwingliuccmonticello@gmail.com

CANDLE—The candle symbolizes Jesus being the light of the world (John 8:12), as well as his call for Christians to be lights (Matthew 5:14). Candles play a prominent role in the Christmas season. Each candle on an Advent wreath has a special meaning. Many churches have a candlelight worship service on Christmas Eve, often at midnight.



From the Pastor

December is the month we think about Christmas—a time of giving and sharing, a time of friends and family, a time when we are to be mindful of our actions to others. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen and all that sort of stuff! But Christmas is the end of a long journey into darkness. The days begin to shrink in late August and continue to gradually get shorter and shorter until the Winter Solstice, the Day of the Longest Night, which happens somewhere near December 21. At that point, the days slowly begin to lengthen. For centuries in Northern and Western Europe, Festivals and Holiday feasts fell on these days of transition. With the Roman Empire came the Christian faith and what a perfect time to celebrate the feast of our Savior's birth. The Gospel of John speaks of a great light that darkness could not overcome. So, we celebrate the birth of Jesus in late December. Folks read Dicken's Christ-



mas Carol, Nativity scenes end up in people's yards, but other things get blended into the mix, Santa and elves and reindeer, Yule logs and Christmas trees, which later became Chrismon trees for the Church with religious symbols as the decorations. This Holiday that, it seems, anyone associated with Christianity celebrates, is the big-

gest Holy-Day or Holiday of the year. Helpless baby Jesus, the King of the Earth, is easy to love.

And so this Holiday has transitioned, evolved, and is yet evolving. As you feel the strain of this evolution, please remember what this Holiday represents to us a Christians. Not as Consumers, not as Americans, not as millennials or gen-X-ers or even baby boomers, but as Christians, followers of the man called Jesus the Christ. Let us read the Nativity story with new eyes this season. Let us see the most

powerful portions of this age-old tale. The main characters: God a Father, a Mother, a Babe, and most of all **LOVE!** Not riches, power, not even the massive ham or bird on the Christmas dinner table, but pure love and little else.

I pray my family, which consists of everyone who reads this note, feels the warm love of the innocent child. I pray we find the abundance and wealth in the simple basic components of our homes. Warmth, food, light, and most of all **Love!** I pray for Christmas blessings for all my relations!!! Merry Christmas!

Peace, Pastor Lance



Daily Bible Reading

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Psalm 30 | 16 Psalm 75 |
| 2 Psalm 136 | 17 Isaiah 38:1-20 |
| 3 Psalm 138 | 18 Isaiah 7:1-25 |
| 4 Exodus 12:1-14 | 19 Isaiah 8:1-20 |
| 5 Exodus 12:15-36 | 20 Isaiah 8:21—9:7 |
| 6 Exodus 12:37-51 | 21 Luke 1:1-25 |
| 7 Exodus 13:1-10 | 22 Luke 1:26-56 |
| 8 Exodus 13:11-22 | 23 Luke 1:57-80 |
| 9 Exodus 14:1-18 | 24 Luke 2:1-20 |
| 10 Exodus 14:19-31 | 25 John 1:1-18 |
| 11 Exodus 15:1-18 | 26 John 1:19-34 |
| 12 Exodus 15:19-27 | 27 John 1:35-51 |
| 13 Exodus 16:1-21 | 28 Luke 2:21-38 |
| 14 Exodus 16:22-36 | 29 Luke 2:39-52 |
| 15 Exodus 17:1-16 | 30 Matthew 1:1-25 |
| | 31 Jude 1-25 |





Caring Ministries Moment

God is our merciful Father and the source of all our comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.
2 Corinthians 1: 3- 4

Minister: tend, wait on, help.
This is the definition of minister as a verb.

Comfort is defined as to console, commiserate, grieve with, cheer, gladden, uphold, reassure, sooth, revitalize.

These verbs are carried out by the volunteers of the Zwingli Prayer Chains, the Sunshine Team, and the Caring Friends. They minister to the Zwingli Church Family and beyond!

As a group, the Prayer Chain, Sunshine Team, and Caring Friends were known as the Caring Network. After discussion with many volunteers; we have decided to change from Caring Network to **Caring Ministry**.

Bob Getman designed a logo for the network years ago. That logo of a cross and heart, with **God Cares We Care**, is seen on the cards that Sally Disrud makes for us. It is the perfect logo for the ministry that the volunteers provide. So, the word Network will be replaced with the word **Ministry**.



Cards are available to everyone at the East Entrance throughout the year. Christmas cards will be available this year. I know when I received a card, that logo brought me comfort and I really did feel cared for. During the holidays; let's all reach out and let others know **God Cares, We care!**

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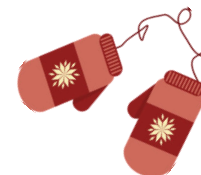


A Prayer For Christmas

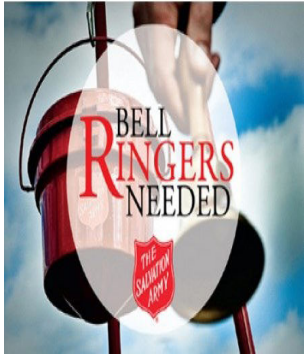
The internet reveals little about Wilda English — only that she lived from 1916 to 1997 and once resided in California. No details exist about her family, work, or interests. Just this prayer, widely shared online. And it is no small thing. Indeed, the prayer tells much about her faith.

God bless Wilda English for sharing these words with the world. May they continue to inspire many!

God grant you the **LIGHT** in Christmas, which is **FAITH**;
the **WARMTH** of Christmas, which is **LOVE**;
the **RADIANCE** of Christmas, which is **PURITY**;
the **RIGHTEOUSNESS** of Christmas, which is **JUSTICE**;
the **BELIEF** in Christmas, which is **TRUTH**;
the **ALL** of Christmas, which is **CHRIST**.



Help us "DECORATE" our Mitten Tree with new or hand made mittens, hats, & scarves. The tree will be up through the Holidays. All items are donated locally. Thanks for helping!!!!



2022 Community Salvation Army Kettle Campaign November 29 - December 13

YOU can make a difference for others this Holiday Season by helping with the **Monticello Community Salvation Army Kettle Campaign.**

We need people to set up and take down the kettle each day as well as people to **"Ring the Bell."**

Set up is easy: Go to Zwingli UCC in Monticello and pick up the kettle, stand, apron, bell, propane tank, and heater. These will be located inside the East Entrance of the Church. Take them to Gempeler's Supermarket in time for the first shift.

Bell ringing is fun: Wear a Santa hat, reindeer antlers, or elf shoes. Play music or sing. You will meet friends and neighbors. It is a good opportunity to teach your children the value of community service. A propane heater will ensure your comfort. We ask that you show up a few minutes prior to shift change to ensure a "good handover." Feel free to leave additional information in the comment section.

Tear down is also easy and important: Some of our ringers may not be able to transport the kettle due to physical limitations, schedule, or small vehicle ... If you are willing to meet the last shift and transport the kettle, stand, apron, bell, propane tank, and heater to Zwingli UCC's East Entrance, this is a quick and easy job for you!

Go to the following link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4FA8AE2BA31-2020>
or email Paul & Sue Rieder at pinestds.net

All of the money collected comes back to Monticello ... **Thanks for Volunteering and have a safe and Happy Holiday Season!**

Joy to the World

Carol Sing



Wednesday, December 7

Doors open at 5:30 pm, Caroling begins at 7 pm

Join Area Musicians:

Rev. Lance Smith, Ernst Saunders, Peggy Miller,
Rosalie Huntington, and many others



All are Welcome to
this Free event



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Java Lava Coffee Shop
203 Main Street
Monticello, WI

Tasty Java Lava Treats available for purchase





Still Calling All Cookies!!!!



On Saturday, December 10th,
in Zwingli's North Room, the



Women's Guild Pre-Christmas Bake Sale
will be taking place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All the women of the Church are part of the Women's Guild so, if possible, please donate baked goods for this annual fundraising event. You may drop off items early, either in the pantry of the downstairs kitchen or in the kitchen off of the North Room. You may also drop off items the day of the Bake Sale, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. (Labeling items which contain allergens such as nuts is helpful.) Any extra packable goodies will be used for filling the **Brotherhood Cheer Boxes** later that afternoon, so do not worry about over supplying. We are still looking for one more volunteer for second shift, running from 10:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. If you would like to help or have any questions, please contact **Barb Pluss at 608-527-4293** or **Cyndi Blair at 608-214-2207**. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.



Thank You Everyone!!



Santa Claus is coming to town!!

Santa will make his annual Pre-Christmas visit to Monticello on Saturday, December 10th, 2022, at the Monticello Fire Station.

While Santa greets the children there and hears their wishes for Christmas, his elves are working hard to set up a special shop for the children to buy gifts for their family members. **The Workshop at Zwingli UCC, 416 E. Lake Avenue, will be open from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for kids to shop before or after seeing Santa.** Santa's Workshop can't happen without your help.

As always, Santa's elves (Monticello National Honor Society members) look to the local community for donations of small gift items that the children can "buy" for their parents and siblings and grandparents. **Donations can be handled the same as in past years. If you have any new or like-new items to donate, please feel free to drop them off at Zwingli UCC or during business hours at Tri-Insure at 145 N. Main Street, Monticello.**

Each year people ask what they should donate. The original goal of the Workshop was for kids to be able to buy gifts for their parents, grandparents and even siblings. So any small gift that you could see a child giving to their parents, grandparents, or siblings would be great! Each year we find that the quickest items off the shelves at the Workshop are men's gifts. Men's gift ideas can be new decks of playing cards, hand tools, travel mugs, work gloves, flashlights, etc. Other gift ideas are holiday decorations or trinkets, unused

candles, new bottles of lotion, jewelry, coffee mugs, scarves, etc. Since our elves help wrap every gift, wrapping paper, gift bags, and tissue paper are also appreciated!



Join Us For The Next
Super Sunday on a Special Day
December 18th @ 10:30 a.m.

The interactive programs are wrapped around stories of the Bible and include crafts, activities, and Fun!!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!



Ruth Circle

The Ruth Circle of Zwingli UCC, organized February, 1950, will disband as of December 31, 2022. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved at the October 5th, 2022, meeting due to aging members and declining attendance.

Members may choose to support the newly formed Zwingli Women United.

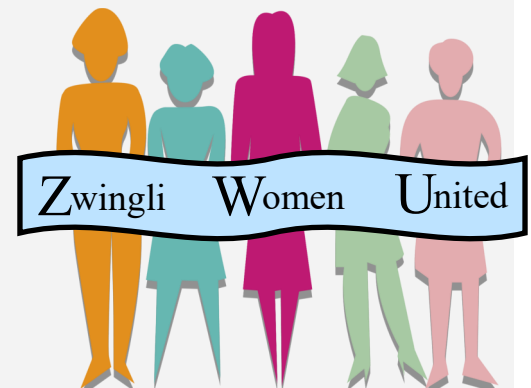


Attention Women of Zwingli!

On Sunday, October 23rd, our Zwingli Women's Guild met and unanimously decided to dissolve our group of Women's Guild and to combine and collaborate activities with our Caring Ministry and Ruth Circle beginning January 1st.



This new group will be called “**Zwingli Women United.**” Great news in this...it will still be as easy as being a woman and a Church member to belong to **Zwingli Women United.** Instead of delegating certain activities and projects for each of those three groups we will combine the workload and share members and ideas. Activities sponsored by **Zwingli Women United** will be posted in the “*Chimes*” and anyone can volunteer for an activity that they have an interest in. Some of the activities that have been previously sponsored by Women's Guild were the Summer Supper, birthday parties, and Root Beer Float Days at various nursing homes, and the Holiday Bake Sale. Cindi Ritter will chair this new venture of **Zwingli Women United** so please be on the look out for some of the first events and activities to come out after the first of the year. We are lucky as women and members of our Church to have each other and have help and support in each other. The goal in redefining and merging these groups together is to continue to support the activities we have in the past, but in hopes of having a bit more of an outreach by joining forces of all three groups. Erica Appel





- 01 Brianna Dahl
Andrew McMannes
- 02 Carolyn Schwartzlow
- 03 Lance Smith
- 04 Barb Meier
- 05 Bill Dickson
Jarred Pendergrass
- 06 Reid Zanoya
- 07 Alex Roe
Leroy Spring
Kathleen Sulzer
- 08 Paul Rieder
Jerald Wettach
Sue Wild
- 10 Karen Wichser
- 11 Alice Fahrney
Jeff Grossen
Allison Hensel
- 12 Scott Blumer
Matthew Disch
Alyssah Kubly
Dylan Luchsinger
- 13 Timothy Disch
- 14 Shawn Simas
- 15 Pansy Balleine
Jade Foulker

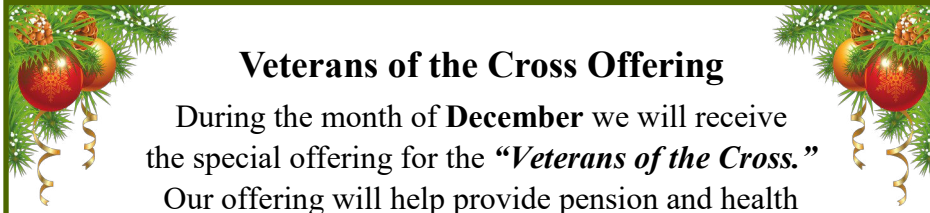
B I R T H D A Y S



- 16 Tricia Barker
Robert Halvorsen
- 17 Natalie Lehr
- 18 Gloria Bacher
Ralph Gempeler
Amy Lehr
- 19 James Voegeli
- 20 Lukas Kolasch
Robert L. Meier
Morgan Twarog
- 21 Heather Bacher
- 23 Ann Kaderly
- 24 Derek Schwartzlow
Hailey Thompson
- 25 Danetta Halvorsen
- 29 Maxen Brandl
Diane Disch
Andrew Garfoot
Tracy Wing
- 30 Kathleen Baebler
Melissa Carlson
Krisarah Gilbertson
Xzavier Janisch
Jeff Zuber
- 31 Damian Janisch
JoLynn Retrum
Jack Stenbroten

Anniversaries



- 11 Douglas & Kelly Hilliard
- 13 Bryan & Anndre Dove
- 12 Ron & Jenny Blumer
- 17 Dennis & Angie Tomczyk



Veterans of the Cross Offering

During the month of **December** we will receive the special offering for the *“Veterans of the Cross.”* Our offering will help provide pension and health insurance premium supplements to lower income retired Church workers, emergency assistance to clergy/lay Church employees in need, and Christmas “Thank You” gift checks to hundreds of annuitants.

To donate, please send your check
(with *Veterans of the Cross* in the memo line) to:
Zwingli UCC, P.O. Box 97, Monticello, WI 53570
Thank you for your gifts.





Singers Needed



Add your voice

Do **YOU** like to sing the old familiar hymns?
Have **YOU** thought about being in a Choir but the weekly commitment doesn't work in your schedule?

If your answer to either of these is **YES**, the last Sunday of each month is a perfect opportunity for **YOU!!** The **“Pop-up Choir”** is in need of more voices. We meet in the Lounge/Library at 8:30 a.m. on the Sunday we sing and go through the hymns that have been chosen. You even have the opportunity to give suggestions for a hymn that might be near and dear to your heart.

The last Sunday of December is Christmas Day, so please give this some thought and join us in January when **we sing on January 29th, 2023.**





We caught you doing something good:
Suzy Halverson, Casandra Trumpy, Paul Reider, Sue Reider, Chris Meier, DeeDee Bruns, Nancy Karlen, Pastor Lance, Heidi and Eric Kassebaum, Lacy Stoerp, Nicole Baebler.
You were doing some good for the people of our County. Thank you for volunteering at the Ag Chest Cream Puff Booth during Cheese Days weekend. The Ag Chest helps to increase understanding and awareness of the Agricultural Community!

Hands of Change members and chaperones were given a hearty thank you from the volunteers on Election Day. It seems **Jodi Hollis, Roann Austin, Pastor Lance, and three HOC members, Korbin Timm, Sadie Jo Flanagan, and Gracelyn Willson** spent Monday late afternoon doing a blitz cleaning of the Village Hall before the Election Day. Windows, floors, and the landscape got a quick cleaning and straightening. Clean floors, windows, and flowerbeds welcomed Monticello Community Voters on Nov. 8.

What each of us do in the community reflect the kind of Church we are. Zwingli Family and Friends are always getting caught doing good things in the community!!!

Pre-Christmas Bake Sale

Saturday, December 10th
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Zwingli Church's North Room



Holiday Cookies,
Bratzelies, Breads,
& MANY other Goodies!!



Cookies sold by the pound
Containers will be provided



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416 E. Lake Ave.
Monticello, WI

**ANNUAL REPORTS ARE
DUE DECEMBER 16TH!**



Looking for Help

Looking for a couple of folks to help with Scripture Readings, Sound, Projection, Livestream during all our services! Easy tasks! All the cool kids are hanging out in the balcony these days!!



Contact Pastor Lance Smith or call the Church Office if interested!

Invitation To Social Hour

Zwingli's Sunday Social Hour will happen on the Sunday Mornings when we have a Volunteer Host. Volunteering is simple to do. The Church furnishes the paper products and the coffee. You only need to bring whatever juice and light snack you choose to share. Cleanup is simple and easy.

Sign-up sheets will be at Social Hour or call the Church Office (608-938-4369) to reserve a Sunday.

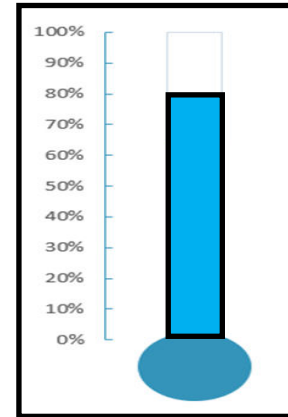


Volunteer Today!

Zwingli Parking Lot Fund Help complete the funding for our Parking Lot

Goal: \$42,326.75*

We Are Almost There!!



\$10,000

Is Needed To Cover The Cost!!!!

Kalberwurst Dinner News

How blessed we are to have this annual event!!

Each year, members of Zwingli and the community work together to make the **Kalberwurst Dinner** a success.

Are YOU organized and like coordinating events?
We are in search of You!

We are looking for volunteers to lead this event for next year.

If interested, reach out to Sheri Wichser @ (608) 575-7175 for more details or email her at sawix6886@gmail.com.



Church Cancellation Policy

On various occasions it may be necessary to cancel Sunday morning activities of the Church (Worship and Sunday School). Such cancellations will generally be the result of weather conditions including heavy snowfall (often with associated high winds), extreme cold, or icy road conditions.

1. The Congregation President – in consultation with the Pastor – will be responsible.
2. The decision to cancel will be made by 6:45 A.M. on Sunday morning.
3. Either the Pastor or the Congregation President will notify the local radio station (WEKZ) and Channel 15 to make a public announcement regarding the cancellation.

Guidelines regarding a decision to cancel:

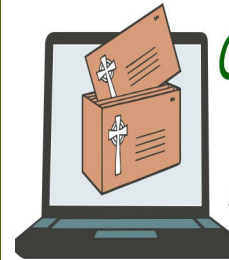
- Heavy blowing and blinding snow (whiteout conditions).
- Extremely icy roads, Parking Lot, or walkways.
- A wind chill warning. Any announcement by the National Weather Bureau deeming conditions to be hazardous.

(Reviewed by the Consistory January 8, 2014)

You can also check our Facebook page or call the Church Office (608) 938-4369.

Several Ways To Give To The Church

Set up your Church giving contribution using your **Bank's online bill pay feature!** You decide the amount, the date you want it sent, and finish making the contribution.



**ONLINE
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Information you will need:

Your Checking Account Number
Make Payment To:

Zwingli United Church of Christ
Your Giving Envelope Number

416 E. Lake Ave., PO Box 97
Monticello, WI 53570 608-938-4369

Email: zwingliuccmonticello@gmail.com

Website: www.zwingliucc.com

OR - Go to our **Website** and click on the hand to bring you to the **giving page**.



Credit/Debit - Click on **Give** button below for **Credit/Debit options**.

GIVE



OR - Checks Can Be Mailed to:
Zwingli United Church of Christ
PO Box 97
Monticello, WI 53570

OR - Drop off your Donation in the Drop Box at the East Entrance to the Church.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministry of Zwingli United Church of Christ.



2022

**Bell Ringing for
Salvation Army runs through Dec.13**

**ANNUAL REPORTS
DUE DEC. 16TH!**



**4 9:15am Worship in Zwingli
2nd Sunday in Advent**
After Worship Social Hour
Fellowship Hall
After Worship Confirmation



5
3:15pm Hands of
Change

6
6:30pm The Gathering



7
Mid-Week Devotional
6:15pm Chime Choir

Carol Sing @
Java Lava
Doors open @ 5:30pm
Singing begins @ 7pm

8
10:30am Zoom Bible
Study
"Chimes" Info Due

9
8am MPPM Meeting
7pm AA Meeting



10
9am-1pm
Pre-Christmas
Bake Sale
11am-1:30pm
Santa's Workshop
12:30pm
Brotherhood

**11 9:15am Worship in Zwingli
3rd Sunday in Advent**
After Worship Social Hour
Fellowship Hall

12
3:15pm Hands of
Change

**13
Bake
Cookies**



14
Mid-Week Devotional
11:30am Ruth Circle @
Vince's Monroe
6pm Finance
6:30pm Consistory

15
10:30am Zoom Bible
Study

16
**ANNUAL
REPORTS DUE**
7pm AA Meeting

17



**18 9:15am Worship in Zwingli
4th Sunday in Advent**
Veterans of the Cross Offering
After Worship **Super Sunday** with
Confirmands
After Worship Social Hour
Fellowship Hall

19
Noon-MPPM Meeting
No Hands of
Change Today

20
No Gathering



21
Mid-Week Devotional
6:15pm Chime Choir

22
10:30am Zoom Bible
Study



23
7pm AA Meeting

24
4pm Christmas
Eve Service



25 9:15am Worship in Zwingli



26
No Hands of
Change Today

27



28
Mid-Week Devotional

29
No Zoom Bible
Study

30
7pm AA Meeting

**31
New Year's Eve**



Dates and times subject to change