



## **DURING ADVENT . . .**



**A Blessing Tree** has been painted on the wall in the Narthex in our Sanctuary. **The Card Ministry** has made special Christmas cards and you are welcome to write on these cards expressing all the blessings in your life. Please enjoy this special tree!



This Advent Season, as in past years, **we are collecting white socks to keep the feet of those in need very warm.** Baskets for your donation will be in the Narthex or you can bring your donation of socks by the Church Office during the week.



**The Worship Committee has purchased 24 Poinsettia Plants to decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>. You are welcome to purchase a plant(s) for \$10 each.** You may purchase a plant(s) in memory of or in honor of loved ones and friends. **Please have all your orders into the office by Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Please fill out a form and return this form along with your payment. You will find the form on the last page of this week's "Keeping in Touch".

You can bring the form by the church office, or place form and payment in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, mail to the church, or just email the office ([smumchh@gmail.com](mailto:smumchh@gmail.com)) with all info and drop your payment in the mail.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

**Ruth Barnes** is suffering with a bad cold.

**Gloria**, mother of Sam Robles, is very ill and has low oxygen level.

**June**, mother of Patty Graves, as she settles into her new home.

**Shiryl Boerlin** is under Hospice Care.

**Prayers of peace for Israel and Hamas** who are still in conflict; **for the Palestinian People**; all the **Men, Women and Children** who are affected by this conflict and trying to somehow survive daily.

**The Hostages** who have been released as they continue their recovery process, and **those who still remain Hostages.**

**The Countries in the Middle East** dealing with all the unrest.

**The family of the man stabbed to death, along with the 2 persons attacked,** at the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

**The country of Ukraine** still under attack.

**Each and every one of the U.S. Forces** now stationed overseas.

**Prayers of peace** to all those in our country who are affected by the shootings, physical attacks, stealing of personal property (to include our loved pets), and the looting and destruction of retail stores.

*Please keep these members, our family, and our friends, in your prayers as well:*

**Jean Logan, Pat Griffin, Donna Lilly, Dorothy Tarvin, Carolyn Mueller, Don King, Doris Sachs, Peter Matsumura, Judi Kukral** (sister of Terry Feulner), **Chris Kozak** (son of Rich and Denise Kozak), **Kathleen Brown** (niece Carol Rogers), **Diane Crawford** (daughter of Shirley Butler), **Jeff Graves** (son of Joe and Patty Graves), **Karen Barnes** (daughter of Glenn Hayes and Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes), **Josiah Gonzalez** (son of Dolores Gonzalez-Hayes).

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

*Those whose names are printed in red, have a special celebration this coming week.*

### *December Birthdays*

|                |                           |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| Dec. 2         | Pat Kunishima             |
| <b>Dec. 16</b> | <b>Elaine Drake-Hurst</b> |
| Dec. 18        | Rick Kunishima            |
| Dec. 20        | John Robinson             |
| Dec. 25        | Dorothy Tarvin            |
| Dec. 27        | Eileen Casterline         |

### *December Wedding Anniversaries*

|         |                             |
|---------|-----------------------------|
| Dec. 8  | Jack & Caroline Weatherford |
| Dec. 20 | Don & Linda Pastrana        |
| Dec. 28 | Rick & Denise Kozak         |
| Dec. 29 | Terry & Joy Feulner         |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Naomi Circle invites you to join us** for fellowship, fun, and games on Wednesday, December 13 at 1:00 PM in the Sunday School Classroom of Fellowship Hall. Please bring an inexpensive, wrapped white elephant gift for the gift exchange. (Hint: This is a good time to re-gift something given to you that didn't fit your lifestyle.)



Pastor David is still offering **Free Music Lessons** to our community. Learn how to play the keyboard, guitar or drums. Call the church office at 626-333-6656 or email the office at [smumchh@gmail.com](mailto:smumchh@gmail.com) for more information.



### POINSETTIA PLANT FORM



**POINSETTIA PLANTS ARE \$10 EACH.** Please make your check payable to *St. Matthew's UMC* with the notation of "Poinsettia Plant".

*\* Please print all information needed.*

**YOUR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NO. OF PLANTS** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**In Honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

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(OFFICE USE ONLY: Paid Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check#/Cash \_\_\_\_\_)