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## December 2022: Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church

*Welcoming Congregation*

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### The Bridge

No Sunday School Programs and no Childcare during this time. The playroom is clean and open for parents who wish to use it. Due to Covid-19, except for Sunday 11:00 a.m. services, many activities remain cancelled. Sunday School programs have been cancelled until further notice.

**December 4, 2022: "Our Favorite Christmas Stories and Songs"** – Led by Ann Malpass – This is a sharing service. Please bring your favorite family story or favorite Christmas story to share. Also please pick a Christmas hymn. Let Ann know, if possible, of your choices prior to the service.

**December 11, 2022: "Candle Lighting Service"** – Again we will hold our annual Candle Lighting Service during the 11:00 a.m. hour. Hope you can attend.

**December 18, 2022: "On Christmas"** – Reverend Brian Clougherty.

**December 25, 2022: "Christmas Day"** – Christmas sing along with Jimmy Merritt. Homily with Reverend Justin Lapoint.



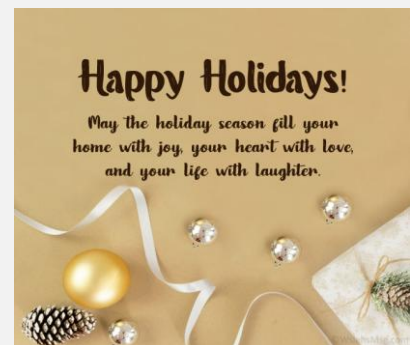
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### Dates to Remember

**December 1: Decorating the church for the Christmas Season.**

**December 8: 2:00 p.m. AUV Christmas party and book exchange at the church.**

**December 10: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.: Kiln Opening and Holiday Sale: Max & Kathy Whitley, Easy Street Leather and Pottery, 1712 Mary Tate Road, Pink Hill, NC**



*“How the Grinch Stole Christmas”*

*An Excerpt: Dr. Seuss*

“Pooh Pooh to the Whos!” he was grinchishly humming,  
“They’re finding out now that no Christmas is coming!”  
“They’re just waking up! I know just what they’ll do!”  
“Their mouths will hang open a minute or two,  
Then the Whos down in Whoville will all cry Boo Hoo!”  
“That’s a noise” grinned the Grinch, “That I simply MUST hear!”  
So, he paused, and the Grinch put his hand to his ear.  
And he did hear a sound rising over the snow.  
It started in low, then it started to grow.  
But the sound wasn’t sad! Why, this sounded merry!  
It couldn’t be so! But it WAS merry! VERY!  
He stared down at Whoville! The Grinch popped his eyes!  
Then he shook! What he saw was a shocking surprise!  
Every Who down in Whoville, the tall and the small,  
Was singing! Without any present at all!  
He HADN’T stopped Christmas from coming! IT CAME!  
Somehow or other, it came just the same!  
And the Grinch, with his grinch-feet ice-cold in the snow,  
Stood puzzling and puzzling: “How could it be so?”  
“It came without ribbons! It came without tags!”  
“It came without packages, boxes or bags!”  
And he puzzled three hours, till his puzzler was sore.  
Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn’t before!  
“Maybe Christmas,” he thought, “doesn’t come from a store.”  
“Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!”

