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*"And the Word became flesh and
lived among us ..."*
(John 1:14)

Dear Friends,

might have been.

How amazing to think that God would wish to, as they say, "leave the glory of heaven" to come and live among us – some translations read "dwell among us." This was no weekend visit – or "just passing through" kind of vacation. God – in the person of Jesus of Nazareth – came among us as one of us, to stay. No ... not forever ... for that would not have been real to our experience either. But for his human lifetime, however short that

God came – and "moved into the neighborhood" – as Eugene Peterson has been known to describe it. Living among everyday people, in an everyday place, doing the everyday things we all do – Jesus came and shared life with us. Though we don't have many of the everyday details, there must have been lots of them, because the Gospels only record bits of Jesus' early life, and then much more about the three years of his "active ministry."

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OPEN HEARTS

OPEN DOORS

OPEN MINDS

I suppose all those early, everyday details, weren't considered particularly noteworthy, but I do think it might be important (at least once in a while) to remember Jesus had this pretty ordinary life for some 30 years. Because it is through Jesus that we have come to know God!

I don't imagine for a moment that the incarnation – God coming among us as one of us – was in any way for God's sake. God would not need to experience anything about life on earth in order to understand it. It is, after all, God's creation! But I do believe that it is because God came among us that we have come to know about God and God's ways.

As we walk through this Advent sea-

son together, I invite you to wonder with me:

What do we know of God because we know Jesus ...

love? grace? mercy? compassion? patience? determination?

What do we know of God's ways because we have watched Jesus' life? our freedom? God's persistence? justice? peace? responsibility? Without the gift of Christmas – God dwelling among us in everyday life – our lives would likely be very different, and our understanding much more difficult. Thanks be to God for the miracle that is Christmas!!

Christmas Blessings!!

Pastor Susan

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Worship Happenings ...

Join us for the wonder of Advent and Christmas Eve through this season! We will share in the lighting of our Advent Wreath each Sunday in worship. Then on Christmas Eve, we will gather for worship at 7:00 pm – remembering the joy and wonder of the birth of the Christ Child – God come among us as one of us!

In case it snows ...

In case you missed our earlier conversation, please be aware of these guidelines we will use regarding closing for snow:

If the schools are closed, our office will be closed

If there is a level 2 or 3 snow emergency, I trust you will stay off the roads as well

If the roads are questionable, please use your best judgment about coming to worship.

I will do my best to get here for worship, but if I am not able to manage the road conditions, any of you who are able to get here can still worship. You can sing, pray, read scripture, and even receive an offering! Let's all be safe this winter!!

Pastor Susan

Children's Church Christmas Party

On Sunday, December 16, 2018, all of the children from Janice and Stephanie's classes are invited to stay after church for a Christmas Party. We'll have lunch and party foods, sing some Christmas songs, play games, watch some Christmas movies and make a Christmas gift for your parents.

We hope that you can come. Please be sure to bring a permission slip from mom and dad, if you are attending, so that we know you have permission to stay after church.

McPike Annual Christmas Open Houses

Jim and Karlyn will open their home to one and all on Sunday, Dec. 16 and Tuesday, Dec. 18 from 1:30-5:00 pm. Sweets and savories will be served. Come share in the Christmas Spirit!



Annual Ladies' Christmas Tea at Karlyn's

Monday, December 10 at 7 pm

At the home of Karlyn McPike

138 E Lynn St in Edgerton

Come drink tea and count the Christmas trees!



December Birthdays & Anniversaries

12/3 Jim McPike

12/7 Mary McCarthy

12/8 John D. Casebere

12/14 Ronnie Richardson

12/20 Matt Koerner

12/21 Keira Anderson

12/22 Iva Peverly

12/22 Pam Coffman

12/31 Delores Traxler

12/15 Lee & Elizabeth Gilbert

12/19 Ken & Marilyn Slesman

12/26 Roger and Shirlee Strup

12/29 Scott & Diane Clark

12/30 Pastor Susan Kronbach & Barry Mickey



PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Pam Monosmith

Gloria Korsgaard

Bob Koerner

Theresa Helbert

Adelind Zolman

Adam Frager

Richard Smith

Kenny & Marilyn Slesman

Elton Monosmith

Jane Perry

Jim Bowsher

Diane Clark

Dee Gilbert

Ross, Katelyn & baby Hallett

Baby Athena Gaham

The Wolford family

Family & Friends of Marcella

Koerner

Family and Friends of Jean Hilbert

Advent Candle Lighting/Reading

12/2– Jim & Karlyn McPike

12/9– Phil & Diane Frager

12/16–

12/23– Justin & Amber Wright

& family

Edgerton Liturgists

12/2– Denise Farnham

12/9– Mike Douglass

12/16– Iva Peverly

12/23– Karlyn McPike

12/30–