

JANUARY  
2024

# United in Faith News



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*Why are we  
Here?  
We are to be  
God's  
hands,  
feet and  
voice  
in the  
world.*



From the desk of . . .

*Pastor Jeanine*

New Year Blessings to You!

Advent has ushered Christ into the manger and the Star in the East is guiding the Kings to Bethlehem. I hope you found peace and quiet rest in the shadow of winter. I also hope that as we turn to follow Jesus this new year that you hear the carols and bells ushering us to new life.

Being Church is a calling. A still voice calling us to shelter the teenage Mary and the infant Jesus. A quiet reminder that our neighbor needs us to love them as we would love our own children. A mighty wind that rushes in and blows out the cobwebs and sleep from our eyes.

Jesus the child named Prince of Peace, came not to bring Peace but a sword. The calling to be the church brings peace and stirs rebellion. I invite you to wonder how we can settle confidently into God's love for us and feel drawn and commanded to reach out to bring that love to the world.

There is much to do. There is much to rejoice in.

My prayer for you is that we are all changed by the Spirit alive in us.

*Pastor Jeanine*

At  
United in Faith,  
The Guiding  
Principles are:

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Jesus is  
Lord and  
**Savior**

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Reflect  
God's **Love**

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Pray and  
**listen** for God's  
guidance

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Continue to  
strengthen  
**faith**

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Include **All**  
in God's  
work

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Meet people  
**where they  
are**

## BOOK DISCUSSION

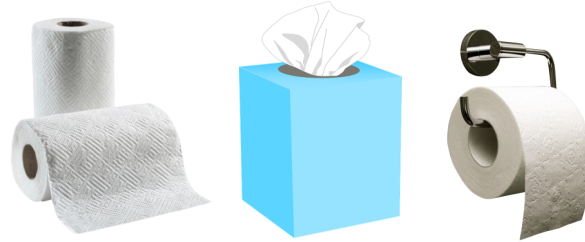
In January the focus will be on mental health as we discuss **The Bell Jar**, a novel by Sylvia Plath. The work, a thinly veiled autobiography, chronicles a young woman's mental breakdown and eventual recovery, while also exploring societal expectations of women in the 1950s. Read the book and join the discussion on Saturday, January 20th at 3:00 in the lounge



# January St. Cyprian's Paper Drive

No, this isn't like the paper drives that scouts used to hold! This paper drive is for United in Faith members to donate items that St. Cyprian's clients need, but cannot be purchased for them by the food pantry. St. Cyprian's can accept such in-kind donations, which are often items that would be costly for the clients to purchase themselves. Here is the list of what to donate:

- Toilet paper
- Toilet tissues
- Paper towels
- Diapers
- Women's feminine products



The collection point will be the red cart, just opposite the door to the back parking lot. We will be collecting these items during the entire month of January.



January 6  
January 14  
January 24  
January 31

James Haas  
Stephanie Chobot  
Judi Schira  
Leah Escalante

**Church office is closed**

**Monday, December 25, 2023 until Tuesday, January 2, 2024**



## Girl Scouts at United in Faith



The girls have been busy as usual, working on badges and having fun. We had our holiday parties and will be off for two weeks. The Juniors and Cadettes were working on a building project requested by Pastor Jeanie...you will have to wait a bit longer for it to be revealed!

Girl Scout cookie sales have begun! Let me know if you would like to order any!

Hope everyone has a marvelous holiday season from the UIF Girl Scouts!

*Janeen*

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# January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> HAPPY NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSED 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship in person and livestreamed	<b>1</b> FOOD PANTRY CLOSED OFFICE CLOSED	<b>2</b> FOOD PANTRY CLOSED 10:00am Golden Rebels Bingo 6:00pm Brownies/Daisy 6:45pm Girl Scouts	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> FOOD PANTRY CLOSED 10:00am Golden Rebels Bingo	<b>5</b> 6:30pm AA	<b>6</b> 9:30am Al-Anon 1:00pm Knitting Group 4:00pm Survivors of Incest
<b>7</b> 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship in person and livestreamed	<b>8</b> 9:00am Food Pantry 12:00pm Ladies Discussion Group	<b>9</b> 10:00am Golden Rebels Bingo 6:00pm Brownies/Daisy 6:45pm Girl Scouts	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00am Food Pantry 10:00am Golden Rebels Bingo	<b>12</b> 6:30pm AA 7:00pm Girl Scout Service Unit 286	<b>13</b> 9:30am Al-Anon 1:00pm Knitting Group 4:00pm Survivors of Incest
<b>14</b> 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship in person and livestreamed	<b>15</b> 9:00am Food Pantry 12:00pm Ladies Discussion Group	<b>16</b> 10:00am Golden Rebels Bingo 6:00pm Brownies/Daisy 6:45pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:00am Food Pantry 10:00am Golden Rebels Bingo	<b>19</b> 6:30pm AA	<b>20</b> 9:30am Al-Anon 1:00pm Knitting Group 4:00pm Survivors of Incest
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† **UPCOMING ANNUAL MEETING** †  
**UNITED IN FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024**  
**11:00 A.M.**

All members of United in Faith are invited  
to the **ANNUAL MEETING**

This is an important meeting of our membership to review past activities,  
look to the future and to elect new Council members,  
Synod Voting Members and a Nominating Committee.  
Please plan to attend!

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