

**January 2025**



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8:45 am-2:30 pm

# THE TOWLINE

NPUCC's Monthly Newsletter

Dear Friends in Christ,

Pastor Amy invited me to share here, both to welcome in the New Year and to speak to my new position as moderator. I thank her for the opportunity.

During our Stewardship Season, we were all touched and grateful to hear from folks asked to share what our church means to them. We heard of decades of love and service!

What does NPUCC mean to me? It has been 'home' for over 26 years. It has been a church that has filled my cup and given me heroes - those whose service is at their core, and whose faith is both spark and warmth in the world.

It is a church where I believe people experience **joy**. The gritty kind of joy. The kind that comes with truly loving one another - without need of judgement. The kind that comes from caring for nature. From striving for justice. And from studying the example(s) of Jesus and seeking to live them out in these times.

The world around us is challenged and challenging. Our experience of joy is truly needed.

My hope, my commitment to you, is to keep bringing that joy. To keep us strong in our community involvement. To support Pastor Amy in her vision and choices for our worship and our future. To listen with a whole heart - to each of you, and to the voices of our councils.

We've got that joy, joy, joy, joy down in our hearts...to stay.

Wishing you a blessed New Year,

*Stacie Latimer*

# January Calendar of Events

**ONLINE:** *invitations/directions for accessing these events will be shared via email:*

- Sunday Worship Services: 10 am
- Church Council meeting: Tuesday, January 14, 7 pm
- Bibles & Brews: Friday, January 10 & 24 , 7 pm

**IN-PERSON:**

- Sunday Worship Services: 10 am, Sanctuary
- Guest Preacher: Rev. Carol Shellenberger, Sunday, January 5.
- Parish Care Meeting: Wednesday, January 8, 1pm, Fireside Room
- Book Discussion – Living Resistance: Tuesday, January 14, 1pm, Fireside Room
- Enneagram Meeting, January 22, 1pm, Fireside Room
- Mission Mile: Friday, January 24, 5 - 10 pm, Fellowship Hall
- Guest Preacher: Rev. Jillian Gilchrist, Sunday, January 26.

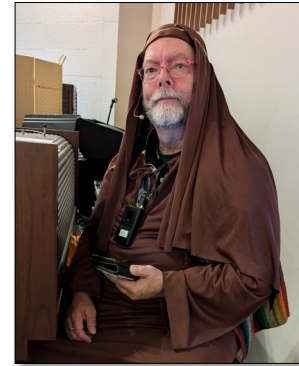
*We encourage you to wear a mask if you have a cold or cough. If you have symptoms or do not feel well, please stay home and join us on Zoom. Masks are available at church if needed. Thank You!*

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## 2024 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

On Sunday, December 22, we had our interactive intergenerational Christmas pageant during worship. Thank you to Kirsten for organizing this activity again this year that included a “wanderer” and a new stable this year. Enjoy the pictures!



## CHRISTMAS CAROLERS

After worship on Sunday, December 22, we caroled for Jette at her “old” Normandy Park home surrounded by family and then Sue B at Brookdale in the hallway outside of her room.

## MARY'S PLACE

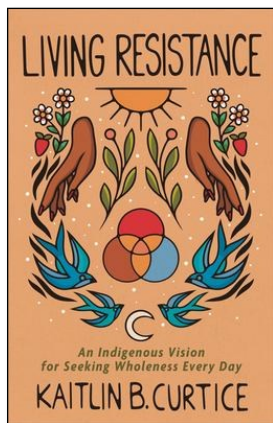
Thank you to the kids (and their parents) that made/sold gift tags that were purchased by our very generous church people to purchase gifts for the children 0 – 12 who live at Mary's Place. Dawn took the youth shopping on Sunday, December 1 for gifts with the \$386 donated. They also purchased fourteen \$25 gift cards for the teens and adults with tags picked from our giving tree.





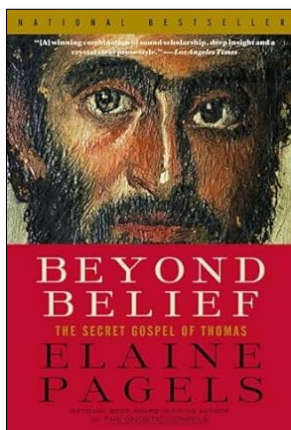
**BOOK DISCUSSION – LIVING RESISTANCE BY  
KAITLIN CURTICE – TUESDAY, JANUARY 14  
@ 1 PM**

We continue to discuss Kaitlin Curtice’s most recent book Living Resistance: An Indigenous Vision for Seeking Wholeness Every Day in community. Feel free to drop in even though you haven’t attended any of the previous meet ups. We will be discussing **Part 3 – The Ancestral Realm**. One additional Tuesday may be scheduled.



**BIBLE & BREWS — FRIDAYS, JANUARY 10 & 24  
@ 7 PM**

We’ll be meeting up via **Zoom** only this month to continue our study of the Gospel of Thomas using Beyond Belief: The Secret Gospel of Thomas written by Elaine Pagel. We will finish our exploration with **CHAPTER FIVE – CONSTANTINE AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**. During January, we will be selecting our next study.

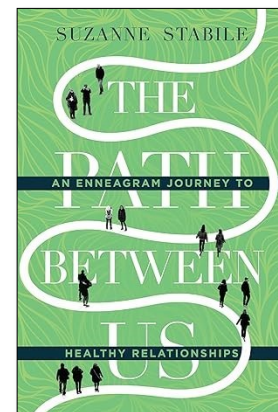


***“May we look up at that night sky. May we let joy in. For we will be someone’s ancestors one day. If we do this right, they will inherit not our fear but bravery born of joy.”***

*~ Valarie Kaur*

**ENNEAGRAM – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22  
@ 1 PM**

At our November meet up our group decided that we will skip Type 8 in The Enneagram Guide to Waking Up: Find Your Path, Face Your Shadow, Discover Your True Self and instead go back to the book that we used in 2018 The Path Between Us: An Enneagram Journey to Healthy Relationships by Suzanne Stabile. There is a book and a study guide.



Read the introduction and about your enneagram number in the book and then after reading the introduction in the study guide, be ready to discuss Session 1 – *The Best Part of You is the Worse Part of You*.

If you were not with us back then or you can’t find your book and/or study guide, let Lynn know and she can purchase copies for you. Please specify new or used.

**MISSION MILE**

On Friday, January 24 from 5-10 pm, come and join Bob in racing slot cars in the Fellowship Hall. Fun is had by all!



# January Birthdays

Debra Meacham	1/2
Peter Barton	1/3
Madeleine Wasson	1/4
Jette Bunch	1/10
Florence McGraw	1/18
Denene Wright	1/18

If you don't see your January birthday or anniversary  
on this list and would like to be included,  
please contact the church office at  
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