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Faith is a Family Affair!
You are invited to Sunday morning Family Sunday School each Sunday mornings at 10:00 am in the Church basement. This Sunday, we will decorate the Church and hang out the greens for the Advent and Christmas Season followed by fellowship and celebration of the first Sunday of Advent. (If you have a favorite Christmas CD, bring it to share during decorating). We will set the December schedule so that word is spread early about services.

Prayers:
• Welcome to Molt Bill and Cara Kaizer! Thank you for joining us at worship.
• For Jim as he continues to deal with a foot infection.
• For Jennifer Shane’s dad Pat Teague who is recovering following triple bypass surgery on Wednesday.
• For the family of Cynde Erfle who lost her battle with COVID.
• For John Dyce, pastor at Ballantine UCC, and his wife Melany as they continue to fight COVID.
• For friends and neighbors as they continue to fight and recover from COVID.
• For Denise Thompson (Kyle Schneidt’s fiancé) as she works toward graduation from University of Nevada in December. Stay healthy, Denise!
• For Derry Eastlick as he gets settled in his new home.
• For Val’s friends Kathy and Lahlit, Val’s friend Ann in continued struggles and Jim’s and Val’s friends Jack and Elaine as they deal with grief.
• Sharon Allison, Laura Grande, Ben Heiken as they continue to fight cancer.
• Trudi and Axel and the Committee for Outdoor Ministry as they set the venues and dates and work on plans for the 2022 Camp season.
• Michelle and Michaela and their family as they continue to deal with health issues and for Michelle as she tackles a full school schedule next semester.

Continued Prayers:
• Jennifer Shane’s mom, Sue.
• Jean McFarland and Agnes Nordahl.
• Our farmers as they prepare for winter work.
• Molt Church as we try to stay connected and meet challenges as a family of faith.
• MNWCUC as they enter a time of discernment and visioning about what our Church and Conference needs are and how they can best be met.
• Our troubled nation and world.

(please call Trudi to update or activate the prayer chain.)

A Big Thank You!
10th Annual Rapelje Holiday Fair
Molt Church Bazaar
Carlee Downer Memorial Camp Fund Kids’ Crafts
Thank you to all who donated, set up, worked, and cleaned up last Saturday. It was a wonderful event with a good variety of vendors and booths. The crowd was enthusiastic, but not as large as we have seen in the past. Thank you to Jennifer Shane and the Scholarship Committee—such great hosts! Thank you to our boys, Jason, Blade, Alex, and Axel who helped with the heavy lifting and provided back-up. Thank you to Deb, Mary Jane and Trudi for manning the booths. Thank you to Jen for help with set-up and clean-up, and seeing that our workers were fed! Together, we made success and helped the Church and Camp Fund!

For those unable to attend services in person, Congregational Church of Molt UCC Sunday Service will be available by Zoom through the new internet connection at the Church as well as in-person attendance. Trudi can be reached on her cell (406) 647-2924 if you encounter difficulty in signing on.

9:45 to 10:00 am sign-on — 10:00 am Fellowship, etc. — 11:00 am Worship
Join Zoom Meeting

It will take some time to perfect the system, please be patient as we work to find the best way to successfully do online attendance. Worship will be recorded to share with those who wish to view it later. If you have questions or need the recording by mail, please give Trudi a call.
**Prelude**

Mary Jane Schneidt

**Announcements**

Pastor Jim

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Pastor and Congregation

*2: 1-3 – Pastor Jim; 2: 4-7 – Val; 2: 8-12 – Michelle and Michaela (or) Axel
2: 13-14 - Jen; 2: 15 – Mary Jane; 2: 16-20 - Guest (or) Trudi*

**Pastor Jim:**

When the world seems predictable  
Stuck in patterns of injustice and hurt  
The Holy astonishes us with good news  
And we find Awe.

Light first Candle: Youngest present (or) Axel

Pastor Jim Where in the world do we know Awe these days?  
*(Congregation is invited to reflect aloud)*

**Passing of the Peace**

**HYMN**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*  
*p. 83 (Red)*

**Gathering Prayer**

*All*

God of justice and peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness, that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvelous deeds. Raise our heads in expectation, that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 25: 1-10**

*Leader:*  
To you, O God, I lift up my soul.  
*People:* O my God, in you I trust;  
do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me.

*Leader:* Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

*People:* Make me to know your ways, O God;  
teach me your paths.

*Leader:* Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.

*People:* Be mindful of your mercy, O God,  
and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

*Leader:* Do not remember the sins of my youth  
or my transgressions;

*People:* according to your steadfast love  
remember me, for your goodness’ sake, O God!

*Leader:* Good and upright is God;  
therefore God instructs sinners in the way.

*People:* God leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble God’s way.

*Leader:* All the paths of God are steadfast love  
and faithfulness,

*People:* for those who keep God’s covenant  
and God’s decrees.

**Scripture**

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 (p. 878)  
Blade Blodgett

**Gospel**

Luke 21: 25-36 (p. 784)  
Pastor Jim

**HYMN**

*How Firm a Foundation*  
p. 407 (Black)

**Ministry of the Word**

**Call To Offering**

The earth distresses. Nations are confused. The power structures we’ve grown accustomed to are being shaken. And we will not be shaken. We will look up. And be children of the God of Mercy. Let us give of what we have accordingly.

**Offering**

*Offertory*  
Jesus, Savior (insert in Pew Hymnals)  
Mary Jane Schneidt

**Benediction**

*All*

Emmanuel! God with us! Incarnate one! Embodied one! Send us forth with confidence to seek you where you dwell in the signs-in-the-moon-and-sun-and-stars, in the turbulence of our lives, and in unexpected Hope.  
Go in Peace—Serve the Lord!

**POSTLUDE**

*(words on back of bulletin)*  
Mary Jane Schneidt