Let's Behave Like Jesus During the Holidays

Matt. 4:19

Dear Sunnyside Family,

On behalf our pastoral team, again, we're grateful for the expressions of love shared with us during Clergy Appreciation Month. Thank you! Our theme this year has been *Made for More* (Eph. 2:10). I wanted to share some ways we can experience the holidays and the Advent season in that regard.

- **Roadside Compassion Kits:** We have a few of these to pass out to our houseless neighbors to express the warmth of Christ's love for them.
- **Operation Christmas Child:** Shoe boxes can be turned in Sunday, Nov. 16th through Nov. 23rd , There are also opportunities that week to help organize and sort boxes in our back Coffee Bar area. Sign up in the front foyer.
- **Christmas Gifts for Young Lives:** We're extra blessed this year again, to partner with Young Lives, to be buying Christmas gifts for young and or expecting teen moms. Those tags will be available Sunday, Nov. 15th and due back by Sunday, Dec. 6th.
- **Love Inc. Opportunity**- If you have an hour or two to spare a week (or month) to help at their *call center* that would be amazing! If so, please let Kristi, Kim, or DJ know.

Celebrate the Birth of Christ with us:

- **Deck the Halls | Sunday, Nov. 22nd**- Stick around after service to decorate the campus for Christmas! Lunch will be provided.
- **Grab or Download the Advent Devotional | Also, Nov. 22nd**- Our Advent Guide, created by our pastoral team, will be available to help you keep Christ at the center of all you do this Christmas season.

Christmas Eve, Eve (Dec. 23rd 7pm) & Eve (Dec. 24th 4pm) | Attend One and Serve One:

Prayerfully consider, especially if you're not currently serving at Sunnyside, attending one of our Christmas Eve services and *serving at the other*. Every year this opportunity to present the Gospel is unparalleled to any other time of the year. Your help to make visitors seen, heard, and loved would be a phenomenal help. Please email **linda@sunnyside4.org, kim@sunnyside4.org,** or call 503.698.5555 to sign up!

I wrote this letter to help us all maximize our impact for Christ during this most sacred and blessed season. Please know that none of us are called to be superheroes, machines, or to do everything. It's not possible. Even Jesus rested and spent extended time in prayer with the Father and practiced Sabbath.

Jenny, the Staff, Council, and I pray your heart is refreshed by the Holy Spirit this Christmas. God loves you, we love you, and we're best together in Christ.

Glory to God,

Pastor DJ