

Sunday, December 21, 2014

Caroling Around Town & Hot Chocolate TODAY!!! | 11-2



Christmas Eve HELP NEEDED

We need lots of help for the Christmas Eve services. We need extra ushers, greeters, hospitality and more! Please call the office if you can help! 970-963-8773

December Mission Family Focus

The Barnes Family



Christmas & Holiday Photos

Get a little something for giving this year!

Proceeds will be going to charities, donations, and helping people in need this season.

Best Deal in the Valley & at the Orchard after church every Sunday

Appointments also available

Digital Image with Rights...

2 - \$20
4 - \$40
6 - \$50
12 - \$100

The Paradoxes and Challenges of Christianity in the Postmodern Era: A Film & Discussion Series

Hosted by St. Vincent's & St. Mary of the Crown Catholic Church

1/14 | 6-9 PM | The Gathering Center

Pier Paolo Pasolini's *The Gospel According to St. Matthew* (1964)

With no professional actors and no narration or dialogue except what is provided by Matthew, this film has an almost documentary, newsreel quality, with Jesus often speaking to us over his shoulder as we follow him around. The film exists to showcase Matthew's language, and between the spoken Italian and the King James English subtitles, it's pure poetry, especially haunting in Our Lord's two principal discourses - the Sermon on the Mount and the pronouncing of "the woes" upon the Pharisees and hypocrites. Among its reviewers, even nonbelievers profess themselves to have been profoundly moved. As previously, we'll be discussing what Jesus appears to ask of us in the postmodern culture in which we find ourselves.

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COMMUNITY CANDLELIGHT CELEBRATION at The ORCHARD

WEDNESDAY 12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 & 6:30 p.m. Candlelight Celebrations

5:00 & 6:00 p.m. Live Nativity Reenactments

- Bring your family and friends to share in the celebration
- Sip hot chocolate & coffee, savor cookies & cakes at The Gathering Center

8:00 p.m.

En español:

Centro Cristiano Getsemani

SUNDAY 12/28 CHURCH AT HOME

No Worship Gathering at The Orchard

- Please take the time to worship and share the joy with your family and friends in your home.

- We will see you Sunday, January 4th at 9:00 a.m. for Worship Gathering.





A "Peace Out" Christmas

Luke 10:1-22

It sounds like something out of the 60's. However, this week, we will see from Luke how and why Peace has come not only to us but to the Roaring Fork Valley. The teaching this week could make this Christmas the most peaceful Christmas you have ever had.

Need Prayer? Got a Praise?

Call or e-mail the church office

970.963.8773 | office@theorchardlife.com

These verses apply to next weeks' Home Church December 28, 2014. Use the SOAP method of Bible Study with the verses on the left for insights into next Sunday.

5x5 SOAP

- Day 1: Luke 1:1-25
- Day 2: Luke 1:26-56
- Day 3: Luke 1:57-80
- Day 4: Luke 2:1-21
- Day 5: Luke 2:22-40

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer - Turn your scripture, observations and application insights into a prayer asking God to specifically bring about this word into your life today.

Notes:

Orchard Sunday @ Home December 28

You may have your Christmas tree and/or your nativity set still up on this Sunday after Christmas. Remember the warm glow of gazing at the nativity, baby Jesus surrounded by Mary, Joseph, shepherds and wise men. What was it like for Jesus, Son of God to leave His eternal home in heaven and become a human baby in a manger?

Read Philippians 2:6-11.

Consider the love for us and His humility to step down from heaven into Mary's womb, then into a manger, His life as a man, His death on the cross. Ponder His example. **Read Philippians 2:5.** After the glow of Christmas He leaves us His example for our lives year around.

What would it be like for you to live with this attitude of humility? With your family? Friends? at work? How can you respond differently in the rough and tumble of life if you have His attitude of humility?

Read 2:12-13 It begins with 'therefore' and gives us life direction flowing from His example. What does it mean to 'work out your salvation with fear and trembling'?

Read 2:14-16 Jesus gave up His home in heaven and the rights and privileges of Godhood with a humble attitude. This command, 'Do everything without grumbling and complaining' so simple yet so difficult is to be fueled by His example of a humble attitude. How is humility an antidote to grumbling and complaining?

You'll shine like stars in the universe in this generation if you live without grumbling and complaining! How can you implement this principle in your daily life.

This gives us something to take with us through out the new year from the Christmas story.

Extra credit. Do a SOAP study on these verses. What verse stands out to you? What is your observation? Application? Prayer?

All Giving Must Be Received by December 31, 2014 to be included for the 2014 Giving Statements and be deductible in the 2014 year.

A Note On Funding The Orchard's Vision & Mission

The offerings of the people committed to the Vision & Mission of The Orchard are what support our Ministry. We do not "pass the plate". An offering box is located in front of the stained glass and at the rear of the auditorium or if you would like to give by credit/debit card there is a Giving Kiosk in the Gathering Center Entrance. You may also give on-line or complete an envelope if you wish to give via credit/debit card.

December Total: \$43,048	YTD Received: \$702,194
December Budget: \$64,500	YTD Budget: \$774,000