

Dear United Church Members and Friends,

This Sunday is the beginning of our fall Sunday morning CLASSES for all ages! The two adult classes being offered are: “Searching for People and Places in the Bible” (facilitated by Alison Watkins & John Puckett in the CE Lounge) AND “Gospel of John: Part 1” (facilitated by David Elton in CE Room 311). Along with the beginning of our classes, we will continue the sermon series on places and towns in the Old Testament during worship. This Sunday’s town is Bethlehem, as seen in 1 Samuel 16 when the prophet Samuel visited Jesse the Bethlehemite’s family and anointed young David the new king of Israel!

During worship this Sunday, we will also have a moment of SILENCE before praying for the community and world. This observance will be in prayerful remembrance of the victims and their families on this 25th Anniversary of 9/11 (today). I’m almost certain that everyone who reads this email was alive that day and can still remember how confused, shocked, sick to our stomachs, sad and anxious we were that Tuesday morning and for many days thereafter. We owe it to all the passengers on the four airplanes, people in the North and South Towers, and the 441 first responders in and around the Towers who lost their lives that terrible day—to remember and honor them. It’s also important to acknowledge and remember all the soldiers who were killed or wounded in the wars that followed in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as the thousands of responders and survivors who have died from post-9/11 illnesses in the years that followed. Grateful to those who have protected this country from terrorist attacks these past 25 years, we continue to pray for their safety and for protection and peace throughout this country.

Join us this Sunday for worship at 9:30am in the Sanctuary or online at Unitedchurchla.org.

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Sermon: “House of Bread”

Sunday morning CLASSES for all ages begin at 11am!

We welcome back the United Singers (choir) in worship this Sunday!

Rose Street Worship will be next Thursday, September 17th in Graves Hall (5:15 dinner, 6:00 worship).

It is not too late to register for our Fall Retreat at Sonlight Camp.

In Our Prayers this Week...

Families of the 2,977 victims who died 25 years this day, during the terrorist attacks in this country on September 11, 2001.

Grace and peace, David