WELCA Meeting Notes
Wednesday, November 10th, 2026

9 ladies gathered Tuesday afternoon for WELCA.

Pastor Brad, Minister Matthew and Organist Caroline are working on a program called "Beautifully Broken" for the Advent worship. The First Sunday is November 9. Paraments will be blue. WELCA will decorate the Fellowship tree after coffee.

The cantata this year will be on December 6 and will be a reprise of the very first cantata that Caroline Schwartz presented.

Pastor Brad and Minister Matthew will be alternating liturgy and sermon most Sundays. Brad will do a communion service at Wilmington in Arnegard once a month while Minister Garret is on sabbatical.

Prayers are requested for Darlene Stevens and Donna Rauser who have had little accidents but are recovering. Our next meeting will be December 9. Please bring a plate of your favorite Christmas treats as we will be assembling goodie plates again. We will also be having a special meditation in place of the usual Bible study from the Gather.

Cara Transtrom led the Bible study beginning with the practice of lectio divina, using Luke 8:1-3. If this is new to you (as it was to me), it goes like this: First we listened as the passage was slowly read, noticing anything that stood out. Then as the passage was read again, we reflected on what we sensed of what God was revealing. Next we listened to the passage as a prayer, asking God to invite and inform us. Lastly, we sat quietly, allowing the words to sink into our hearts. The focus of the study was Mary of Magdalene and her experiences at the tomb on Easter Sunday, how she stayed present amid the chaos and remained faithful.

Let us Pray: Master of the Universe, we come before you with mixed feelings as the year winds down, the days cooler and the light shorter. We appreciate the rhythm of the seasons, but we need the Light. We thank you for sending It to us. Help us in the Advent season ahead to prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Light and faithfully to reflect it back to a world in need. We ask Your Healing Presence for those ailing in mind or body and grieving separation from loved ones. As You have through the countless ages, keep our hearts and minds on our need for the Salvation You sent long ago, and in Whose Name we pray,
Amen.

Hope to see you all December 9,
Frances Olson

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