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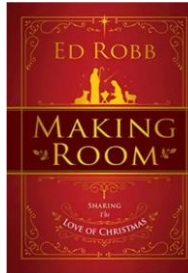
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Church-wide Advent Study

Submitted by Karen Barraco

“Making Room: Sharing the Love of Christmas” is the book that will guide discussions in small groups during Advent this year. In the weeks leading up to Christmas, engage in conversation with others on ways to make room for God and neighbor this Christmas and in the year ahead. Author Ed Robb explores the warmth of welcome in interactions with Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the magi. Four sessions:



- Be a Neighbor
- Welcome Strangers
- Leave the Light On
- Walk Each Other Home

Make room in your schedule this Advent season to join a small group. Sign-up online [here](#) or on the Connection tables beginning November 6th. There are a variety of classes from which to choose:

Sundays, beginning November 27th:

- 9:30 a.m. led by Deb Steransky, Church Lounge
- 10:30 a.m. led by Dave Gehrum, Living Water Cafe

Mondays, beginning November 28th:

- 6:30 p.m. led by John Smay, Church Lounge

Tuesdays, beginning November 29th:

- 10:00 a.m. led by Pastor Rick, Living Water Cafe

Wednesdays, beginning November 30th:

- 1:00 p.m. led by Sally Gardy, Room 202
- 6:30 p.m. led by Holly Pote & Becky Shaner
Living Water Café

Study books are back ordered. We will put them on the Connection Tables as soon as they arrive. We are asking for a donation of \$10/book.

Reminders:

-Church Conference, Tuesday, November 1st, 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

-We are collecting heavy duty rubber **kitchen gloves** to go in UMCOR flood bucket kits. The collection bins are in the Welcome Center and outside the Living Water Café. Collection ends November 1st.

-Good ‘N Plenty Meal Wednesday, November 2nd, 5:00-6:30 p.m., dine in only. Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, rolls, dessert, and beverage. Suggested donation: \$12.00.

-Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry will run from October 9th-November 6th. Shoeboxes will be available for pick up in the Welcome Center and outside the Living Water Café. Please sign the sheet to indicate how many boxes you will fill. Baskets for donations for shipping costs (\$10/box) will be available in the same locations as the boxes. Place donations of cash or checks in the envelopes provided and place in baskets on the tables. Make checks payable to FUMC. Call Gail Pentz with questions 570-546-3998.

-Terri Lynn Nut Sale- Orders and payment due by October 30th with delivery before Thanksgiving. Order forms can be found on the Connection Tables. Make checks payable to FUMC and place orders in the collection plates/baskets or turn in to the church office.

-Poinsettia orders are due November 9th. You can order using a form found on the Connections Tables or [online here](#).

Chemo Cap Update



A big thank you goes out to Jo Langer who delivered 34 Chemo Caps to the Hillman Cancer Center this week. They were very much appreciated but more are needed. The Mission Stitchers would like to send a few reminders. Due to skin sensitivity issues in chemo patients, they ask that only yarn that is soft to the touch be used. The Committee is purchasing some more yarn that will be available on the “Chemo Cap” table in the Welcome Center. Of course, you may also use your own (soft) yarn. The Committee also asks that you fill out a tag and attach to each cap that you turn in, listing the fiber content and washing instructions. Tags are available on the table. Lastly, there is a need for caps in traditional male colors so please consider that when planning your “next project.” Thank you to all who participate in this awesome ministry. We are B2B (Blessed to be a Blessing)!



The annual Toys For Tots toy drive has begun as the Marine Corps celebrates 75 years of delivering Christmas joy to children. First UMC will again collect new, unwrapped toys. You can place your donations in the collection bin located under the coat rack, outside the Living Water Café. Toys will be collected until December 11th.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who prepared a meal and delivered it to Family Promise this week. The meals were much appreciated by the families. Thank you for your patience in complying with the ever-changing regulations that are in place at the day center. Your commitment to serving others is shining the light of Christ in the darkness.

-Joyce McCarty



A huge thank you to my church family for all the prayers, beautiful cards, texts, calls and food during my health issues these past several months. Your support and care have been most healing.

-Ginny Boob