

National Avenue Christian Church

16 December 2011

Springfield, Missouri

ADVENT and Christmas 2011

Dreaming the Past ~ Remembering the Future



27 November Week One – Hope

4 December Week Two – Joy

11 December Week Three – Peace

18 December Week Four – Love

18 December 2011

10:00 am ~ Children's Processional in Worship

6:00 pm ~ Third Sunday Worship in the Gallery

24 December 2011

7:00 and 11:00 pm ~ Christmas Eve Worship Services

25 December 2011

9:00 am Christmas Day Coffee Fellowship

10:00 am ~ Christmas Day Worship Service

1 January 2012

10:00 am ~ New Year's Day

Worship Service

Thanks to Chancel Choir...

Last Sunday evening, the Chancel Choir presented a beautiful concert filled with the poetry and music of the season. The contemplative evening featured soloists and musicians from National Avenue as well as the Chancel Choir. We are grateful that in the midst this busy season, the Choir took time to help us reflect on the beauty of Advent and Christmas. Many thanks also to Kevin Williams, Wayland Shue and Matt Gallion for the work they put into the service and an additional thank you to the Membership Team for the lovely reception that followed the concert.

Congratulations... to Rev. Tara Thompson, former member of NACC and the daughter of Pam Thompson, on the call to Ministry at Belmont Boulevard Christian Church in Salina, Kansas. As some of you might remember, Tara grew up here at NACC. We wish her blessings in her new ministry position.

Children's Advent Processional this Sunday!!

Last Sunday evening, the children had a wonderful time "Bethlehem" at the Kid's Party. They will reprise their roles this Sunday morning by leading us in the Advent Processional as we prepare to worship this last Sunday in Advent.

Please have your children in the Narthex by 9:45 am to dress – after the Processional the children will sit by their parents until Children's Conversation and Kid's Time.

Christmas Eve at National Avenue...

Enjoy the beauty of Christmas at National Avenue this year and invite friends and family to join you at our special services. Two worship services are scheduled for December 24th: the first service at 7:00 pm will be a traditional Christmas Eve Service and the second at 11:00 pm will be a Candlelight Communion Service.

Christmas Morning at National Avenue...

Since Christmas falls on Sunday this year, there will be no Sunday School on the 25th. We will have a chance to get together with Coffee Fellowship at 9:00 am in the Gallery and a Christmas Day Worship Service will follow at 10:00 am.

Important Notices...

The church office will be closed from Monday, December 26th through Thursday, December 29th. We will be open from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Friday, December 30th to receive year end contributions. Please be aware that it will be necessary for you to drop by your contributions on that day or, if they are mailed remember they must be postmarked on or before 12/31/2011. Offerings received on Sunday, January 1, 2012 will be counted on your 2012 contribution report.

Just a reminder that 2011 Contributions Statements will be mailed in January – to avoid any problems please wait to file your Tax Return until you have received this statement and verified that it reflects your tithes and gifts for the year. 2012 Giving Envelopes for January are now available on the table in the hallway. If you pledge weekly, you will find your name on a package that contains 5 giving envelopes – if you pledge a monthly amount, your package will contain 1 envelope. If there is not package with your name, please contact our Office Administrator, June McClean.

News from our Unitrust...

The Unitrust Committee will accept requests for project funding from the Memorial Fund distribution for 2012 until January 10, 2012. Priority shall be given to projects not normally covered by the church budget and shall focus on special church programs, special human needs, and physical plant updates for the church. Please submit your written proposals to the church office. Guidelines to help you prepare your request will be available beginning this Sunday. Proposals for grants from our Outreach Unitrust Disbursement will be requested at a later date.

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