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# CHRISTIAN CALLER

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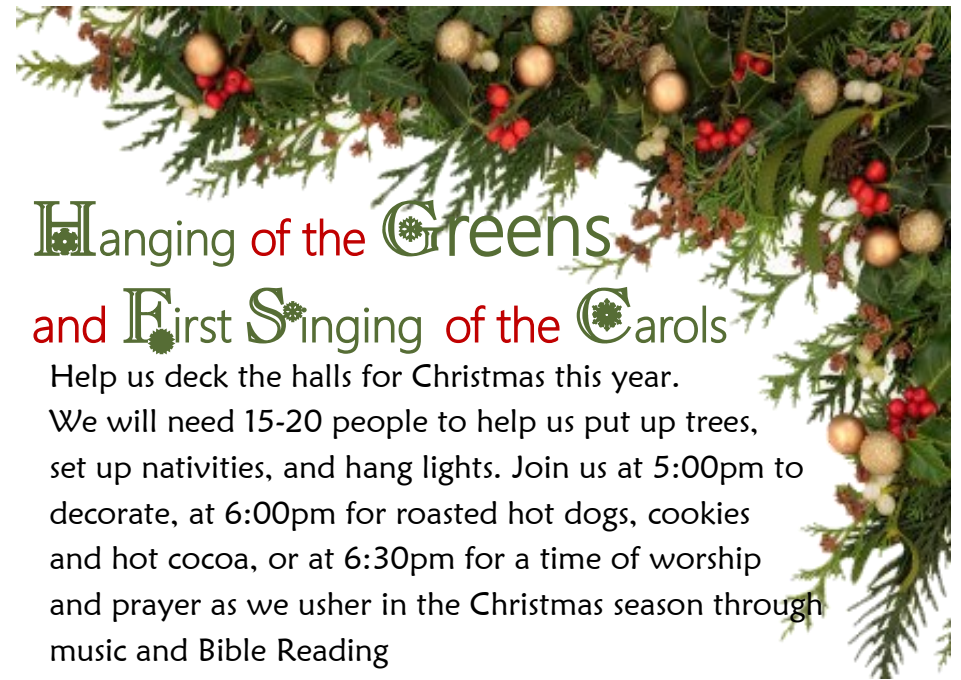
## JOSH'S JOURNAL

This is, without a doubt, the strangest season of ministry I have experienced. Everything we normally do has been turned upside down and backwards. We've spent the last seven months learning new ways to make stuff work (and sometimes not work). We've worshipped online, in small classrooms, and out in the parking lot. We've worn masks, sanitized everything in sight, and social distanced. Even after seven months, none of it feels normal.

Now, we are heading into a season full of traditions and memories, and it will continue to be strange. As much as we want everything to be back to normal, I'm sure that on both a corporate and personal level, Christmas and Thanksgiving will feel different this year. Beloved traditions might be skipped or modified. Trips may be shortened. Life is still different.

In spite of all that has happened, there has been a lot of good over these past few months. God has blessed us with some folks who have taken up the mantle of pastoral care; they have been regularly reaching out to members through phone calls, cards, and emails. Our Campfire Faith program became a highlight of my week. We laughed, shared, ate, and fellowshiped across generations as we studied God's word together. This church has been incredibly active in sharing with the needy in our community over the past few months. We've purchased groceries, delivered supplies to the school, made baskets for teachers, and raised money for the Creager Family. Many of these doors were opened because of the coronavirus, and I'm so proud of how generous and faithful you were with your time and money.

So, we keep moving forward. We will have a special Thanksgiving gathering on Wednesday, November 9 and a Christmas celebration on Wednesday, December 11. We are planning to host



## Hanging of the Greens and First Singing of the Carols

Help us deck the halls for Christmas this year.

We will need 15-20 people to help us put up trees, set up nativities, and hang lights. Join us at 5:00pm to decorate, at 6:00pm for roasted hot dogs, cookies and hot cocoa, or at 6:30pm for a time of worship and prayer as we usher in the Christmas season through music and Bible Reading

## CELEBRATION & REMEMBRANCE

Join us on December 6th at 7pm for a special evening to celebrate and remember our friends and family members that passed this past year. If you have a loved one that you would like to be included, please contact the office.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH CHRIS MULPAS

As we continue to exercise caution and follow regulations for COVID-19, we will only be hosting the concert this year, not serving dinner. The show will begin at 7:00pm and tickets cost \$5. Seating capacity will be limited, so get your tickets early (they will go on sale Sunday, November 1st).





# Faith Promise

November 1st

This year donation cards were mailed out. If you didn't receive one, there are more in the foyer. Please return your donation card on or before Faith Promise Sunday.



## Join us on November 19th at 7pm

It has been too long since we all got together for a family meeting where we can Pray, Praise and Plan. We have many things that we can praise God for in the last 7 months since we last met. Join us on November 19th to vote on our 2021 budget and also on new Servant Leaders.

**wednesday  
night LIVE!**

We are hosting two "one night only" events for the holidays. On Wednesday, November 11 we will be celebrating Thanksgiving, and on Wednesday, December 16th (I changed the date...make other changes if necessary) we will be celebrating Christmas. We will follow the same format as Campfire Faith with dinner at 5:15, Bible Study at 6:00, and age appropriate small groups at 6:15. In January we will launch a more substantial Wednesday night program.

our Celebration and Remembrance services as well as Christmas Eve services this December. And it won't look like we want it to. It won't be normal. But God will still be there. He will guide us, challenge us, and teach us, even in this season.

Thank you for your support, your love, and your patience during this season. It is an honor to serve as your minister, and I can't wait until we are all together again.



As we have mentioned the past several weeks, this Sunday, October 25, is our last Sunday with Andrew for a while. It has been a dream of his for many years to enlist in the Air Force, and he finally got the call to head out to boot camp. He leaves on October 27. While the details are still fuzzy, we expect to have him return to us sometime in April or May of next year. Andrew is joining the reserves, so after the initial training, we expect him to be able to rejoin our ministry team and continue serving with our youth. We will update you with an address where you can mail cards and letters when one becomes available.

Josh

## ***Dear Dover Family,***

I am amazed at how quickly the past two years have passed and how much love I have experienced during my time with you. So, it makes it very difficult to think of being away from all of you over the next six months (although I am still hoping for the opportunity to be back for Christmas and the New Year).

I want to ask you to remember a couple of very important things while I am in basic and technical training as an Air Force Reservist. First, you will continually be with me in my thoughts and in my heart. It has given me great joy to get to know you and build relationships with you. It is my most sincere prayer that my efforts here have also helped you know the love of Christ more. That being said, “my kids” will probably be able to tell you that our foremost identity is being children of God, and we are all bound together in family as him. To steal words from scripture, please make my joy complete by continuing to grow together and participate in the worship and youth activities that will continue being provided during this period. Nothing will please me more than to see you all when I get back, active and continually growing in your love, joy and faithfulness in Christ.

While I don't look forward to being gone from you or my biological family for several months, I am convinced that this is the best course I can take to prepare as a more effective minister. I humbly ask for your continued prayers and support for myself and Grace, and many of you who are stepping up to continue the youth responsibilities over the next several months. I love you all and cannot wait to come home.

*Andrew*

## SHOEBOXES



Printed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child are now available. Instructions for packing are inside of each shoebox.

**Deadline To Return  
Sunday, November 22**



## Worship Service Info

Our 9:15 parking lot service will continue as long as weather allows. After it gets too cold to continue, we will go to one service at 10:45 as long as we have enough room. A second service will be added only if needed. We will continue to livestream our Sunday service on Facebook, Youtube and our website. We know there have been issues lately with our streaming service provider and we are working to get those resolved quickly. You can give online as well at our website: [www.doverfcc.com/give](http://www.doverfcc.com/give).