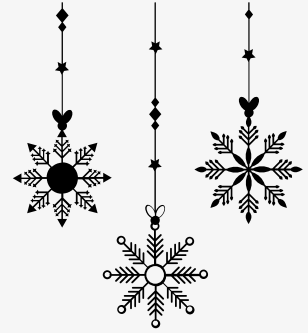
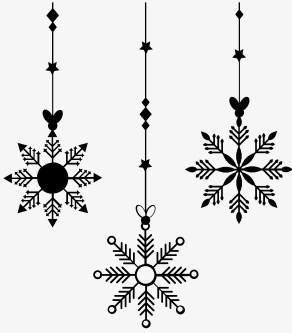


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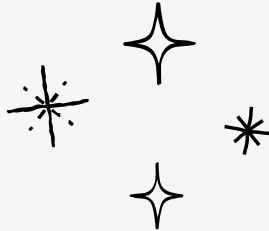
THIS SUNDAY:

January 11, 2026
10:30 AM - Worship Service

Scripture Text:
Nehemiah 2:1-20

Sermon:
Courage to Begin

Click [Here](#) to watch last Sunday's service



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday Night Activities -
The Gathering resumes January 14.

Thursday, January 8
9:00am - CVIC Meeting (Downstairs)

Saturday, January 10
9:00am - Women's Breakfast @ Perkins

Tuesday, January 13
5:30pm - Food Bank Volunteering

January 4 Sermon Recap:

Nehemiah's story begins with noticing. When he hears about Jerusalem's broken walls, he allows the grief to settle in before taking action. This week reminded us that God often begins rebuilding by shaping our hearts first. Faithful work starts with honest attention, not quick fixes.

Reflection Question:

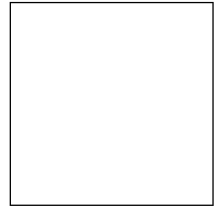
Where might God be inviting you to notice brokenness more honestly, without rushing to fix it?

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Our Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 25**. Please stay after worship for lunch followed by the meeting. More details to come.

WHAT ABOUT THE PANTRY THIS WEEK?

As grocery prices continue to rise, more and more people may not know where the next meal is coming from. Please help our neighbors by bringing food for the pantry. Item ideas include peanut butter, rice, oatmeal packets, cereal, granola bars, crackers, snacks, nuts, baby formula, drink mixes, dried fruit and canned goods such as soups, meats (tuna, chicken and beef), fruits, vegetables and meals. Pop top cans work best if available, These can help fill the gap.. Drop your items off in the Crossroads. Thank you!



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JOB FOUNDATION STORE

The Job Foundation is asking for help collecting items for their Job Store. The Job Store is the reward to the 6th-8th graders as they attend their financial lessons each week during the school year. They receive “Job Bucks” aka Monopoly money during each weekly lesson based on their participation, behavior, manners/ respect shown, etc. At the end of each quarter, they can spend their earned “Job Bucks’ at the Job Store as a reward. **Please bring any donations to the church by this Sunday, January 11.** Items Most Needed are:

- Personal care products for girls/boys (middle school age)
- Makeup
- Hair accessories
- Fake Fingernails/Nail Polish
- Basketballs/Footballs/Soccer balls/Frisbees
- Taki’s Snacks...large bags
- Little Debbie Snacks
- Beef Sticks/Jerky
- King Size candy
- Bubble Gum
- Board Games/Card Games
- Flashlights w/batteries
- Fun Pens
- Fun Paper pads
- Art Supplies
- Craft Supplies
- Snack mixes large bag
- *Anything else a middle school student may enjoy
- *We will accept slightly used items.