Riverbend United Church

Exploring Faith, Engaging Community

December 9, 2022

Dear Friends,

Join us in person on Sunday, December 11th or view our live-streamed service **here** on our You Tube channel.

This week we'll meet John the Baptist coming out of the wilderness looking the part of a wild man. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near," he proclaims, between bites of wild locusts and honey.

John seems to fit right in with an "outrageous faith." Unthwarted by cultural norms, he called things as he saw them, which eventually got him jailed, and yes, beheaded. I wonder if he would have done things differently if he knew the outcome? I rather doubt it.

We'll explore what it means to prepare for the kingdom of heaven, to "prepare the way of the Lord" on this third Sunday of Advent.

Peace,

Valerie

REMINDERS

- Glenn Campbell passed away on December 4th. Please keep Hester and their family in your hearts. We will celebrate Glenn's life on Saturday, **December 10 at 2:00 p.m.** at the church.
- Eleanor Young also passed away on December 4th. Please keep Gerry and their family in your hearts. A service celebrating Eleanor's life will be scheduled at a later time.
- **December 24th, Christmas Eve Candlelight Services** at **5:00** and **6:30 p.m.** — with Choir and soloist John Tessier
- **December 24th, Candlelight Service** at **8:00 p.m.** with Communion
- **Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25 at 10:30 a.m.** You can come into the sanctuary for a time of personal prayer and contemplation or come into the little Chapel for coffee and conversation. Or come and enjoy both options. There will not be a formal worship service that day but Valerie will be here. Regular worship resumes Sunday, **January 1st** under the gifted leadership of Carolyn Miller.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Click here for this week's Bulletin
- Click here for this week's Announcements
- Click here for the winter edition of **The Front Pew**, our quarterly newsletter.