

**WINTER 2021**



**WAYZATA COMMUNITY CHURCH**



## REGISTER

Register for Winter classes and events at [wayzatacommunitychurch.org/winterregistration](http://wayzatacommunitychurch.org/winterregistration)

For more information about our programs and events:

- For information about Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle School and High School programs, please register to receive our emails—contact Christa Workmon at [cworkmon@wayzatacommunitychurch.org](mailto:cworkmon@wayzatacommunitychurch.org).

- Check our Instagram: [@wayzatacommunitychurch](https://www.instagram.com/wayzatacommunitychurch)
- Check our Facebook page: Wayzata Community Church
- Visit our website: [wayzatacommunitychurch.org](http://wayzatacommunitychurch.org)

### Dear Church,

The winter solstice is behind us, and our days begin to fill with more light. As we begin this new year—one we faithfully trust will bring peace, rest, hope and positive changes—we also enter into a time of reflection and gratitude. The Christ Child has been born, the hope of the world, and in this new season we embrace our work and mission in the world to share God's love.

We are so glad to be able to serve, learn, grow, connect and worship with one another in many ways. We are thrilled to offer new worship, learning and fellowship opportunities as we begin this new year, into Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent.

We are a community of people who love Jesus and love each other. We know that within our beloved community we have different levels of safety needs, and so we will continue to offer opportunities to stay connected with online classes, worship services, and events.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call the church office at 952-473-8877.

**Happy and Blessed New Year to all!**



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# WORSHIP

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We invite you into a variety of experiences, with traditional hymns and modern elements and worship preferences— online or on demand for later viewing.

## ONLINE WORSHIP 2021

The past 10 months of online ministry have been an incredible learning experience for all of us. Technology has allowed us to stay connected in worship together. As we enter a new year, we are excited to announce our newest approach to Online Worship.

Wouldn't it be nice to not only watch a service live but also interact with others who are watching? Well starting January 10, you can. On our website, when you click the 'Watch Live' button under any of our worship offerings, you will now see a live chat bar. In the chat you will be welcomed by a WCC host, have an opportunity to say hello to friends, and even respond at certain moments in the service. We are also providing an opportunity to receive private prayer 1 on 1 with a staff member. This interactive platform will launch on January 10th.

Our three worship experiences all include scripture, prayer, and a message, but here are some ways they differ:

**Parables:** A spirit-led service that features inspiring music, messages, and stories from our Parables (special needs/special gifts) community. Led by Autumn and Leslie, Parables is filmed in various locations, and relies on involvement from young adults with special needs.

**Traditions:** A traditional service with hymn-based music led by WCC musicians. Traditional elements, including Communion, will be offered each week.

**Modern:** A new style for WCC with eclectic music, art, and scripture. We'll feature guest artists— authors, musicians, poets, and more!

Worship services will continue to be offered on our Facebook page as well. We look forward to worshipping with you in this new season!

## On Demand Viewing

All of our worship services are archived and available to view any time it's convenient for you, on our website under the WORSHIP tab, and on our YouTube channel (search Wayzata Community Church and subscribe).

Join us  
for a new  
interactive  
approach to  
online worship  
with 3 unique  
services:  
Parables,  
Traditions,  
& Modern



# YOUR ONE WORD

ADVENTURE  
GRACE  
URGE  
STRENGTH  
MOMENTUM  
OPTIMISM  
DETERMINED  
DUTIFUL  
TRANSFORMATION  
IMAGINE  
LEARN  
FINISH  
STOPPABLE  
CHANGE  
ON  
RELINQUISH  
SHINE

## ONE WORD SUNDAY WITH MUSICAL GUEST MICHAEL SHYNES

**Sunday, December 27**

Keep this meaningful tradition alive by joining us online ready to share your “One Word” for 2021. Inspiration will come from church members sharing how just one word shaped their life for an entire year. Join us on Facebook as we offer a moment for you to “Share” your word with the community as you make your commitment to God.

## 2020 VISION FOR 2021

**Sunday, January 3**

In a conversational context, John Ross and Danielle Jones will reflect on the lessons learned in 2020 and offer new visions for 2021—from both a personal standpoint and for the church collective. Important new directions for WCC in the coming year will be part of worship as we ask for God’s blessing. Join us to reflect on your own life and where you see God calling you in the community of WCC.

## In-Person Worship Update

Church clergy and lay leaders will continue to monitor the status of viral spread as they give careful and prayerful consideration to any in-person worship opportunities. Stay tuned to church-wide communications in January for details.

## JANUARY SERMON SERIES

**GOD’S WAITING ROOM: PERSONAL FAITH IN LIMINAL TIMES**

**January 10, 17 & 24**

**Rev. Dr. John Ross, preaching**

Like generations of faithful people before us, we are living through a liminal time— a season of disruption when some things have ended, but new things have not yet begun. From the grace-filled threshold of “God’s Waiting Room” we will reflect on characters in scripture to discover pathways and practices that are relevant to our personal faith today.



# ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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## **NEW OPTION FOR ATTENDING CLASSES!**

When you register for a class, you can choose the option to have a recording of the class sent to you via email. The class leader will record the Zoom session, and send it to you the day after the live class is held. On the registration form, just click on that attendance option. Register for classes at [wayzatacommunitychurch.org/winterregistration](http://wayzatacommunitychurch.org/winterregistration)



## **JESUS ON DEATH ROW** ✨

**Wednesdays, January 13 - February 3**

**6:30 p.m. on Zoom (or on a recording via email)**

Most Christians believe that the events of Jesus's life were not random, but an intentional creation of God. It must mean something, then, that Jesus was a criminal defendant, and a capital defendant at that. These three weeks will be dedicated to an examination of Jesus's experience as a defendant, and what it can tell us about the United States' criminal justice system. This offering will be taught by Professor Mark Osler, American legal scholar, law professor at the University of St. Thomas School of Law and critic of narcotics policy and capital punishment in the US.

## **ANTIRACISM AS SPIRITUAL PRACTICE** ✨

**Wednesdays, January 20 - February 10**

**4:00 p.m. on Zoom (or on a recording via email)**

The concepts and work of antiracism can be challenging and destabilizing. How can we use the spiritual practices of our tradition to build resilience, compassion and an ability to listen well? This class will integrate the spiritual practices of meditation and contemplative prayer with Christian calling to act in antiracist ways. Led by Rev. Seth Patterson (Minister for Spiritual Formation & Theater at Plymouth Church in Minneapolis), we will practice this work together engaging with the wisdom of people such as Pema Chödrön, Ibram X Kendi, Richard Rohr, angel Kyodo Williams and our own Biblical tradition.

## **NEW! CARE FOR CAREGIVERS** ✨

**Thursdays, January 28 and February 25**

**7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Zoom**

Many of us are providing unpaid health or supportive care to someone we love — an aging parent, a family member or child with a disability or a spouse, partner or friend with an illness. Others are professional caregivers for people with illnesses or disabilities who are in healthcare settings. These demanding personal and professional roles cause some of us to hide our suffering from ourselves and others, taking a tremendous toll on our health and well-being.

"Care for Caregivers" brings us together to learn how to recognize our suffering. We will learn how spiritual care practices can soothe and renew our souls, hearts, bodies, and minds. We will offer the opportunity to join facilitated small groups of caregivers to accompany each other on the caregiving journey.

This class will be led by Dana Essex, PhD, WCC Caring Community Minister and certified spiritual companion. Dana has a 30 year career in a variety of healthcare settings and she has cared for several chronically ill family members with dementia or mental illness. Contact Dana at [danaessex@comcast.net](mailto:danaessex@comcast.net) or 612.716.8357 for additional information.

“  
For I know the thoughts that I  
think toward you, says the Lord,  
thoughts of peace and not of evil,  
to give you a future and a hope.  
JEREMIAH 29:11  
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**GROW**

# FAMILY MINISTRIES

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After all of the thought and effort we put into making the best plan for fall, Advent, and Christmas, the whole Family Ministry Team is taking a moment to pause. We want to take the time to reflect and be intentional about our plan for the start of 2021 in order to best serve the needs of our WCC kids and families of all ages and stages.

We are reflecting on our special events, small groups, the variety of boxes we've executed, feedback we've received from families in our Family Ministry Fall Survey, along with changing COVID guidelines.

We will communicate our Winter 2021 plan via our Family Ministry digital newsletter that comes from [familyministry@wayzatacommunitychurch.org](mailto:familyministry@wayzatacommunitychurch.org) through Mailchimp. If you are not currently receiving our Family Ministry emails, please contact Christa Workmon at [cworkmon@wayzatacommunitychurch.org](mailto:cworkmon@wayzatacommunitychurch.org).

**Blessings for a beautiful new year!**

**Your Family Ministry Team**



## **SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY**

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### **Happy New Years Families!!**

We have some exciting new events taking place this Winter but have no fear, your favorites are still happening too! Bingo will continue to take place Mondays from 4:30-5:15 p.m. Beverage Break will be held on January 6th and February 10th from 8:30 – 9:30 p.m. Unified Choir will take place on various Thursdays from 4:30 – 5 p.m. and link will be shared on Facebook. All events take place on Zoom. Be sure to watch for your weekly email for the links.

### **AWE - ADULTS ON WEDNESDAY EVENING \***

**January 6 and 20, February 3 and 17**

**6:45-8:15 p.m. on Zoom**

AWE is back for another amazing session of classes with Mad Hatter Wellness. You can join in for all of the classes, or just the ones that work for you. There is a \$10 fee for this class. Register at [www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/winterregistration](http://www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/winterregistration).

**January 6:** Goal Setting

**January 20:** Making Friends

**February 3:** Compromise

**February 17:** Conflict Resolution

### **BOOK CLUB — 5 LOVE LANGUAGES \* FOR SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILIES**

**Mondays, January 11 - February 8**

**7:00-8:00 p.m. on Zoom**

We will spend 4 weeks reading, “Sharing Love Abundantly in Special Needs Families: The 5 Love Languages® for Parents Raising Children with Disabilities” then we will have a Question and Answer session with co-author Jolene Philo. There is a \$10 fee for this class, which includes the book. Register at [www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/winterregistration](http://www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/winterregistration).

### **PARABLES TALENT SHOW \***

**Saturday, February 6**

**6:30 p.m. on Zoom**

You’re invited to the first ever Parables Talent Show! Whether you are showcasing a special gift or watching our amazing community share theirs, this will be a fun night together! This Zoom event will be safe and like nothing else we have done yet! We simply can’t wait to see what makes you special. If you have a hard time deciding which talent to showcase, we’re here to help! Just send Heidi an email at [hsegedy@wayzatacommunitychurch.org](mailto:hsegedy@wayzatacommunitychurch.org). Heidi and Autumn will co-host this exciting event. Registration required at [www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/winterregistration](http://www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/winterregistration).

# COMMUNITY



**SOUL SISTERS RETREAT FOR LENT ✨**  
**Morning of February 27**  
**Led by Rev. Andrea Tatley on Zoom**  
**Fee TBD; Registration is required**

Life can change on a dime. Some changes are small and welcome, others large and scary. Jobs come and go, relationships shift, people move and, sometimes healthy bodies become vulnerable to the unseen. How we choose to be in the middle of all this change takes intention, thoughtful practice and each other.

Gather in spirit with your Soul Sisters to explore what centers and brings you hope in the middle of a pandemic. You will create a personal reflection and prayer book to prepare your heart and mind for Good Friday and Easter. Come along, let's Zoom together to center, nurture and celebrate each other during this time of Lent.

For further information contact Connie Hines at [conniejaye.hines@msn.com](mailto:conniejaye.hines@msn.com)

**THIRD THURSDAY READERS**

**Thursdays,**  
**January 21, February 18, March 18**  
**1:00-3:00 p.m. on Zoom**

We meet on the third Thursday of each month to discuss a variety of books. All are welcome to join us for book discussions, open to all members of WCC. Join each month, or whenever you are able. Contact Margaret Green to have a Zoom link sent via email, [margyg63@gmail.com](mailto:margyg63@gmail.com).

**January 21:** *American Dirt*,  
by Jeanine Cummins

**February 18:** *The Splendid and the Vile*,  
by Erik Larson

**March 18:** *Leave the World Behind*,  
by Rumaan Alam

**THIMBLE BEES**

During the month of January, Thimble Bees will be making knitted or crocheted hats, scarves, and mittens to support teen centers such as myHealth for Teens and Young Adults, the Bridge for Youth and TreeHouse. We are also creating baby blankets and hats, prayer shawls, baby quilts, comfort pillows and so much more! We have planned another Drop Off event for January 26. Contact Kathy Smith at [ksmith3600@aol.com](mailto:ksmith3600@aol.com) for further information.



**HELLO NEW MEMBER GATHERINGS**

Interested in learning more about WCC? Have questions about how to get involved and connected? Hoping to become a new member? Join us! Meet some of our clergy and deacons, hear more about the faith and strategic plan of WCC, and explore membership.

Our next New Member Classes will be held virtually on:

- Sunday, January 10 at 4:30 p.m.
- Monday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m.

To register, please contact Mandi Lee at [mlee@wayzatacommunitychurch.org](mailto:mlee@wayzatacommunitychurch.org)

# COMMUNITY

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**Now hope does not disappoint,  
because the love of God has been  
poured out in our hearts by the  
Holy Spirit which was given to us.**

**ROMANS 5:5**

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## SERVE

### MEALS ON WHEELS \*

#### Month of January

Safely delivering meals is a simple and rewarding way to help seniors and people with disabilities in need of hot meals from a friendly face, and you can do it over lunch! WCC coordinates delivery volunteers in the Plymouth/ Wayzata area and provides drivers almost every day of January. Volunteers arrive at 10:15 a.m. to pick up the meals and each route has between 6-8 meals to deliver. All of this takes around two hours and we need four drivers per day! For more information contact Bob Nash, [rnash68049@aol.com](mailto:rnash68049@aol.com).

### DOUGH

The coming New Year brings Phase 2 of Dough, our Mission and Outreach project focused on helping people and ideas rise. So many of you spent last fall spreading the good news about Dough in your work places, with your connections, and with a multitude of neighbors around the Twin Cities. The result is that we have a pool of brilliant applicants.

This January a team of 15 congregation members (called Screeners) will meticulously comb through these ideas to choose semi-finalists who represent the best of the best that will be paired with coaches that we are calling Navigators. These Navigators will listen, encourage, and help the applicants refine and hone their ideas in preparation for the judging process that will happen in the spring.

## DOUGH

HELPING PEOPLE AND IDEAS RISE

We invite you to be praying for this wonderful mission experience. We trust that new relationships will begin, new gifts will be unleashed, new connections will be made, and most of all that WCC will be used by God to bring hope and new life to a world in need.

If you have any questions or want to learn more about Dough, please reach out to Danielle Jones, Minister of Mission and Congregational Life at [djones@wayzatacommunitychurch.org](mailto:djones@wayzatacommunitychurch.org).

# WINTER FESTS

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**Now may the God of hope fill you  
with all joy and peace in believing,  
that you may abound in hope by  
the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**ROMANS 15:13**

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