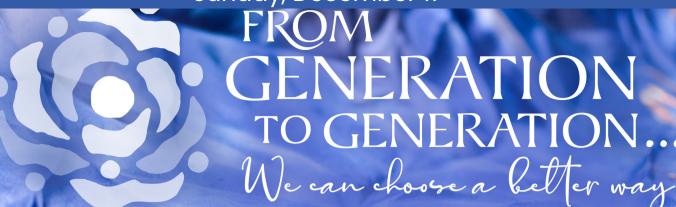
Christ United Methodist Church

Weekly Update for Children and Families

Sunday, December 11



Must-Know Words

Advent

A time of waiting and preparing for the birth of Christ. Kelley Nikondeha writes "An Advent faith is one that is buoyed by a generational hope, a long view of history combined with an equally long view of the future." (First Advent in Palestine, 182)

Week Three

The third Sunday in Advent is about Joy. We light the third candle. How is waiting a joy-filled experience? What traditions in your family bring you joy?

<u>Is</u>aiah

One of the people who listened carefully for God's voice and told the people what he heard. Many call him a prophet.

Upcoming Events

Make an ornament for our tree

today, between services in the Commons

Children's Music Schedule

Rehersals at CU Wednesdays
12/11 Children's Choir sings at 9:00
Progressions Bells 3:00pm concert
12/18 Jubilee & Progressions Bells at 9:00
12/24 Choir and all bells at 4:00

Isaiah's Words of Hope

Isaiah 35:1-2

"The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing" (Is. 35: 1-2).

Artist's Reflection--Lauren Wright Pittman

In this image I chose a few of the many vivid visuals from the text and created a kaleidoscope of sorts. Starting in the

center, crocuses bloom, weak hands are strengthened, eyes are opened, bodies leap with joy, burning sand becomes a pool, swamps are formed, and the light of gladness radiates from the entire composition.

What do you see in this image?





An angel visits Joseph. Joseph wakes up. What happens next?



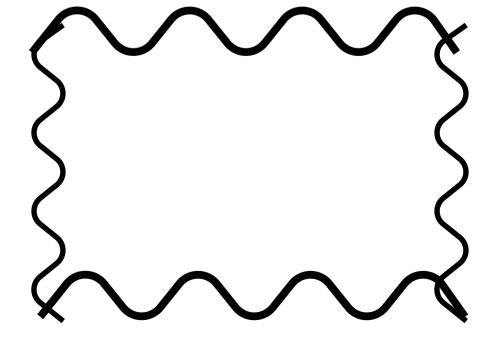
How did

Joseph

feel?



What is a hard thing you have done?



What gave Joseph joy?

