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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear La Crescenta Presbyterian Church Family & Friends,

It's a New Year, and a new beginning! New beginnings can be both exciting and intimidating. They represent a chance to start fresh and make positive changes in our lives, but they also require us to let go of the familiar and step into the unknown.

As Christians, we can find hope and strength in knowing that God is with us in all things, including the new beginnings we face. In Isaiah 43:19, the Lord says, "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" God is constantly at work in our lives, creating new opportunities and possibilities for us. As I think about those new opportunities and possibilities God offers LCPC, let me just highlight a few as we embark on this New Year.

Ecclesiastes Sermon Series: The Book of Ecclesiastes has so much to say to the 21st century American culture. It has much to say to a culture that has fallen into the slippery slope of materialism and instant gratification; a culture that is chasing the wind. Ecclesiastes asks some tough questions; questions about the meaning and purpose of life; questions about

the point of all our accomplishments; questions about our hope when life is met with failure or even simple toil and boredom. These questions may seem hypothetical or philosophical, but they are real life questions.

Ecclesiastes invites us to wrestle with these questions until we find the true meaning and purpose of life. Meantime, should we feel the brokenness of ourselves and our world, we are to look and submit to the ONE who stands outside creation as immutable, glorious and wise. I am excited to share the wisdom of God's Word in Ecclesiastes in our New Sermon Series during the months of January, February, and March.

PEAK: Our PEAK Spring Semester starts on Wednesday, January 17. This is a family mid-week gathering where there will be something for everyone. This Spring, I will be leading a Bible Study Class on First Timothy. This Bible Study is titled, "Faithfulness, Discipleship, and Leadership: Lessons from 1 & 2 Timothy!" Writing to the Christian community in the city of Ephesus, Paul charged the followers of Christ to stand firm and to be faithful in the face of opposition. The apostle Paul charged the believers to be committed to their calling, deepen their discipleship, and make new disciples. Another great alternative will be "Parenting with Love and Logic Class" led by

Pat Chambers.

Tuesday Bible

Study: This is a NEW Bible Study opportunity that I am offering to LCPC Family and the community at large. Every Tuesday from 11:00 AM to 12:00 noon, I will be leading a Bible Study Class in the book of Nehemiah. The Class is titled, "Nehemiah: The Wise Builder!" The class focuses on the challenges and blessings of engaging in kingdom business and participating in God's redemptive activities in the world. It's a great way to develop a kingdom-oriented life. Our first class will be on Tuesday, January 16, and we will wrap up the end of May. Sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex and in the Chapel. Spread the word. Everyone is welcome.

The Lord is up to great things right here in our midst at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church. Be a participant. Get your feet wet. Be hope-filled because "Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever," Hebrews 13:8. Happy New Year LCPC Family!

Yours in Christ's Service,
Rev. Dr. Mouris A. Yousef
Senior Pastor & Head of Staff



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With this new regular column, the Missions Team will bring you monthly articles that spotlight the various missionaries and mission projects that LCPC supports. This month our focus is Home Again LA (HALA).

Since opening its doors in 2010 as part of the national Family Promise organization, HALA has assisted over 2,000 unhoused families in securing permanent housing. In 2023 alone, HALA served 699 families, helping them to find employment, increase their income, and



attain housing.

A core program for HALA is providing 90-day shelter for situationally homeless families with children. (Situational homelessness, in contrast with chronic homelessness, typically occurs due to a life event such as a loss of a job, losing a family member who is the breadwinner, or domestic violence.) This

program works in partnership with local congregations to provide shelter and meals, while

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NEW YEAR, NEW WAY TO SUPPORT LCPC FINANCIALLY

Many of us have discovered the simplicity of online giving at LCPC. In addition to the personal convenience, it has been a huge benefit to the church to receive gifts in this way, making it easier for people to continue their regular giving even when they can't make it to church on Sunday for one reason or another. But there are costs to this program, and as with most things these days, those costs have gone up since we started offering this service.

Setting up a direct deposit from your bank account (electronic funds transfer, or "ACH" payment) continues to be the most cost-effective way to give online, but LCPC now pays a transaction fee that is 1.0% of the value of your tithe/offering + \$0.47 per transaction. The cost of using either a debit or credit card ranges from 3.1% to 3.7% of the value of your tithe / offering (depending on which card you use, with Amex being the most expensive) + \$0.47 per transaction. In order to make it

easy for people to see the costs of how they choose to give, and decide whether they wish to help offset these costs, we have updated the system to **automatically add a fee to cover the transaction costs associated with the form of payment they choose. Any user can choose not to cover the transaction costs by simply unchecking a box when they set up their payments.**

We don't want to discourage online giving -- again, we believe it has been a great benefit to the church, encouraging regular, consistent giving, and we know it's convenient for users. But we did want people to know the costs associated with this option. However you choose to give, by paper check, cash, online, or through stock donations, thank you for supporting the Kingdom-building work underway at LCPC!

Yours in Christ,
The Finance Team



Happy New Year! January is National Mentoring Month on our Kids Hope calendar. If you are considering participating in a new ministry this year and would like to positively impact the life of a child in our local community, one hour once a week, please let us know! Contact Janie Roach at: oakcircle5@aol.com or Armineh Manookian at: amanookian@yahoo.com

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY CLASS

"Nehemiah: The Wise Builder!"

Pastor Yousef will be offering a Bible Study Class every Tuesday from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. This class is open to the LCPC family and whoever is interested from the community. The class starts on Tuesday, January 16, and runs through the end of May. Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex and in the chapel.

In this class, Pastor Yousef will be teaching through the book of Nehemiah. The class focuses on the challenges and blessings of engaging in kingdom business and participating in God's redemptive activities in the world. It's a great way to develop a kingdom-oriented life.

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**MESSENGER DEADLINE
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MISSIONS

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HALA works with the family to secure a permanent housing solution.

The 90 days is not easy for the families...they have to move weekly to a new facility (typically a church or synagogue). While parents work with counselors and other HALA staff at the day center in Burbank, older kids continue their education, often with long commutes to keep them in school. But the success rate of this program is outstanding – after this 90-day period, nearly all families secure a stable and sustainable housing solution.

LCPC partners with Eagle Rock Covenant Church (ERCC) to support HALA with one week of shelter and meals during each of the 90-day periods (4X a year) – ERCC provides the shelter at their church, while we provide the food. Besides preparing dinners and filling the pantry for their breakfasts and lunches, we get to share meals with the families throughout the week, and can even serve as the on-site hosts, giving us the opportunity to spend more time with the precious families.

Please consider supporting this mission in 2024, and mark your calendars! Our weeks of service for 2024 will be as follows:

- March 3-9
- June 9-15
- September 8-14
- December 1-7



We'll be looking for volunteers to provide a meal – or just a portion of a meal, or pantry items – for one or more nights during each of our weeks of service. The maximum capacity of people we can serve in a week is the lesser of four families or 14 people... so the task of preparing a meal is very manageable. Frozen meals can also be provided, with volunteers on hand to heat up the food at ERCC. Please watch for information and our on-line link to sign up in advance of each of our service weeks, or contact Cindy at: csquenther50@gmail.com with any questions.

For more information about HALA and its mission to end homelessness one family at a time, please visit their website at: www.homeagainla.org/aboutus.



MISSION STATEMENT

- We are a youth ministry that is a part of La Crescenta Presbyterian Church dedicated to providing a space for adolescent teens in grades 7th-12th.
- Our focus is to guide teens to authentically encounter Jesus, foster a meaningful, safe community, and embark on a transformative journey of discipleship.
- Our ultimate aim is to nurture and empower the next generation of dedicated followers of Jesus.

Happy New Year! I trust this letter finds each of you in good health and spirits as we embark on a new and promising year. I am writing to share my profound excitement about the official launch of our Mission Statement, a significant milestone that fills me with enthusiasm for the possibilities that lie ahead.

In the spirit of the New Year, our collective efforts, time, and prayer have culminated in the establishment of a purposeful and identity-driven Mission Statement for our Student Ministry.

At the December 4 stated meeting of Session, the following items were discussed and/or approved:

- Received William Larson, Madeline Schneikart, and James Matson into active membership (received December 3). They were introduced in worship on Sunday, December 3.
- Approved Ordination and Installation of Officers to be held in worship on January 7, 2024. Also approved the Annual Meeting of the Congregation to be held Sunday, March 3, 2024 following worship. More information to follow.
- Approved the following dates for Communion in 2024: January 7, February 4, March 3, March 28 (Maundy Thursday), April 7 (Easter is Sunday 3/31), May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 8 (Labor Day is 9/2), October 6, November 3, December 1.
- Discussed plans for the 2024 Operating Budget. More discussion will be held in January with the budget to be approved at the February stated meeting of Session.

This endeavor has been fueled by a deep desire to provide clarity and direction, not just for ourselves but for the entire LCPC community.

The process of crafting this Mission Statement has been a journey of thoughtful consideration and intentional

reflection. Through prayerful discernment, we sought to distill the essence of our Student Ministry's purpose, ensuring that it aligns seamlessly with the core values of our faith and the unique identity of LCPC and Student Ministry.

Our aim is not only to define our purpose but to communicate it effectively to the masses. This Mission Statement serves as a guiding light, for Student Ministry and offers inspiration for all who encounter it.

As we step into this new chapter, I am confident that our Mission Statement will serve as a unifying force, bringing our community together under a shared vision. It is my sincere hope that each member of LCPC will find resonance with the values embedded in these carefully chosen words, fostering a sense of belonging and purpose among us.

I am genuinely excited about the positive impact we can make as we live out the principles outlined in our Mission Statement. Together, let us embrace the possibilities, uphold our shared values, and continue to grow and thrive as a community committed to the

BISTRO 50+

TUESDAY,
JANUARY 9
12 NOON IN
KOOPMANS

Everyone 50+ years old
is welcome to come and enjoy
a meal and fellowship for just \$5.00.

CRUISERS

The Cruisers invite everyone to their program on Tuesday, January 9, immediately after the Bistro 50+ lunch. This one is not to be missed. It is "Rocking La Crescenta" and our speaker is none other than our very own Doug Given! You had better watch and listen because the Cruisers have some pretty nifty speakers coming up. If you have any questions, or would like to join, call Isabel Adams at (818) 424-8373

transformative power of faith.

Wishing you all a blessed and purpose-filled New Year!

Izzy

SESSION REPORT

The budget will then be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on March 3, 2024.

- Approved a proposal from the Communications team to changes in the production of the monthly "Messenger". Starting in January the "Messenger" will continue to be designed in the current color format. A color digital copy will be emailed to members and friends of LCPC every month. Nancy will print a small number of black and white copies in-house which will be available at the Connection Center, or mailed to people who are not able to come to church.
- Approved Student Ministries' request to resume Mission Arizona trips for Junior High students. The trip will take place during GUSD's spring break. More information to come.
- Approved Worship and Music's proposal to no longer have the ushers collect tithes

during the Contemporary Service. Clearly marked collection boxes will be placed at the rear doors of the Sanctuary so people may put their tithes in as they enter or exit the Sanctuary. This proposal was approved with a caveat that it would be reevaluated after a 3-month trial. Ushers will continue to collect offerings as usual in the Chapel service.

We held a special time of prayer and thanksgiving for those Elders who are rotating off Session: Chuck Andrew, George Buehler, Victor Bustillos, and Dennis Fernandez. We look forward to welcoming our new Elders in January: Steven Andersen, Craig Carlson, Jennifer Clem, Nicole Elms (2nd 3-year term), Jillian Matson, Bill McClain, Pat Rabe, Aubrie Walker, and Jon Weingarten (2nd 3-year term).

As always, please feel free to contact me or any of the Elders serving on Session with your questions, concerns, suggestions, compliments, etc.

In Christ's Love,
Sheri Gray
Clerk of Session

Happy 2024! Hope you had a blessed Christmas season and here's to a joyful new year! We all know that **New Year's Resolutions** usually last a short time. How about a resolution for 2024 that's worth keeping – Add **Wednesday night PEAK** to your routine! Where else can you get a delicious home cooked meal for \$5 while you catch up with friends, have your brain stimulated by fascinating teachings, all while your kids are having fun in their classes?

PEAK starts back up Wednesday, January 17, with dinner at 5:30 PM. (Let's hear it for the fabulous chef, **John Arangio!**) Classes will run from 6:15-7:30 PM and there are two adult classes to choose from. We look forward to **Pastor Mouris' Bible study on Paul's letters to Timothy**, focusing on discipleship and how to be faithful to the gospel in today's culture.

Pat Chambers, the wise and experienced director of The Center for Children, will be leading the always popular **"Parenting the Love and Logic Way."** This 6-week course will teach practical skills for parenting (or grand parenting) toddlers all the way to high schoolers. We also have classes for children and the junior high and high school students meet in the Student Center from 6:15-8:30 PM. There's something for everyone! Mark your calendar and make it part of your 2024 weekly schedule!

We have another **new Bible study** starting up on Tuesday mornings, 11:00 AM-Noon. From January 16 through the end of May, **Pastor Mouris** will be offering a study on the **book of Nehemiah**.

This class is open to the LCPC family and the community, and will focus on the challenges and blessings of engaging in a kingdom oriented life. Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex and Chapel.

Last month our Christmas celebrations were glorious, as always! **Gary Woodward**, the **LCPC Choir**, and the **orchestra** performed another fantastic concert (pictured) for an audience of mesmerized guests. Our **Christmas Eve services** were beautiful, with carols, favorite songs and worship of our precious Lord, born in a manger. The petting zoo was as popular as ever with kids and adults. A special thank you to **Mad-**



eline Schneikart for the beautiful floral arrangement on the altar in the Sanctuary and to **Greg and Rachel Wolflick** for the outdoor poinsettias. They added the perfect touch to our festive services.

We also had wonderful **Christmas parties** for all ages! **The Cruisers** enjoyed a lively concert and carol sing-along with **Nancy**

Smith and the **Scottish Fiddlers of Los Angeles**. **Izzy** had a great turnout of teens for the **Abide Christmas gathering**. **Janie Roach** and **Armineh Manookian** threw a delightful party for the **Kids Hope** children, their families, and their mentors with games, crafts and yummy goodies! **CFC** and **Children's Ministries** hosted a magical **family Christmas party** with a delicious dinner, lots of crafts and photos with Santa. **Tim Milbrodt** is a close friend of Santa's and can tell you all about it.

I remember a **letter to Santa** written last year, by one of our PNC members via our **Santa Mailbox**. He asked Santa to bring us a new Pastor, preferably a shepherd after God's own heart. Santa must have a direct line to God, because that gift was certainly delivered to us last July. Pastor Mouris has been with us a full six months now, and he has already been such a blessing to our congregation. We are so very grateful for him!

in 2024. Due to the high cost of outsourced printing, we'll no longer be printing it in color and mailing it out. You'll receive an email around the 1st of each month with a link to enjoy the color version online. It will also be available on our website – click the link at the bottom of the home page. If you need a printed copy, email at: Nancy@lcpc.net and she will print you a black and white version that you can pick up at church or have mailed. We're sorry for any inconvenience and hope you'll still enjoy *The Messenger* online each month. And a big thank you to **Shawn Kelly** who puts in so much time and effort to design it every month!

Our **online giving portal** also has a change. As with many things, transaction fees have increased since we first started offering this method for tithes and giving. Our system has been updated to automatically add a fee to cover the transaction costs associated with your form of payment. However, you can choose **not** to cover the transaction costs by simply unchecking the box when you set up your payments. We don't want to discourage you from using this option – Finance just wants you to be aware of the costs associated with it. We are



CFC would love your donations of old **Christmas cards!** They use them for children's crafts throughout the year. Also be sure to check the kitchen for any platters you brought with goodies for December events. We always end up with extra dishware in January!

There's a big change for *The Messenger*

truly grateful for all your gifts to LCPC!

If you haven't turned in your **Faith Estimate of Giving** card yet, it's not too late! Drop it in the collection plate or leave it on Nancy's desk in the church office. These cards are important for budget planning for the year.

Thank you to **Sadie Russell**, one of our **CFC alumni** and great granddaughter of long time LCPC members **Dorothy** and **Ken**

Semington. As part of a Girl Scout project, Sadie made placemats for the December Bistro luncheon. It's wonderful to see former students giving back to the center that nurtured them as little ones!

Wishing you a happy and healthy **New Year!** Talk to you next month!

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children's Ministries

BY JESIAH BOZICH

Hi all!

It's hard to believe it's 2024 already. To me, 2023 really flew by. So much in such a short year! A lot has gone on at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church and I'm sure that a lot of things have gone on in your lives as well. There may have been hardship. There may have been joy. There might have been a whole lot of "ordinary!" Whatever has gone on for you this year, I encourage you to look back with God

along with Sunday School and SPARKS, are highlights in my week.

In 2024, you can count on our having lots of things going on! We will continue to host Children's Programming on Sunday mornings and will be excited to start our PEAK kids groups back up again in mid-January. We will also be hosting our ever popular "LEGO Night," an "egg-citing" Easter party, our annual Vacation Bible School, and more!! Keep an ear

out for all the exciting goings on this year.

If you want to help out with LCPC Children's Ministries, there is always room for you!! We love to bring a diversity of different helpers into the volunteer team- young, old, or in between. Male and female! If you want to help out, but aren't sure if you're up for it, come talk to me. Chances are that there is a lower barrier of entry than you suspect.

This year, I encourage you to pray for this ministry. Pray for new friends to join us. Also, pray just as much that the children who are already here would come to know Jesus Christ as a living, breathing person, who died for them and loves them very much. Pray that the Gospel would break into the lives of these children, that they would come to worship Him in Spirit and truth. Amen.

As always, I thank God for what He is doing and eagerly await what He will do next!

Grace and peace,
Jesiah



Christmas party 2023

at the past year and ask Him what He has been doing in it.

Looking back on 2023 for LCPC Children's Ministries, I am struck by all the ways we've gotten to see God at work amongst the children at LCPC. I have seen kids grow more comfortable talking with God. I've seen kids grow more comfortable in their faith. I've seen friendships form between the kids, revealing the fellowship of the Church in even our youngest members.

Last year, we hosted many events, including our wildly fun Twists and Turns Vacation Bible School, and got to see different faces at each. Each one of these little ones is a precious soul to our God and Father. It is His hope that they would come to know Him. May we all continue to take seriously that work of ministering the good news of Jesus Christ to all who we meet, from youngest to oldest.

I continue to be blessed by my interactions with the children at CFC. There is a lot of joy in those rooms, as I see the children beginning to understand the truth of God's love for them. The kids so enjoy singing songs, so it feels like I get to have a little worship party with them every time I visit! Chapel times,

PEAK starts up again Wednesday, January 17, from 6:15 – 7:30 PM. Please also join us for dinner from 5:30 to 6:10 PM for a meal (\$5 for adults, \$3 for kids). We are offering two classes this semester:

"Faithfulness, Discipleship, and Leadership: Lessons from 1 & 2 Timothy"

Paul's First & Second Letter to Timothy have so much to say to the Church today. Writing to the Christian community in the city of Ephesus, Paul charged the followers of Christ to stand firm and to be faithful in the face of opposition. The apostle Paul charged the believers to be committed to their calling and

to be true disciples. We hope you can join us for this PEAK Bible Study Class as we examine our understanding of discipleship and learn together how to be faithful to the gospel in the 21st Century American culture.

"Parenting the Love & Logic Way"

This parenting program is designed to give you practical skills that can be used immediately. Come laugh about the common struggles that all parents face and get the courage to try something new with your kids (or grandkids). These parenting techniques cover toddlers to high school students. Love & Logic is a 6-week course and will be led by Pat Chambers.





Parenting Classes

Wednesday Nights Jan. 17th- Feb. 28th

Dinner 5:30-6:20

6:15-7:30

\$5 adults/ \$3 kids

*no class Feb. 14th

Pre-register and 1st dinner is on us!

Programs available
infant - jr. high
through the church

Parenting toddlers to high schoolers:

This program designed to give you practical skills that can be used immediately. Come laugh about the common struggles that all parents face and gain courage to try something new with your kids.

- avoid power struggles
- support their problem solving skills
- issues w/ chores, homework, etc.

Facilitated by
Pat Chambers
Director of
the Center for
Children

"Love" allows kids to grow through their mistakes.

"Logic" allows them to live with the consequences of their choices.



Love & Logic reg.

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Center for Children & La Crescenta Presbyterian Church
2902 Montrose Ave, La Crescenta

Director's Corner

I love facilitating the "Parenting with Love and Logic" class. It's the time I get to share stories about my three kids and all the mistakes they made and I made during their time growing up. Finding the humor in raising children makes the job just a bit easier. The strategies of love and logic came into my life when my oldest was four and I just knew I wanted to teach this to other parents, teachers, caregivers, etc. This class will be some video, some discussion, a little bit lecture and a lot of humor. The children will be enjoying Jesiah's programs and you

can even come early for dinner and not have to cook that night. So please see the details in the flyer on this page and join me. Think of it as a live Webinar.

Pat Chambers, Director

Calendar

- **January 1:** CFC closed – Happy New Year
- **January 2-5:** Winter Day Camp continues
- **January 8:** GUSD resumes
- **January 15:** CFC and GUSD closed for MLK, Jr. Day
- **January 17:** Love and Logic class begins
- **February 3:** Preschool Very Important Person Day

Child Care During Love & Logic Class at PEAK

During PEAK, kids Kindergarten through sixth grade enjoy SPARKS! Younger kids are divided into SPARKS Blue and older kids into SPARKS Red. During SPARKS, kids play together, learn fun Bible stories, do skits, play games, sing songs, and more! We also have offerings for kids one year old through 4 years old. Jr. and Sr. High Students will join Izzy for activities age appropriate for them.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

CLASSIC WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL
NEW SONG WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY
BOTH SERVICES AT 10:00 AM

JANUARY 7

COMMUNION SUNDAY COMBINED SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY

"Is Life Pointless?"

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; Mark 8:37-38

Rev. Dr. Mouris A. Yousef

JANUARY 14

"The Never-Ending Chase!"

Ecclesiastes 1:12-18; John 4:13-14

Rev. Dr. Mouris A. Yousef

JANUARY 21

"Are You Building Castles in the Sand?"

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11; Matthew 7:24-27

Rev. Dr. Mouris A. Yousef

JANUARY 28

"For Everything There is a Season!"

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Ephesians 5:15-16

Rev. Dr. Mouris A. Yousef

As we begin this New Year, I remember Lamentations 3:22-23: "The steadfast love of God never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

The "Happy Hangouts" program, open to everyone, is starting up, coordinated by Arminch Manookian. Please contact her at: amanookian@yahoo.com if you are interested in visiting or being visited.



We are happy to announce that our scholarship committee recently awarded scholarships to Izzy Cox, Samantha Bouzikian, Audrey Hill, and Arianna Ismale. Applications

are now being accepted for the next round. Please contact Hilary Norton at: hilarynorton@me.com with any questions.

We thank Hilary Norton, Sarah Rush, Janie Roach, and Jeanette Woodward for their service on the Deacons Committee and are looking

forward to being joined by six brand new deacons on January 7. We have two slots still open. If anyone is interested in becoming a Deacon, please contact co-moderator Nancy Smith at: nancy@twiningtrees.com. Please let us know if you would like the Deacons to include you in our prayers or if you would like to join us to pray Thursdays at 8:30 PM.

Finally, our team is grateful to all those who pitched in to make the Christmas concert possible, as well as all the decorations around our Sanctuary. Happy new beginnings for the New Year!

In Him,
Dave Eagle