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### *Message from Our President...*

Dear Members and Friends,

We had a very successful Holiday Bazaar on November 14 and 15 with many people from Leisure World coming to purchase from our vendors who were selling baked goods, candy, jewelry, art, pottery, handicrafts, jellies, bric-a-brac, Christmas decorations, clothing, and items from all over the world collected by Bishop Finck and Rhoda. The vendors donated 10% of their sale to the church. We had 100% profit from the baked goods, our Boutique table, and several of our members donated all of their sales to us. The final tally was:

Bake Sale	\$620.00
Vendor Tables	\$536.00
Boutique	<u>\$315.66</u>
Total Deposited	\$1,471.66

I thought it was a wonderful few days that brought new friends to our church who found it to be a very welcoming, friendly atmosphere, with the plus of being serenaded with beautiful music by Mickey Costello on his guitar. Throughout the day many people took advantage of our sofa and chairs to sit, have some coffee, treats and good fellowship. There were always many people at the Bishop's tables deep in conversation about his many treasures. Several of whom that had been former members of Redeemer. If you weren't able to attend, please be sure to come, and maybe participate in some way, for our Spring Fair. Many thanks to Chair, Carmen Leslie, Committee members Betty Lucera, Barbara Long, John Robinson and so many wonderful volunteers that made it a very successful event.

December 1 is the first Sunday in Advent. Many thanks to Sylvia Makus who is preparing for the decoration of our church. The Advent wreath will be in place, the first candle lit, and poinsettias will adorn the altar this Sunday. In the next few weeks, the creche will be set up on the outside, the Three Wise Men Painting done by Carmen Leslie and Barbara Simundza will be hung at the entrance, a Christmas tree decorated by members of the Altar Guild in the Sanctuary along with more poinsettias, and a display of Nativity Scenes in the Fellowship Hall. We would love to have you bring your Nativity scene to share during the Advent Season. Sharon Heck and Cedric Elmer will begin our Sunday services during Advent with beautiful piano duets. The Choir is practicing Christmas music as we begin our celebration of the birth of Jesus.

We will be having two Advent Suppers on Wednesday, December 11 and 18 beginning at 3:00. We will start with an hour of Inspiration and Christmas Carol singing accompanied by Nancy Anderson on the piano followed by supper.

We will celebrate Christmas Eve and Christmas Day on December 24 at 10:30 am followed by a brunch. At this brunch on Christmas Eve morning, we will also have a Christmas Cookie Exchange. Cookies will be available to purchase too. There are sign-up sheets for volunteering to make food for these events, and, also, if you would like to participate in the cookie exchange. Please mark your calendars for these special dates to join with your fellow Christians as we celebrate the Christmas season.

It is a wonderful time of year, and, as we near the end of 2024, and take time in prayer and thanks for our many blessings, if you are able, you might want to consider a tax-deductible year-end gift to our church.

Wishing you many blessings,

***Kay Pushman***

Council President