

January



Dear Church Family and Friends –

As we start the New Year surrounded by memories of Christmas – from the story of Jesus’s birth to time with family and friends – it is time to get ready for 2023!

\*Our Annual Meeting will be after services on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a time to reflect on our past year and prepare for the coming year. Lunch will be served. We hope you can all join us!

\* Thanks to Rev. Rene Martin, our Advent/Christmas Eve services were streamed live! Messages can be accessed through our website ([www.firstchurchsa.org](http://www.firstchurchsa.org)) anytime. We are in the process of setting up our own camera and gear so that we can continue to broadcast our services live!

\* Cedar Tree, our new non-profit music program, ran a week long Music Camp over the Christmas Holidays!

\* Our Scout Troop, Bumblebee Preschool, and CA Bulldog Rescue were some of the folk who celebrated the holidays in our Fellowship Hall!

\* Our new electronic sign in front is now fully signed off by the manufacturers, the installers, and the City of Santa Ana. We are always pleased to receive suggestions for postings!

\* Annual Pledge sheets will be mailed before the end of January. Please contact the office if there are any questions.

\* Lori goes back to school in January, so office hours will go back to Saturdays. We wish her faith and strength to keep up with two little ones, a full time teaching position and FCC – not to mention Martin! 😊

\*Rev. Dr. Linda Barkman will be our guest minister at our worship services on January 8<sup>th</sup> and January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

\*Rev. Rene Martin will be back as our guest minister on Scout Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. **Further information about streaming our services is coming soon!**

\*Beth Marshall, who was a long-time member of this church, passed away peacefully this week in an Alzheimer's unit near her son in Northern California.



### Another Year for God

Another year is dawning; dear Father, let it be,  
in working or in waiting, another year with thee....

Another year of progress, another year of praise,  
another year of proving thy presence all the days.

Another year of service, of witness for thy love;  
another year of training for holier work above.

Another year is dawning! Dear Father, let it be,  
on earth, or else in heaven, another year for thee.

—Frances Ridley Haverga

