

# Welcome

We are very glad you are here!

Whether you are a first-time guest or a lifelong member, we are glad to share with you this season of wonder and joy.

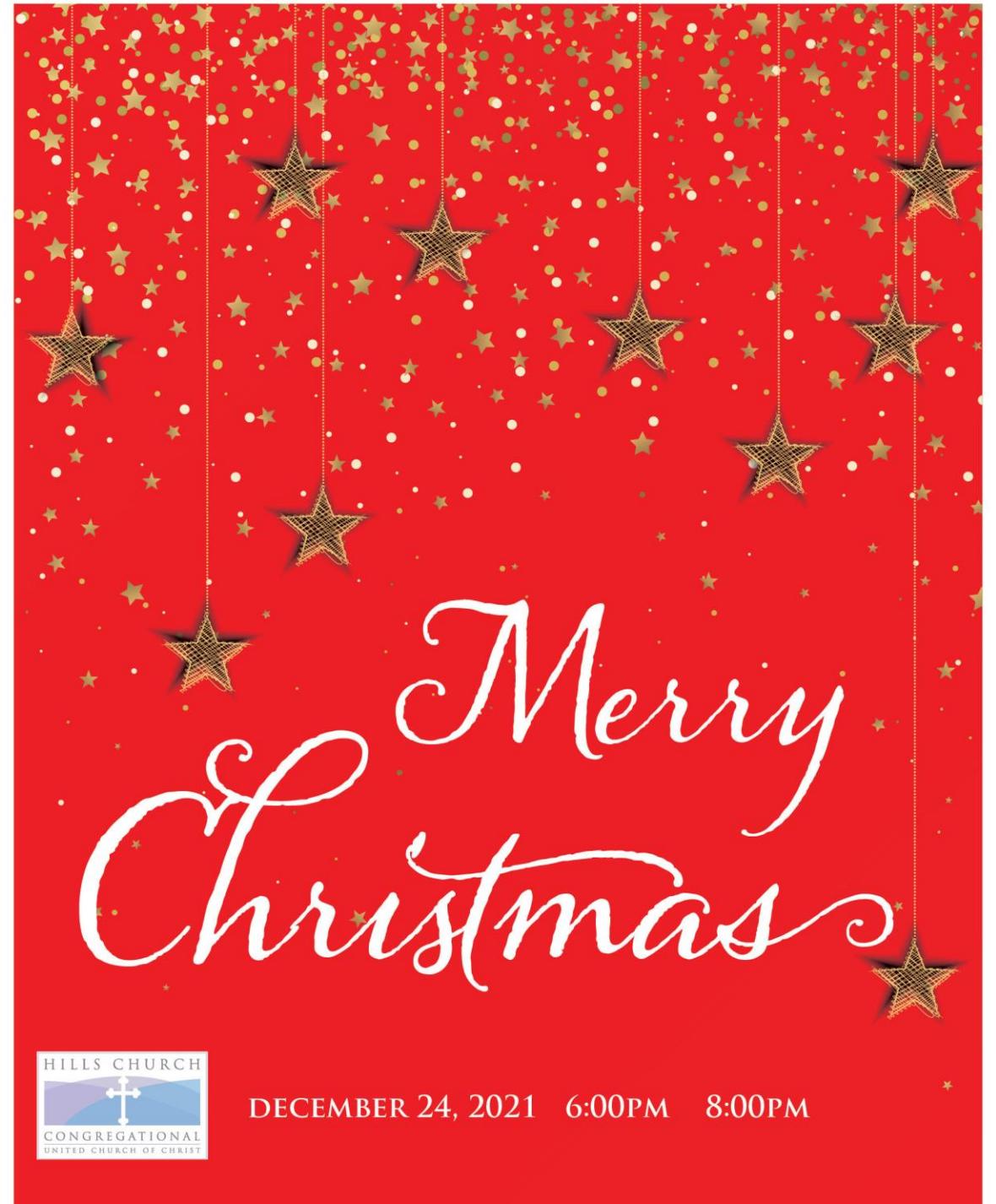
Welcome to those who have no church home, need strength, have doubt, want to follow Christ, or do not believe.

Welcome to infants and youth and adults of all generations, to families of all configurations, to believers and questioners, and, of course, to questioning believers!

We are an open and affirming congregation, welcoming of people of every race, gender, and sexual orientation. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

May we be blessed by the love of God as we share in this time of worship.

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## WELCOME

“In Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile, male nor female, slave nor free.” We invite people of every age, race, marital status, sexual orientation, means, ability, and spiritual tradition to join with us in the love of God and neighbor: through worship, dedication to education and commitment to service.

If you are new . . . allow us the opportunity to answer your questions and provide any needed information. Please identify yourself to one of our ministers, sign the Fellowship Pads, with your address, email, & phone number, so that we may send you our newsletter.

Large-print bulletins and hearing devices are available from ushers.

December Office Schedule – Susan MacDonald is away December 27-30.

Church Office Closed on Christmas Eve (12/24), New Year’s (12/31 and 1/3).

A “PAUSE” IN RE-OPENING - VIRTUAL WORSHIP ONLY December 26 and January 2



The Hills Church will “pause” our reopening and worship by holding virtual services on the two Sundays after Christmas (December 26 and January 2). The pause will give our church leadership time to assess the risk posed by the omicron variant. If all is well, we will resume in-person worship and church school on January 9. If the variant is still spiking, we will have time to make alternative plans. Please check your Events e-newsletters as we enter 2022 for updates.

**ANNUAL  
REPORTS**

**ARE DUE BY  
JANUARY 5<sup>th</sup>**

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING

**HONDURAS  
HOPE**

Our Christmas story is about **hope** spoken to silenced people. As **Hope** arrives in the Flesh, silenced people are no longer discounted and alone.

When the darkness becomes overwhelming, and silence becomes deafening: Have faith! Have trust! This is the moment, we trust, when the Word takes flesh, when God will be born like a child to migrants in a stable. **Have hope!**

As recipients of hope, we are called to **be hope**. Our giving reflects the image of God speaking into the silence and to the silenced, “*I am with you always.*”

This Christmas, the Christian Service Support Board of the Hills Church has designated the Christmas Offering for **Honduras Hope**. Honduras Hope’s mission is to empower people silenced economically and politically in rural Honduras to create stronger and more self-sufficient communities with educational opportunities. Unfortunately, Honduras is one of the poorest and most violent societies in the Americas. Climate change has adversely affected many small coffee growers, which in turn has deepened its economic distress.

Please write your check to Hills Church (or WHCC) with “Christmas Offering” on the memo line.

The Hills Church has worked with **Honduras Hope** in the past and has sent people to serve alongside Hondurans. Currently we are advised against travelling to Honduras, but with partners already in Honduras, we can send our gifts breaking the silence and equipping the silenced of Honduras with “*the dawn of redeeming grace.*”

Please join us in singing *Silent Night* and may the **Hope become flesh** in your life this Christmas. Grace and peace,

Jill Edens & Richard Edens  
*Interim Co-Senior Ministers*

Judy Swahnberg  
*Associate Minister*

Ann Marie Holloway  
*Associate Minister for  
Youth & Families*