

# divine interruptions

# 2018 Advent Calendar

| SUN   | MON  | TUE   | WED   | THU   | FRI  | SAT   |
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| <p><b>2</b></p> <p>Participate in an Angel Tree Project or 6Stones Night of Hope with your family, your Sunday School Class, or small group. Angel Tree and Night of Hope provide Christmas gifts for deserving children and families. The Angel Tree display will be set up in the narthex.</p> <p><b>Pancakes and Pajamas - 5 p.m.</b></p>        | <p><b>3</b></p> <p>Read Luke 1:5-20. Consider, in what ways did God interrupt Elizabeth and Zechariah's life and plans? What were their responses? What does God want to say to you through this story?</p>  | <p><b>4</b></p> <p>Share a genuine compliment with someone.</p>   | <p><b>5</b></p> <p>Make a list of ten things you are grateful for.</p>  | <p><b>6</b></p> <p>Write an encouragement note to someone who needs encouragement.</p>  | <p><b>7</b></p> <p>Fill a bag with clothes to donate. You can bring women and children's clothes and any size coat to the church for the 1000 Coats Against the Cold Drive. You can donate other clothes to GRACE or Goodwill.</p>   | <p><b>8</b></p> <p>Make Christmas cookies, and give a plate to your neighbor.</p>   |
| <p><b>9</b></p> <p>Make or write Christmas cards and deliver them to residents at a local nursing home. You are invited to join a group from our church to deliver cards, cookies, and sing Christmas carols at Solstice Senior Living and Dancing River Assisted Living between 5:30-7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Day of Music - 8:30 &amp; 11 a.m.</b></p> | <p><b>10</b></p> <p>Send cookies to deployed troops. You can donate a dozen cookies for \$10 through Buttermaid Bakery, <a href="http://www.buttermaidbakery.com/soldier-cookie-donation">www.buttermaidbakery.com/soldier-cookie-donation</a>.</p>        | <p><b>11</b></p> <p>Leave a friendly post-it note where someone can find it.</p>  | <p><b>12</b></p> <p>Write a thank you note to the Colleyville Police Department. Give a police officer the thank you note at our Neighborhood Table from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Event Center.</p>  | <p><b>13</b></p> <p>Pay for the person behind you in line.</p>  | <p><b>14</b></p> <p>Write a letter to Santa for charity. For every letter you write, Macy's will donate \$1 to Make-a-Wish foundation. You can compose a physical letter and drop it off at Macy's Department Store, or write your letter online through this link: <a href="http://www.macys.com/social/believe/">www.macys.com/social/believe/</a></p> | <p><b>15</b></p> <p>Host a group of family and/or friends for dinner.</p>   |
| <p><b>16</b></p> <p>This time of year it can be difficult to take time for Sabbath, so today's activity is Sabbath rest. Do not work. Spend your day doing activities that nourish your soul and deepen your relationship with God.</p>   | <p><b>17</b></p> <p>Read Luke 1:26-38. Consider, in what ways did God interrupt Mary's life and plans? What was her response? What does God want to say to you through this story?</p>   | <p><b>18</b></p> <p>Smile at everyone you see today.</p>  | <p><b>19</b></p> <p>Go on a prayer walk in a place you spend a lot of your time. It could be around your workplace, your school, or your neighborhood. On the walk, pray for the people around you, that they may feel God's love and presence.</p>   | <p><b>20</b></p> <p>Call a friend who is grieving a loss this holiday season and offer support and prayers.</p> <p><b>Blue Christmas Service - 7 p.m.</b></p> | <p><b>21</b></p> <p>Pick up at least five pieces of litter in your neighborhood.</p>   | <p><b>22</b></p> <p>Give a gift to someone who serves our community. Consider the people who pick up your trash, your mail carrier, the fire fighters, or police officers as potential options.</p> |
| <p><b>23</b></p> <p>Read Matthew 1:18-25. Consider, in what ways did God interrupt Joseph's life and plans? What was his response? What does God want to say to you through this story?</p>   | <p><b>24</b></p> <p>Attend a Christmas Eve service with your loved ones. After the service, reflect and discuss with your loved ones how you experienced God during that worship service.</p> <p><b>Christmas Eve Services<br/>2, 6, 8 and 11 p.m.</b></p> | <p><b>25</b></p> <p>Read John 1:1-18. Consider, in what ways did Jesus' birth interrupt the world? What does God want to say to you through this story?</p> | <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST<br/>CHURCH of COLLEYVILLE</b></p> <p><b>Looking for more ways to interrupt the holiday busyness<br/>with time to grow closer to God?</b></p> <p>Consider: attending worship at church, reading a book, sharing a meal with loved ones, having quiet time with Jesus, drawing or making a craft, going on a walk, or extended time in silence.</p> </div> |   |  |   |