

Our mission is to: Come alongside senior adults in a dynamic season of life to provide friendship, laughter, spiritual care and a great lunch.



## MERRY Christmas

For this month, we offer a poem from one of our favorite writers. . .

The shepherds sing; and shall I silent be?  
My God, no hymn for Thee?  
My soul's a shepherd too; a flock it feeds  
Of thoughts, and words, and deeds.  
The pasture is Thy word: the streams, Thy grace  
Enriching all the place.  
Shepherd and flock shall sing, and all my powers  
Outsing the daylight hours.  
Then will we chide the sun for letting night  
Take up his place and right:  
We sing one common Lord; wherefore he should  
Himself the candle hold.  
I will go searching, till I find a sun  
Shall stay, till we have done;  
A willing shiner, that shall shine as gladly,  
As frost-nipped suns look sadly.  
Then will we sing, and shine all our own day,  
And one another pay:  
His beams shall cheer my breast, and both so twine,  
Till ev'n His beams sing, and my music shine.



Christmas II by George Herbert



**ALL ARE INVITED!**

We know many of you have a place where you regularly worship. If you don't, please consider worshipping with us this Christmas. This year, Christmas Eve is actually the last Sunday of Advent! So, in the morning, we will have one service at 10:00am. In the evening, we will have three Candlelight services: 4:30pm, 6:00pm, and 11:00pm.

## Lunches for December\*

### December 7th

Our dear friend **Brent Winebrenner** is going to resume his talk from last year on Japan. Brent is an excellent photographer who has traveled extensively all over the world. We are blessed to be able to have him come to show us pictures and talk to us about the culture, food, natural beauty, and his experiences of this amazing country. For lunch, we will serve a classic: spaghetti with meatballs, caesar salad, and lovely bread. We hope to see you! Bring a friend!

### December 21st

Our Christmas Lunch! This promises to be a fabulous day with so much goodness and joy. Our speaker today is **Pastor Denny Wayman**, who served as the Senior Pastor at Free Methodist for 40 years. He is a person of depth, love, and humor whom you will love. On this day, we will also sing songs, hear the children perform, and welcome a special guest. For lunch, we will have a savory beef with a rich French sauce, mashed potatoes, winter vegetables, and a holiday salad. We will end with a homemade festive dessert.

### \*Special note

If you would like to bring a few dollars to contribute to Michele, the volunteers will take your gift at the door. We will be giving it to her at the luncheon on December 21st.



### Please Remember...

When you come in after the program has started, please keep voices down when you are at the welcome table and finding your seat. It is distracting for the participants and speaker. Thank you!



### Cliff Drive Care Center Matching Fund Donation

We are almost there! It has taken a bit, but we are almost at our goal of \$100K for the 60th year of Cliff Drive Care Center! We are humbled and overwhelmed by the generosity of our community. We have just \$5000 to go. If you are able to give a bit of help to help us get over the top, we would truly appreciate it. All proceeds are tax deductible. Thank you!

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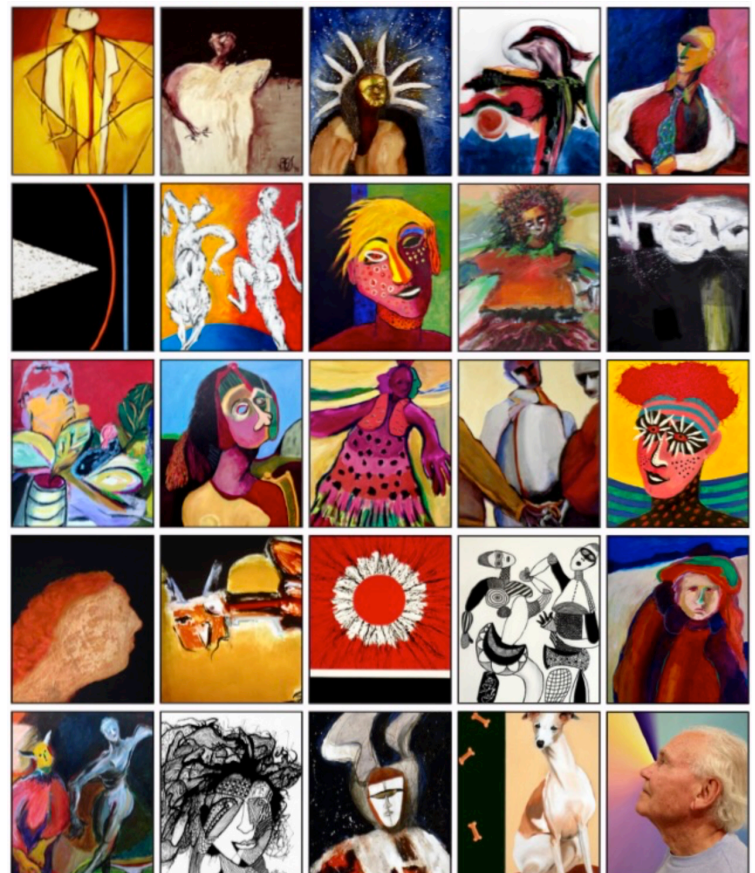
Please join us to celebrate Jim's 90th birthday.

Wine, cheese, cake, and singing will be served.



**JIM BESS**  
The First 90 Years

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>**  
A Retrospective Exhibition and Sale  
See it. Love it. Buy it. Take it.  
**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Reception - December 7<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm**  
**Voice Gallery**  
at La Cumbre Plaza, H-124  
1110 S. Hope Avenue, Santa Barbara, CA 93105



Gallery hours Monday - Friday 10am - 5:30pm / Saturday & Sunday 1 - 5pm

This month, as you celebrate the birth of Jesus, it might be fun to have a Bible verse and prayer to celebrate each day of December up through Christmas Day

<p><b>December 1</b></p> <p>And God blessed them... Genesis 1:28</p> <p>Dear Lord, When I turn to the right, you are there. When I turn to the left, you are there. You never leave my side. I am overwhelmed by the amazing ways you bless my life.</p>	<p><b>DECEMBER 2</b></p> <p>So be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the Lord. Psalm 31:24</p> <p>Dear Lord, I can do this because you are with me. I will be victorious because you are fighting on my behalf. All will be well.</p>	<p><b>December 3</b></p> <p>God's way is perfect. All the Lord's promises prove true. He is a shield for all who look to Him for protection. 2 Samuel 22:31</p> <p>Dear Lord, Everything about you is perfect! I rest in comfort knowing that you are watching over and protecting me and my loved ones. With you by my side, I know all will be well.</p>	<p><b>December 4</b></p> <p>For the Word of God will never fail. Luke 1:37</p> <p>Dear Lord, I am standing on your promises today. You are always faithful. I am putting all my hope and trust in you. You are the God of turn arounds and miracles!</p>
<p><b>DECEMBER 5</b></p> <p>The Lord is a shelter for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. Psalm 9:9</p> <p>Dear Lord, Thank you for protecting me and taking care of me in all circumstances.</p>	<p><b>December 6</b></p> <p>The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. John 10:10</p> <p>Dear Lord, When the enemy of my soul throws obstacles in my path, I will turn to you. I know you will make a way for me even when there seems to be no way. You are my hero.</p>	<p><b>December 7</b></p> <p>You have allowed me to suffer much hardship, but you will restore me to life again and lift me up from the depths of the earth. Psalm 71:20</p> <p>Dear Lord, I believe you will restore my life to better than it was before. Help me to see this life through your eyes and to deepen my relationship with you.</p>	<p><b>December 8</b></p> <p>For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. Psalm 91:11</p> <p>Dear Lord, Thank you for watching over me and my loved ones and keeping us safe. Guide my steps this day. I am waiting on you and listening to your still, small voice speak to my heart.</p>
<p><b>DECEMBER 9</b></p> <p>But I am trusting you, O Lord, saying, "You are my God!" Psalm 31:14</p> <p>Dear Lord, Yes! You are my God and I am putting all my trust in you. You never fail me and never will. I can always count on you!</p>	<p><b>December 10</b></p> <p>Worry weighs a person down; an encouraging word cheers a person up. Proverbs 12:25</p> <p>Dear Lord, I give all my worries to you today. I will think on good things. Even when it's an uphill battle, there is always something to be thankful for. I will focus on that.</p>	<p><b>DECEMBER 11</b></p> <p>Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." John 14:6</p> <p>Dear Lord, I am listening. I am waiting on you. I trust you have wonderful things in store for my life. I turn to you for guidance today.</p>	<p><b>December 12</b></p> <p>But you are a God of forgiveness, gracious and merciful, slow to become angry, and rich in unfailing love... Nehemiah 9:17</p> <p>Dear Lord, Help me to forgive those who have hurt me and help me to let it go. Thank you for forgiving me. You are the perfect example of forgiveness to follow after.</p>
<p><b>December 13</b></p> <p>He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds. Psalm 147:3</p> <p>Dear Lord, Please bring comfort to those who are hurting this day. We need a sweet touch of your amazing love. Any brokenness within me, I give to you. Heal my heart, Lord.</p>	<p><b>DECEMBER 14</b></p> <p>So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" Hebrews 13:6</p> <p>Dear Lord, Thank you for fighting on my behalf. You are my greatest advocate. I'm so happy to be on the winning team - your team!</p>	<p><b>DECEMBER 15</b></p> <p>He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to His name. Psalm 23:3</p> <p>Dear Lord, You are my source of strength. You give me the courage to keep pressing forward in faith when the storms rage. Thank you for always standing by my side.</p>	<p><b>DECEMBER 16</b></p> <p>O my Strength, to you I sing praises, for you, O God, are my refuge, the God who shows me unfailing love. Psalm 54:17</p> <p>Dear Lord, Thank you for loving me no matter what. You are my safe place. I will rest in your love this day.</p>

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Thank you!

**DECEMBER 17**

*...For God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you."  
Hebrews 13:5*

Dear Lord, You are my Rock. You are always faithful. I can't see the future but I know you are there with me.




**December 18**

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him.  
Romans 15:13

Dear Lord, I trust in you. I trust that all will work out because you are working things out on my behalf. Thank you for being my advocate and helper.



**DECEMBER 19**

*The eternal God is your refuge, and His everlasting arms are under you...  
Deuteronomy 33:27*

Dear Lord, I am always safe in your arms. Hold me close this day and remind me how much I am loved by you.

**December 20**

Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble.  
Psalm 119:165

Dear Lord, I love the peace you pour out upon my heart and mind when I take my focus off of my problems and focus on your goodness. Help me to keep my eyes on you above all.




**DECEMBER 21**

*And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.  
1 John 5:11*

Dear Lord, You are my King and Savior. May you hold me close to your heart this day and comfort all those who need you the most.



**DECEMBER 22**

*We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy...  
Colossians 1:11*

Dear Lord, May you bring your healing touch this day to those who are hurting. Thank you for the comfort you bring us.



**December 23**

**May the Lord show you His favor and give you His peace.**  
Numbers 6:26

Dear Lord, May you bless my loved ones with your perfect peace. Fill their hearts with joy. Show them how much you love them. Protect them and guide them through life each and every day.  
Thank you for your grace.



**DECEMBER 24**

*For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Isaiah 9:6*

Dear Lord, You are wonderful indeed! Words cannot describe how amazing you are. I am humbled by your love.



December  
25, 2023  
Isaiah 9:6



For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given... He will be called Wonderful counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

# Merry Christmas!



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- BETHLEHEM
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