MESSAGE NOTES | DECEMBER 11



"Looking to Jesus, the Founder and Perfecter of our faith, who for the JOY set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2 ESV

Here's some things we learn about joy as we walk through this gruesome, painful account.

- 1. Joy is not determined by *circumstances*.
- 2. Joy does not require justice.
- 3. Joy is the sweetest when you are *last*.
- J = Jesus first
- O = Others second
- Y = Yourself last

Joy <u>sees further</u> down the road and <u>embraces</u> the <u>faithfulness</u> of God!

TAKE IT TO **HEART**. TAKE IT **HOME**. TAKE IT TO THE **WORLD**.

- 1. Get new *glasses*!
- 2. Fix your eyes on Jesus!
- 3. Be a joy *spreader*.

FRIDGE NOTES



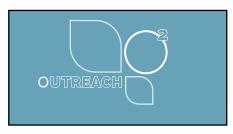
Dec. 24, 25 + Jan. 1

Grab a postcard from the lobby and invite friends or family members to our holiday worship experiences on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



Feb., 24-25 | Green Lake

Marriage is a divinely-inspired art form. Pastor Daryl, Elaine and the Marriage Mentor Team is hosting *The Art of Marriage* retreat. Each couple receives a night in a hotel, three fine-dining meals and materials for \$275. Register by Jan. 3.



Dec. 17 | 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Serve others during the
HeartLove Place Christmas event
for Milwaukee families in need. Your
family can serve food, host games,
decorate cookies, and lead arts and
crafts. RSVP on oakwoodnow.org.



NOW-Dec. 31

All 2022 giving needs to be received at Oakwood by Dec. 31. (Gifts can be postmarked Dec. 31.) The office will be closed Dec. 23-Jan. 3, so please plan accordingly. Online giving is available, as well.





FINANCIAL UPDATE FISCAL YEAR TO DATE IAUGUST - NOVEMBER 2022I		
BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENSES	GIVING
\$404,541	\$388,382	\$374,583