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Church Schedule

Sunday, December 9, 2018

8:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Church Council

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12:00 p.m. Lunchtime Yoga, SB

1—2:30 p.m. Mat Min, Sr. Center

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

7:30 a.m. Men's Group, Boulder Creek Golf Club

2:30—4:00 p.m. Mat Ministry, BC Library

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6:45 p.m. WOW Worship

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Peace Light—We will be sharing the Peace Light again this year on Sunday, **December 16 from 1-2 p.m.**, and immediately after worship. Bring an oil lamp to light to take the light home. The Peace Light comes from the grotto in Bethlehem where Jesus was born. Oil lamps have been continuously burning there for more than 1000 years. A lamp was lit and flown to New York City and has been passed from one flame to another across the country. Get your flame and take it home to enjoy!

Bell Choir Concert, Sunday, **December 16 at 3:00 p.m.** Enjoy the Harmony Handbell Choir as they present their Christmas Concert. There is no charge to attend; a goodwill offering will be collected. Harmony is a community group consisting of 14 experienced ringers from throughout the Las Vegas Valley and includes Barbara Paulsen and Jane Allison. The concert will be held at St. Andrews Catholic Community, 1399 San Felipe, Boulder City.

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