



Tower Views

This is an exciting time of year for the church. The sanctuary is decorated for Christmas, the gym is a beehive of activity for Christmas Cheer and the calendar is full of opportunities to turn our hearts toward the manger in Bethlehem.

This Sunday, December 13 we will have:

- 8:30 am Regular Worship Service
- 10:30 am Christmas Program
- 2:00 pm Concert in the Chapel by Sam Lucas

The following Sunday, December 20, will be Red Sweater Sunday and the youth will host a bake sale for their mission trip. Then everyone is invited to join us for Christmas Caroling through our neighborhood at 5 pm.

On Christmas Eve we will host two services, with communion before each.

- 4:00 pm Early Christmas Eve Service – with the Handbells
Communion begins at 3 pm
- 7:00 pm Late Christmas Eve Service – with the Choir & Band
Communion begins at 6 pm

This is a great time to invite your family, friends and neighbors to come with you to church. There are invitation ornaments on the tree just outside the sanctuary to help you make that invitation!

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Daily Bible Reading and Prayer

- Sun Colossians 3:12-17
Ask God to open our eyes to those who are hurting this Christmas
- Mon Ephesians 4:31-32
Ask God to fill your heart with compassion
- Tue Philippians 2:1-5
Pray for a humble spirit
- Wed Philippians 2:6-11
Give thanks for the humility of Jesus
- Thu Hebrews 1:1-4
Give thanks for the gift of Jesus
- Fri John 14:27
Pray for peace - in your heart, your family, our community & our world
- Sat Luke 2:21-38
Offer a song of praise & celebration to God for the birth of Jesus



Next Week

Sunday, December 13

- 8:30—Early Worship
- 9:00—Continental Breakfast
- 9:30—Sunday School
- 10:30—Children’s Program
- 2:00—Christmas in the Chapel
concert

Monday, December 14th

- 5:15—Learner Bells
- 6:00—Bells

Wednesday, December 16th

- 10:00—Bible Study
- 3:00—Y on Wednesdays
- 3:30—Angelus Choir
- 6:00—Chancel Band
- 7:00—Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 17th

- 6:00—Cub Scouts



*******New Early Worship Time in January*******

The Church Council approved moving the starting time for our early worship service to 8:15 AM effective the first Sunday of January. This will allow us to complete the service by 9:00 AM each Sunday morning so the full service can be carried on the radio. This will also allow us to include a children’s time and baptisms in the service. The starting time for our late service will continue to be 10:30 AM.



Holiday Happenings



Christmas Program

Sunday, December 13, at 10:30 is our Christmas program featuring our Cherub and Angelus and Youth Choirs plus some special music performances. We will hear and see the Christmas story through the eyes of a Bethlehem innkeeper.

Christmas in the Chapel

Our concert series continues with an afternoon of carols and organ pieces to celebrate Christmas. The program will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 13. The 1873 Hook & Hastings organ will lead us in carols which you get to choose. Some unexpected antics may be in store for you on that afternoon. Spread the word! See you in the Chapel!

Christmas Caroling

On Sunday, December 20th at 5:00, we plan to do some caroling around our church neighborhood. So dress warmly and join us to entertain our neighbors!

Christmas Dinner

The church will be hosting a Christmas dinner on December 25th at 1:00 PM in the fellowship hall for those folks that don't have other plans that day and would enjoy some church fellowship. The turkey and drinks will be provided, but please sign up to bring a side or dessert so we know how many to expect.

Advent/Christmas Activities Coming Up

- Dec. 13—8:30 service
10:30 Children's Christmas program
Birthday Cake for Jesus
- Dec. 13—2:00 Sam's Concert "Christmas in the Chapel"
- Dec. 15-17—Ringin' bells for Salvation Army
- Dec. 20—Red Sweater Sunday, Youth Bake Sale
- Dec. 20—5:00 Christmas Caroling
- Dec. 24—Communion at 3:00, Early Service at 4:00
Communion at 6:00, Late Service at 7:00



Jill Bernard
Martha Drendel
Susie Wetzel
Wilbur Slocum
Jay Hunter

Gloria Saddoris
Shirley Mothersbaugh
Ross Christopher
Rhonda Batschelet
Irene Seiler

Claude Lynch
Joe Harrelson
Tom Drendel
Rosie Banfield
Gene Price

Susan Turner
Robin Hays
Becky McQuitty
Fred McAllister

Christmas Cheer

Thank you to all who have donated items, money, or time to this wonderful annual event that helps the families in need in our community. It takes a ton of work to undertake this event and your help is much appreciated!

The Red Cross Blood Drive is Soon!

This blood drive is in memory of Betty Butcher and will be December 17th and 18th at the Presbyterian Church. Their goal is to get 13 gallons donated that day, because that's how much Betty donated in her lifetime! See the insert in Sunday's bulletin or the posters in the church for more details.

Cookie Reminder!

Did you sign up to bring cookies for the Red Cross Blood Drive on December 17th and 18th? You can bring your cookies to church and put them in the freezer. If you are taking them directly to the blood drive, please let our office know—they need to be there between 8:30 and 10:00 on the 17th.

Red Sweater Sunday is Coming!

Check your closets and get ready! We are going to turn the sanctuary into a sea of red—sweaters and poinsettias on Sunday, December 20th. Join us for this colorful Sunday before Christmas.

Youth Bake Sale

The last days before Christmas get so busy. Let the Youth of our church do the baking for you! Stop by the bake sale by the library on Sunday, December 20th and pick up some yummy cakes, truffles, caramel corn, candy and other delights to share with your family and support the Youth.

Worship Assistants

Greeter 8:30

Anita and Wilbur Slocum

Greeters 10:30

Charlotte and Larry Hager
Loree and Dennis Walrath

Gathering Music:

8:30—Brenda Ford
10:30 – Janice Santero

Ushers 8:30

Greg and Carlene Lowe

Acolytes 8:30

Paytyn Wareham and
Kenadie Austin

Song Leader

Kelli Jenkins