



Tower Views



This will be **Red Sweater Sunday**. Everyone is encouraged to don your best red sweater as we fill the sanctuary with the colors of Christmas. The youth will also be hosting their annual bake sale to support their mission trip to South Dakota. Then at 5 pm, everyone is invited to join us to go Christmas caroling around our neighborhood.

On **Christmas Eve** we will host two services:

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

On Christmas Day we will host a **Christmas Dinner** at 1 pm. Everyone is invited to bring a dish and celebrate together with others in our church family.

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!

Brad



Daily Bible Reading and Prayer

Sun	Matthew 2:1-11 Offer a prayer of praise & adoration to God
Mon	John 1:9-14 Invite the light of Jesus to shine in your heart
Tue	John 3:16-17 Give thanks for God's incredible love
Wed	Matthew 1:18-25 Give thanks for God's presence with us
Thu	Luke 2:1-7 Give thanks for the gift of Jesus
Fri	Luke 2:8-20 Ponder the meaning of Christmas
Sun	Luke 2:21-24 Rededicate your life to God



Next Week

Sunday, December 20th

Red Sweater Sunday

8:30—Early Worship

9:00—Continental Breakfast

9:30—Sunday School

5:00—Christmas Caroling

Monday, December 21st

5:15—Learner Bells

6:00—Bells

Wednesday, December 23rd

NO youth or music activities

Thursday, December 24th

3:00—Communion

4:00—Christmas Eve Service

6:00—Communion

7:00—Christmas Eve Service

No UMM on Saturday

*****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 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!

Advent/Christmas Activities Coming Up

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

Dec. 25—1:00 Christmas Dinner in Fellowship Hall

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.

Christmas Dinner

If you find yourself at loose ends on Christmas day and are looking for food and fellowship, please join us in the Fellowship Hall any time after noon. Turkey, dressing, gravy, rolls and drink we be provided. You need not bring table service. We would like very much to know ahead of time who is coming to plan for turkey; however, don't let the fact that your name is not on the list keep you from coming. We'll have extra. If you need a ride, please let us know (885-5597 or 492-2314). If you don't feel like getting out, we will be happy to bring you a box of goodies. Just give us a call. We look forward to hearing from you. May the love, joy and peace of Christ be yours at Christmas and always.



The family of
Bob Henry
Charles Portwood
Don Kelsey
Jill Bernard
Martha Drendel

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



The Red Cross Blood Drive This Week!

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! Hours are noon—6:00 PM this Thursday and 11:00—5:00 on Friday.

Special Christmas Offering

Our special Christmas Offering this year will again go to our Assistance Fund to help people in our community with their utilities and other special needs. You can make you gift using one of the special Christmas Offering envelopes in your bulletin or you can simply note that it is for the Christmas Offering in the memo of your check. We have helped over 70 families in our community this past year.

Thank you notes received

To my church family—I have been so proud to have 4 ladies come by and also for the bear they left me. Thanks in Christ, Anna Moberly

Dear Fred, Carolyn, and all our dear friends as Clinton United Methodist Church, We are so grateful for the \$1200 you donated on our piano fund. Thank you very much. We have two brand new pianos! I have worked here going on 46 years and it's the first time we have had a new one in the health center and a new one in DeLozier dining room. These are the places we have worship services and many activities where pianos are used. The residents are elated and so am I. We are so blessed to be part of the United Methodist Church and have so many loving, generous people like you. Merry Christmas to every one of you and thank you is two mighty small words for such generosity!

Brenda Garner, Ozarks Methodist Manor

Worship Assistants

Greeter 8:30

Anita and Wilbur Slocum

Greeters 10:30

Charlotte and Larry Hager
Loree and Dennis Walrath

Gathering Music:

8:30—David Cummings
10:30 – Marnie Bellamy

Ushers 8:30

Greg and Carlene Lowe

Acolytes 8:30

Carolyn Wagoner and
Miranda Beaty

Song Leader

Karen Switzer

Children's Worship Leader

Janet Parks