



# Tower Views

As we journey through Advent, we have many opportunities to turn our hearts toward Jesus and the manger of Bethlehem.

This Sunday, December 6, we will focus on Mary's example of faithfulness and the Chancel Band will provide music at both services.

Next Sunday, December 13, we will have a regular worship service at 8:30 am. Our children and youth will present their Christmas Program at the 10:30 service.

Sunday, December 20, will be Red Sweater Sunday. The bells will ring that day and the youth will host a bake sale for their mission trip.

Along the way we will host Christmas Cheer, Sam Lucas will present a special concert in the chapel, we will provide bell ringers for the Salvation Army and we are going Christmas caroling through our neighborhood. It should be a wonderful Advent/Christmas season.

Also, thank you to everyone who has already made an estimate of giving for 2015. Your financial support is essential for the strength of our church. If you have not yet turned in an estimate of giving card, I encourage to either turn one in to the church office or place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning.

Brad

## Daily Bible Reading and Prayer

Sun	Luke 1:5-25 Confess those times you've doubted God's promises
Mon	Luke 1:26-38 Give thanks for Mary's faithfulness
Tue	Luke 1:39-45 Pray for those who feel like outcasts or who feel alone
Wed	Luke 1:46-56 Sing or pray a favorite Christmas hymn in praise to God
Thu	Luke 1:57-66 Give thanks for unexpected blessings
Fri	Luke 1:67-79 Give thanks for your spiritual role models
Sat	James 1:14-17 Pray for the compassion & courage to put your faith into action



## Next Week

### Sunday, December 6

- 8:30—Early Worship
- 9:00—Continental Breakfast
- 9:30—Sunday School
- 10:30—Worship

### Monday, December 7th

- 5:15—Learner Bells
- 6:00—Bells

### Wednesday, December 9th

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

### Friday, December 11th

- 9:00 — UMW



## \*\*\*\*\*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. Plan to be here to listen, watch, sing, and celebrate the birthday of Jesus. You may even find some special surprises mixed in our service.

## 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 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
  - Birthday Cake for Jesus
  - 10:30 Children's Christmas program
- Dec. 13—2:00 Sam's Concert "Christmas in the Chapel"
- Dec. 15-17—Ringing 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
- Dec. 25—1:00 Christmas Dinner in Fellowship Hall



Susie Wetzel  
 Wilbur Slocum  
 Jay Hunter  
 The Family of  
 Michael Elliott

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  
 Jill Bernard  
 Fred McAllister

## More Yuletide events

### Poinsettias are coming!

We have ordered 45 poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas Week and have a few left to purchase. If you would like to purchase one in honor or memory of someone, please contact the church office with the information. The poinsettias are \$7 again this year.

### Christmas Cheer

Next week is the setup and distribution for Christmas Cheer here at the church. Susie Wetzel wants to remind her volunteers to be there at their assigned time and ready to go. Setup starts at 9 AM on Monday and volunteers start at 8 AM on Thursday. If anybody can stay after for cleanup, that would be appreciated. Thanks so much!

### Library News

Our librarian, Denise Moore, has been busy sprucing up the library. Our new memorial books are on display (some are large print). Christmas books and prayer books are also on display and ready to be checked out. Stop by, pick one up and enrich your mind!

### 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.

## Worship Assistants

### Greeter 8:30

Anita and Wilbur Slocum

### Greeters 10:30

Charlotte and Larry Hager

### Gathering Music:

8:30—Frances Harvey

10:30 – David Cummings

### Ushers 8:30

Greg and Carlene Lowe

### Acolytes 8:30

Abby Jones and Madison Huey

### Children's Time Leader

Larry Dawson

### Song Leader

Kelli Jenkins