



# Tower Views

## Coming Up!

### Monday, December 25th

#### Merry Christmas!

Office Closed  
1:00—Christmas Dinner

### Tuesday, December 26th

Office Closed

### Sunday, December 31st

8:15—Early Service  
9:00—Continental Breakfast  
9:30—Sunday School  
10:30—Late Service

This Sunday is Christmas Eve and we have a marvelous day of worship planned to celebrate Christ's birth.

### Christmas Eve Morning Worship

8:15 & 10:30 am

We have wonderful special music planned as we celebrate the final Sunday of Advent at our regular worship times of 8:15 & 10:30 am.

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

4 & 7 pm

Holy Communion will be available the hour prior to each service

These services will be the climax of our Christmas season! The 4 pm service will feature music by the hand bells. The 7 pm service will feature music by the band and choir. Everyone will have the option of using either a real candle or an electric candle for passing the light at the close of the service.

Our special **Christmas Offering** will go to replenish our Assistance Fund. Over the past year we have helped over 100 families right here in our own community with almost \$10,000 of aid through this fund. Thank you for helping us spread God's love!

I pray that you will have a Christ-filled Christmas!

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JOY  
NOEL  
ANGEL  
JESUS  
PEACE HOPE  
WISEMEN  
CHRISTMAS  
BELIEVE FAITH  
PRINCE OF PEACE  
THANK YOU

## Worship Assistants

### Gathering Music:

8:15—Peggy Arthur

10:30—Janet Parks

### 8:15 Song Leader:

Zac Maggi

### 8:15 Acolytes:

None

### 8:15 Ushers:

Greg & Carlene Lowe

### 8:15 Greeters:

Larry & Eunice Wright

Larry & Charlotte Hager

### Continental Breakfast:

Kielys

### 10:30 Greeters:

Faye Ball,

Nancy Fleming &

Betty Braun

### Children's Time

Kelli Jenkins

### Nursery helper 8:15

Anna Zink

## Christmas Eve

3:00 Ushers: Don Turner  
and Jim Cox

3:00 Greeters:  
Sites, McVeighs, Cables

6:00 Ushers: Rocky &  
Kathi Austin

6:00 Greeters:  
Jack & Nina Wetzel  
Beebes and Garnetts

Nursery: Kielys



## Blue Christmas Service Thursday, December 21 at 5:30 pm

This will be a somber service on the shortest day of the year for those who are grieving

the loss of a loved one this Christmas season. It will be a time to both acknowledge our pain and affirm God's grace and hope. This service will be led by Peggy Eshelman and Brad Reed. Everyone who would find it helpful is invited to attend.

## Kathy's News

This is your last newsletter for the year. With a short week next week and year-end items to attend to, no newsletter will go out next week.

Also, any 2017 giving should be to the office no later than Wednesday, December 27th to give us time to process it in our system. (Remember the office is closed Monday & Tuesday!)



## 2018 Offering Envelope Boxes are Ready!

Please stop in the Green Room to pick yours up. If you don't see yours, please contact Kathy in the office and she will get you a box! Don't use them until next year!

## Prayer Concerns



Sharon Warnaca  
Tom Stark  
Brian Bilbruck  
Peggy Younger  
Genieve Huenefeldt  
Ron Grunig  
Steve Prince  
Melvin Dennis  
Wylie Brown  
Tracy Guppy  
Rosemary Hardinger  
Wilbur Slocum  
Sarah Duncan  
Arnie Drendel  
Guido Santero  
Tom Griffiths  
Teresa Jones  
Connie Briggs  
Jill Bernard  
Angela Garbee  
Fred McAllister  
Julia Cary  
Gary Dubina  
Mike Lester  
Lucille Clayton  
Marty Setzer  
Rick Wolf  
Sharlene Wirsig  
Jane Mautino  
Shirley Stone  
Rosie Banfield





### Last Chance! Kids Care about CARE!

The Middle School Sunday Funday class needs your help! We are helping to serve our community by gathering donations for CARE (Clinton Animal Rescue Endeavor). If you would like to help there

will be a box in the Green Room to collect any of the following items the shelter can use:

Laundry Detergent (any kind), Bleach, Dishwashing Liquid, Hand Sanitizer, Clorox Wipes, Paper towels, Purina Kitten and Cat food, Pedigree dog and puppy food. Or you can drop a monetary donation in the offering plate to help with their annual vet bills.

**We will be collecting until December 27<sup>th</sup>.**



### Daily Bible Readings and Prayers

**Sunday** Luke 2:1-20

Invite Jesus to be born in your heart in new & deeper ways

**Monday** John 3:16-17

Give thank for the greatest gift of all

**Tuesday** Matthew 2:1-12

Pray for those seeking more in life

**Wednesday** Luke 2:21-24

Rededicate your life to God

**Thursday** Luke 2:25-35

Pray for the children of our church & community

**Friday** Luke 2:36-40

Pray for those who miss loved ones during the holidays

**Saturday** Matthew 2:19-23

Pray for those around the world driven from their homes by violence & war

### A Letter of Thanks

The family of Betty Brecht would like to thank you all for the kindnesses you have shown to her through the years and to us upon her death. Thank you to Brad for his visits and the beautiful funeral and to the musicians, Sam Lucas and Scott Brooks. TO all her friends, we will cherish you for all you meant to her. We appreciate the delicious meal cooked and served by the women and men of the church after the funeral. All of you will forever be in our thoughts and prayers.

Rev. Barbara and David Bowser & family  
Karen and Daughn Baker and family



### The Youth say "THANK YOU"!

The Red Sweater Bake Sale was a huge success and we are grateful to our church for your extravagant generosity.

### 2018 Volunteer Opportunities

You can be a disciple of our church by volunteering in our community! Here's a list of places looking for volunteers (and there's probably many more!)

The Thrift Shoppe at the Samaritan Center needs volunteers. Contact Kelly Helms at 885-3407.

C.A.R.E. could always use more volunteers at the animal shelter. If you can walk a dog or help in any way, contact the shelter at 885-7999.

The Red Cross Blood Drive on January 9th and 10th at the Benson Center is a memorial for Gary Scott and is expected to draw lots of donors. Can anybody help them out? They need 3 dozen eggs, 27 loaves of white bread, and 27 loaves of wheat bread. Please call Sandie Sorbo for more information at 885-2134 ASAP if you can supply these items so she can mark them off her list!

### It's Cookie Time for the Blood Drive

Each church has been asked to supply 15 dozen cookies. Sign up on the Connect Card for cookies or call the church office! Have cookies to church on January 8th so we can take them over on January 9th.



Psssst.....Did you know?



**No matter where you are, you can give to our church offering through "Text-to-Give."** Use your cell phone to send a text to 77977 with the message "CMOUMC." It will reply with a text message with a link that will take you to the mobile website for our electronic giving provider – PushPay – where you can choose to make either a recurring gift or a one-time gift using your credit card or checking account. The next time you do, it's even easier because it remembers you! You can set it up to repeat on a weekly or monthly schedule. Safe and secure through PushPay! Call the church office if you need more information.



### Recipe Swap

If you participated in the recipe swap, you can pick up your booklet today in the office or next week. If you didn't participate in the recipe swap and want a cookbook, extras have been printed and for \$5 you can purchase one in the office. Money goes to the Youth Mission Fund.