



Tower Views

December 11, 2014

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As I write this note Christmas Cheer is in full swing in the gym. It's amazing to see all the gifts. It's even more amazing to see all the smiling faces – on the shoppers and on the volunteers. There is something very special about giving to help those in need. I think it draws us close to Christ!



The past two days we distributed the Christmas Cheer food at the Samaritan Center. Again, it was a blessing to see the joy on the faces of the people receiving the food. The blankets we helped purchase were a big hit. Thank you for your generosity on that project. I believe God has blessed us all to be a blessing to others!

This Sunday we will be blessed by the Children's Christmas Musical at the 10:30 am worship service. That service will include a wonderful variety of music by both our children and youth. There is nothing quite like experiencing the spirit of Christmas through our kids.

This year there will also be a Regular Service at 8:30 am. So if you can't make the children's program, I hope you'll join us at the early service.

Then, remember, Sunday, December 21 will be Red Sweater Sunday. Come dressed for the occasion and come prepared to support our youth through their annual bake sale. All the proceeds will go toward their mission trip next summer.

Don't forget. We will have Two Christmas Eve Services this year – one at 4 pm and one at 7 pm, with Holy Communion available before each service and child care provided during each service.

This is a very special season of the year. I hope you're taking time to keep Christ at the center of your Christmas!

-Brad



Advent Season Schedule



Dec 14 *10:30 am - Angelous Choir Christmas Program
(we will still have 8:30 service)
*4:00 Carols in the Chapel

Dec 21 *Red Sweater Sunday & Bake Sale

Dec 24 *Christmas Eve Services - communion will be 1 hour prior to both services
4:00 pm (Handbells & Angelus Choir) & 7:00 pm (Chancel Band & Choir)

Dec 25 *Noon - Christmas Dinner
Church Office will be Closed Dec 24-Dec 26



Christmas Comes to our Concert Series

“Carols in the Chapel” is the theme for Sunday, December 14, 4:00 p.m. as you have the opportunity to come to the Chapel, hear the 1873 Hook & Hastings organ, and join in singing Christmas carols. Sam will take your requests for carols! So, mark the date and get ready for some fun singing and maybe some surprises along the way. Come ready to sing, laugh, relax, and prepare for Christmas.

Don't bake for Christmas - buy your baked goods from the youth on Dec 21 at the Red Sweater Sunday bake sale! Available at early and late service both.



 Sherry Rein, Jill Bernard,
Fred McAllister, Robin Hays
George Wackerman, Rita Barbee,
Jo Stromberg, Becki McQuitty, John Chapin,
Debbie Mitchel,, Harold Lam & Rhonda Smith

Any youth interested in going to WOW on January 25 need to talk Jennifer Kiely as soon as possible.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 14

8:30 - Early Worship Service

9:00 - Continental Breakfast

9:30 - Sunday School

10:30 - Children's Christmas Program

4:00 - Carols in the Chapel

Monday, December 15

8:00 - Staff Meeting

6:00 - Handbell Rehearsal, Room 204

7:00 - Adults Learners Bells

Wednesday, December 17

10:00 - Bible Study and Prayer, Board Room

3:00 - UMYF

3:30 - Angelus Choir

6:00 - Chancel Band

7:00 - Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 18

5:00 - Cub Scouts

** Worship Assistants**

Greeters- Larry and Charlotte Hager

Ed and Kay Morehead

Ushers - 8:30 - Greg and Carlene Lowe

Gathering Music - 8:30 - Brenda Ford

10:30 - Janice Santero

E- Shopping

As you do your Christmas shopping this year, please remember that if you are shopping online, check out the church website www.clintonumc.net and look at the Cokesbury and Amazon links through the E-shopping tab. Please keep in mind that items ordered through the Clinton United Methodist Church website will allow the church to receive a percentage of sales from Qualifying Purchases.

What a great way to help your church as you do your shopping!!

Daily Bible Readings

Sun Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Give thanks for the gift of Jesus

Mon John 8: 12

Invite Jesus to be God's light for your life

Tues Galatians 4: 4-7

Give thanks that you are a child of God

Wed 1 Timothy 1: 15-17

Confess your sins to God & give thanks for His forgiveness

Thurs Ephesians 5: 6-14

Ask God to cleanse the darkness in your life

Fri Matthew 5: 14-16

Ask God to show you those who need your light today

Sat 1 Peter 1: 5-9

Pray for those who do not know the light & love of Jesus



A Note from the Financial Secretary

As the year draws to a close, it is time to think about year-end finances. All offerings must be received in the church office by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 30 in order to be credited on your 2014 giving record. Offerings received after that date will be added to your 2015 giving record.

Also, please remember to fulfill your 2014 pledge

2015 Offering Envelopes-

It will soon be time to start getting offering envelopes for 2015 ready. If you do not currently have envelopes and would like to be assigned a number, please call the church office at 885-5597.



Christmas Day Dinner

There will be a dinner at the church on Christmas Day at 12:00 noon. Turkey, dressing, and gravy will be provided - please bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert to share.

If you do not have any other plans on Christmas day, come and join in the celebration. It will be a great time of fellowship. Please call the church office (885-5597) to make a reservation for lunch, or to have a meal delivered to you if you are unable to get out.

