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1. PASTOR'S WORD



Dear Friends,

Advent is upon us! This is my favorite season of the christian year! Don't get me wrong, I love the candles of Christmas, the joy of resurrection at Easter and the excitement of Pentecost. However, there is something about Advent that I feel is so real, so human.

Because the reality is that in the midst of the joy of Christmas, there is stress, there is sorrow. We see in our lives and our world the reality that, though Christ has come into the world before, the world is still not as it should be. Yet we also see that because Christ has come into the world, even though the world is not as it should be, there is hope. Hope for something better, hope for new life, hope even in the midst of the fears and anxieties we experience. Advent is when we recognize the realities of the

world but the hope of Christ coming into that, knowing that Christ has come, Christ is coming, Christ will come again. It is a period of beginning, of remembering the kingdom of God is now and not yet.

This Sunday, as we begin Advent, we begin our sermon series HOPES & FEARS. We will be looking each week at a verse from the familiar carol “O Little Town of Bethlehem,” examining the ways we hope for the light to come, for the peace to come, for Christ to come, in the midst of the darkness and fears that surround us.

I hope you’ll join us Sunday at 9 or 11 as we light the Advent candles, sing our songs of hope, and, together, give thanks for and anticipate the coming of Christ into our lives and world.

In Christ,  
Pastor Kathleen

## 2. CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

If your family does not already have an ornament on our Family Tree, we invite you to bring one this Sunday with your names on the back and place it on the Family Tree in the Sanctuary!

## 3. KEY CARDS

If you need access to the church buildings, please see Joslyn in the office to get a key card that will turn off the alarm system. Using a key without the key card will cause the alarm to go off, so please contact the office if you need a key card!

## 4. SERVE AND SHARE SURVEYS

Remember, in this season of giving, to turn in your Serve & Share Survey! We will be planning our ministries based on your commitments, so let us know what gives you joy, what gifts and talents you’d like to share and how you wish to serve God in 2019! You can fill out a paper copy that you have received in worship or can pick up in the back of the Sanctuary OR you can complete the survey online [here](#). Thank you for sharing your gifts and serving God through the ministries of Cornerstone UMC!

## 5. ANGEL TREE TAGS

Please remember to return your Salvation Army gifts, unwrapped, by **Sunday, December 16**. There are clear bags at the back of the Sanctuary for these gifts.

## 6. GLORIOUS GIVING MARKET

We still have a cheesecake and a couple of soups left from Glorious Giving Market. Please see Patricia Harlan or Joslyn Johnson to purchase.

Totals from the Glorious Giving Market are as follows:

Arkansas Food Bank	\$ 1,082.03
Arkansas Methodist Family Health	\$ 542.03
ASU Wesley Foundation	\$ 762.03
Breaking Bonds	\$ 607.03
Handy Helpers	\$ 662.03
Heifer International	\$ 964.03
Lydia Patterson Institute	\$ 462.03
One Book Foundation	\$ 1,172.03

Ozark Mission Project	\$ 577.03
Sewing Ministry	\$ 369.03
UMCOR	\$ 790.00
Total:	\$ 7,989.30

## 7. CORNERSTONE T-SHIRTS

The Youth are still selling long-sleeve t-shirts in sizes Youth Small to Adult 2X. T-shirts are \$20. Please see Christi to order. Also, if you have a t-shirt that has “cracked” please see Christi about getting it repaired.

## 8. YOUTH & CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS

We need volunteers to fill the following roles:

**KIDS CONNECTION VOLUNTEER:** Help manage behavior and maintain focus during music and other activities during Kids Connection (after the children’s message at the 9 a.m. worship service). Ideally, volunteers would take a one-month rotation of 3-4 weeks in a row (Kids Connection doesn’t meet the first Sunday of each month).

**KIDS SUNDAY MORNING CREW LEADER:** Reinforce the Bible story for a small group of Pre-K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders through games, crafts or other activities that are big on energy and fun. Ideally, volunteers would commit to at least 6 Sundays per year, either in one chunk or spread out every other month.

In January, we are changing our structure for children’s Sunday school. The new layout should make it easier for volunteers to step into their roles with little prep work.

10-10:20 a.m. | SNACK & SHARE | All Pre-K-3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will meet together for a snack, then they will share their highs and lows (joys and concerns) from their week, and Christi will teach that week’s Bible story and big idea.

10:22-10:48 a.m. | GO & GROW | Pre-K-3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will be broken into pre-formed small groups of mixed ages, and crew leaders will reinforce the Bible story through games, crafts and other activities.

10:48-10:52 a.m. | Clean up and put room back together as parents pick up kids.

If you’d like to make a difference in the life of our children or have questions about how you can serve, call or text Christi at 501-860-5678.

### **CHILDREN’S REHEARSAL SCHEDULE FOR CHURCH-WIDE CHRISTMAS MUSIC PROGRAM:**

Wednesday, December 5 | Rehearsal at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 9 | Rehearsal during Kids Connection (9 a.m. worship service)

Wednesday, December 12 | Dress Rehearsal at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 16 | Rehearsal during Kids Connection (9 a.m. worship service)

Sunday, December 16 | Rehearsal during Sunday School at 10 a.m.

Sunday, December 16 | Final Run-Through at 5 p.m.

Sunday, December 16 | Performance at 6 p.m.

## OTHER CALENDAR ITEMS FOR YOUTH & CHILDREN:

Wednesday, November 28 | Hanging of the Greens | NO ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH/KIDS

Sunday, December 2 | YOUTH | Lunch & The Nutcracker and the Four Realms | Noon

Sunday, December 9 | LINK | Lunch & Christmas Party | Noon-1:30 p.m.

We'll meet at the church and take the church van to the mall, where we'll have a quick lunch then shop for Angel Tree kids. Bring money for shopping. We'll arrive back at the church by 1:30 p.m. We will need a couple of parents to go with us for this activity.

Sunday, December 9 | YOUTH | Christmas Party | 2-5 p.m.

We'll meet at the church and take the church van on a short clue-driven scavenger hunt that ends at the mall to shop for youth with Methodist Family Health. Bring money for shopping. We'll finish up with snacks at the Belks' home, where youth can be picked up at 5 p.m.

Sunday, December 16 | YOUTH | Lunch & A Christmas Story the Musical at FOA | Noon

Saturday, December 29 | YOUTH | Leave for Winter Ski Retreat at 7:45 a.m.

## 9. UMW COOKBOOK



The United Methodist Women are going to be publishing a Cornerstone Cookbook! Cost of the cookbook will be \$15 and all proceeds will go to CUMW Missions. Recipe collection will begin October 7 – December 31.

Cost of the cookbook will be \$15 (and includes the cookbook, recipe easel (stand) and an e-copy), and all proceeds will go to CUMW Missions. Pre-sales will begin October 20 at CFA and the cookbooks will be available for pick-up May 1, 2019. Email questions or recipes to [missmryj@yahoo.com](mailto:missmryj@yahoo.com) (Mary Montgomery), [nmrainh20@yahoo.com](mailto:nmrainh20@yahoo.com) (Nancy Rainwater) or [sshelton2017@gmail.com](mailto:sshelton2017@gmail.com) (Susan Shelton).

## 10. CALENDAR: December 2 - 8

### Sunday

- 9:00 am Contemporary Worship (Communion Sunday – No Kids Connection)
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 2:30 pm SPRC Meeting
- 3:00 pm Girl Scouts (Windmeyer Troop)
- 4:00 pm Girl Scouts (Young Troop)
- 5:30 pm Staff Christmas Party

### Tuesday

- 10:00 am Helping Neighbors Food Pantry
- 6:30 pm AA Meeting (Friendship/Fellowship)
- 6:30 pm ALANON Meeting

### Wednesday

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Front Page Café)
- 11:30 am Cornerstone UMW Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 pm Children Rehearse for Christmas Musical

6:00 pm Jail Ministry  
Youth Group  
6:15 pm Choir Practice  
7:30 pm Praise Team Practice

**Thursday**

5:00 pm Weight Watchers  
5:15 pm Handbell Practice  
6:30 pm AA Meeting (Friendship/Fellowship)

**Friday**

5:00 pm Piano Recital (Sanctuary)

**Saturday**

6:00 am Proverbs Men's Group

**11. THOSE SERVING THIS MONTH**

**COMMUNION:**

**9:00 am** Debbie & Harold Biazio  
**11:00 am** Barbara Blanchard, Pat Blanchard

**USHERS:**

**December 9:00 am** Donna Garrison, Randy Garrison  
**11:00 am** Barbara Blanchard, Leonard McDaniel, Becca Farley, Bill Gatlin

**LITURGIST:**

**December 2** Sam Meadors

**NURSERY:**

**December 2** Andrea Newsom  
**December 9** Andrea Newsom, Lesley White

**FOOD PANTRY:**

**December 4 10:00 – 12:00** Jim & Sandy Clardy, Becca Farley,  
Lynn & Larry Featherston  
**12:00 – 2:00** Barbara Blanchard, Randy Garrison, David Midkiff  
Mary Montgomery  
**December 6 12:00 – 2:00** Barbara Blanchard

**COUNTING:**

**December** Susan Miller, Mike Russell

## 12. BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK (December 2 - 8)

<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>12/02</i> Annalee Bauders
	<i>12/03</i> Mitzie Whitten
	<i>12/05</i> Margaret Gatlins Collin Crain (7)
	<i>12/08</i> Ann Faulkner  Elizabeth Laws
<i>Anniversaries</i>	<i>12/08</i> Mr. & Mrs. Bill Keith

## 13. COMING EVENTS

Thursday, November 22 – Community Thanksgiving Dinner (St. Bernards Auditorium)  
Wednesday, November 28 – Hanging of the Greens (6:00 p.m.)  
Sunday, December 2 – Youth Lunch & Movie at noon  
Sunday, December 9 – LINK Christmas Party (Noon – 1:30 p.m.)  
with Angel Tree Shopping  
YOUTH Christmas Party (2 – 5 p.m.)  
Scavenger Hunt for Methodist Family Health  
Wednesday, December 12 – Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Musical  
Sunday, December 16 – Youth Lunch & A Christmas Story the Musical at FOA  
Christmas Musical at 6:00 p.m. (Final Rehearsal at 5:30 p.m.)  
Friday, December 21 – Longest Night Service  
(A Special Service for those dealing with grief during the holidays)  
Monday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Services at 4 p.m. & 6 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 25 – Christmas Day (office closed)  
Wednesday, December 26 – Office Closed  
December 29 – January 1 – Youth Ski Trip  
Sunday, December 30 – One Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. (No Sunday school)