



# Glad Tidings



Congregational United Church of Christ Neenah / Menasha

December 2011

## What Story Will We Claim?

With the season of Advent, we begin a new church year and a new cycle in lectionary readings. The lectionary is a list of Biblical readings, put together in such a way that, over the course of three years, all the main themes and stories of the Bible are covered. The folks who have developed the Revised Common Lectionary (which is the one we use) have creatively assigned a title for each of the three years in the cycle: Year A, Year B, and Year C. (Okay, I understand the need to be practical but couldn't they have used a bit more imagination in naming these things?) This year, with great anticipation, we step into Year B (Yea! Year B!). The gospel assigned to Year B is the Gospel according to Mark (Yea! Mark!). Now, I love Mark's gospel but it poses a bit of a challenge for Advent and Christmas. There's nothing in Mark's gospel about the birth of Jesus. Nothing. Nada. No Mary. No Joseph. No shepherds. No star. No angels. No "no room at the inn." No waiting. No anticipation. Mark gets right to the point and kicks things off with an adult Jesus being baptized by an adult John.

To make things even more challenging, the world around us is telling *its* story of Advent and Christmas: shopping, buying, decorating, Santa Claus, elves, decorating, and partying. Not that any of these things are bad (when done in moderation!) but these aren't the church's story. We've got some competition out there and the charming "Year B" isn't helping us out much.

So, just what *is* the church's story when it comes to Advent? Is it just about a young, unmarried woman who finds herself in a bit of a pickle? If we tell the story about shepherds and wise men and stars and angels, what's the purpose? How does a story of an untimely trek to Bethlehem and a feeding trough that doubles as a bassinette give deeper meaning to our trips to Main Street and the mall? How do we dig ourselves out of all the stuff that gets piled up on Christmas so we can uncover the significance of the birth of Christ?

Perhaps it's not such a bad thing that "Year B" starves us of the story that we so love to display in our Christmas Pageants and nativity scenes. Perhaps it's okay to journey to Bethlehem to celebrate Jesus' birth with an adult Jesus at our side. How might we make that journey a little bit differently? How might we celebrate that birth a little bit differently? How might we live a little bit differently after it's all done and over with - after the lights are unplugged and the tree placed on the curb, the wrapping paper re-cycled and the gifts exchanged?

What if we told the story about Jesus stopping the stoning of a woman who was caught in adultery along side the story of Mary as she revealed her pregnancy to Joseph and then considered the stories of women who suffer from domestic violence? What if we told the story of Jesus welcoming and embracing the children along side the story of the shepherds who are the first to kneel in awe and wonder before the sleeping baby

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Jesus and then considered the stories of the children who suffer from starvation and malnutrition? What if we told the story of the Jesus' encounter with a Samaritan woman at the well along side the story of the wise men who travel from different lands to present Jesus with expensive and symbolic gifts and then consider the stories of people who are looked at with suspicion because of their nationality, religion or skin color?

Advent is about recognizing the need for God's presence in *this* day and at *this* time and not just how God came among the people of Israel 2000 years ago. It's about recognizing the cries of God's people that call out for love and justice today just as they did on the day of Jesus' birth. It's about recognizing the broken places in our lives and in the world and receiving God's new-born grace into those places.

It's about telling the church's story of old and today... in year A, B or C. In Advent, Christmas and all year long. It's about celebrating that God hasn't stopped being born and is still speaking whether there are shepherds or angels or not.


May your Advent Journey be one of meaning and renewal.

Lynne



**Steve Ellisen's** mother Jenny passed away November 9th. Her service was held Nov 23rd.

**Wayde Rogoff's** mother passed away November 15th in Illinois. Please keep you thoughts and prayers for the Ellisen and Rogoff families.




Congratulations on Your New Grandson!

Pam Zielinski is the proud new grandmother to **Carter Patrick Jensen**. He is the son of Erin and Ryan He was born Nov 13th. Everyone is doing well.



**Melanie Nault** will be on vacation December 21st—Jan 2nd. Karen Crivillo will be filling in for her. **Pastor Lynne and Kristin Underwood** will be out of the office December 26-Jan 2nd.



Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers: Bernice Krug, Steve Furstenberg, Shirley Breening, Adeline Miller, George Fucik, Bernie Stieg, Ruth Anderson, Russ and Marilyn Corning, Laurel Mueller, Barbara Tungate, Rose Finch ,Erv Hemb, Dar and Lee Schuff's great-granddaughter Grace, Steve Ellisen and family on th death of his mother Jenny and Wayde Rogoff and family on the death his mother.



**Anniversaries**

**December 5th**

Ellen and Tim Montour

**December 21st**

Bruce and Judy Brahe

**December 26th**

Marilyn and Russ Corning

We would like to wish all a happy birthday or anniversary. If your birthday or anniversary was omitted or you would rather not have it published, please contact the church office.

- 12/02 Bruce Brahe
- 12/03 Judy Grist
- 12/04 Dar Schuff
- 12/06 Ashley Rabe
- 12/07 Mary Jo Meyer
- 12/08 Barbara Meier
- 12/13 Jenn Abing
- 12/14 Sharon Wegner
- 12/15 Leslie Cooper
- 12/18 Lynne Spencer-Smith
- 12/18 Carol Sweet
- 12/17 Jane Hibbs- Magruder
- 12/19 Sarah Ellisen
- 12/19 Courtney Ellisen
- 12/19 Jennipher Janness
- 12/20 Gay Dickson
- 12/20 Beth Geiger
- 12/22 Lois Pozolinski
- 12/23 Kent Mosebach
- 12/26 Quinn Smith
- 12/27 Maddie Hibbs- Magruder
- 12/28 Mary Zurbuchen
- 12/28 Dave Murphy
- 12/31 Jacob Fahrenkrug

# Spiritual Life

## Musical Greetings,

WOW- December is already here and Christmas is just around the corner. The choir has lots of special music planned for this wonderful month of celebrating Jesus' birth.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

**Sunday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am service.**

\*\*The adult choir and Sunday school children will be presenting the musical "*On our Way to Bethlehem*". This is a Christmas fun musical telling the Christmas story in song and readings. Please plan to attend church that morning. You will be blessed by the music and the fellowship.

**\*\*Christmas Eve Service on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 & 11:00 pm.** Please plan to attend one of these special services. We will have special music at each service. The 4:00 pm service will be a traditional service for families and the 11:00 pm service will be the traditional Christmas service with candlelight and adult choir adding music to the service.

There will be **no adult choir rehearsal on Wed Dec 28<sup>th</sup>** – enjoy your week off because you deserve it. Rehearsals will resume on **Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.** If you're thinking of joining the choir- this is the perfect time of year to join. We start all over with new music. I would like to wish everyone a Wonderful Christmas and a Fantastic New Year 2012!

May God bless you all and fill your lives with love and music!!

God's Blessings,  
Sherri Jischke, Music Coordinator

## December Lectionary

### December 4, 2011

Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13  
2 Peter 3:8-15a  
Mark 1:1-8

### December 11, 2011

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Psalm 126 **or**  
*Luke 1:46b-55*  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

### December 18, 2011

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
Luke 1:46b-55 **or**  
*Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26*  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38

### December 25, 2011

Isaiah 52:7-10  
Psalm 98  
Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)  
John 1:1-14



Glad Tidings  
Deadline

**December 10th**

Notice new date  
because of holiday



**Pantry Sunday  
On December 4th**



**Church office  
will be closed  
December  
23,26,30 and  
Jan 2nd.**

Merry Christmas from the Staff  
Lynne, Melanie, Kristin, Sherri, Alan and Kent

# Spiritual Life

## The Colors of the Season

In what has become a classic Christmas Song,  
Elvis Presley sings:  
I'll have a blue Christmas without you;  
I'll be so blue thinking about you.  
Decorations of red  
On a green Christmas tree  
Won't mean a thing  
If you're not here with me.

While everybody else is decorating their homes and their trees with red and green for Christmas, why does the church use blue and pink and white? From the Advent Wreath Candles to the dramatic Advent drapes, the colors of the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany church season are there to help give spiritual meaning to the church's Advent season of waiting and the following sacred Christmas/Epiphany season.

The color for Advent is blue – a color of hope. Advent is the season of hopeful anticipation and preparation. We await with hope the coming of the Messiah. We prepare our lives to receive the presence of Immanuel – God with us.

On the third week of Advent, we slip in a little pink – a color of joy. With the interruption of our hopeful awaiting the pink reminds us that the one for whom we await, has already come. We celebrate the love of God that is with us even as we await the birth of God's love revealed in flesh.

On Christmas Eve, the color changes to white, symbolizing a sacred season, a time when we remember the powerful ways that God's love is revealed in Jesus Christ. Because the significance of the event extends beyond the specific day of Christmas, white will remain throughout the Christmas season until after we celebrate the baptism of Jesus in January. Christmas is not the only time that white is used. We will also see it through the Easter season and sometimes on other significant days such as when we celebrate Christ's Ascension and Transfiguration.

May these holiday colors be a part of a faith-filled and meaningful season.



## Rev. and Mrs. Art and Cathy Wille Coming to CUCCNM

**Sunday, December 4**

9:00 am Adult Forum  
10:15 am Guest preacher  
11:15 am Fellowship

Wisconsin Conference Associate Conference Minister, the Rev. Dr. Arthur Wille, will be our guest preacher on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Yes, this is the very same Art Wille that served CUCCNM several years ago. Part of Art's responsibility as Associate Conference Minister (and previously as Association Minister to the Northeast Association) is to be present in the churches of the Conference. This gives him an opportunity to bring greetings from the Conference, listen to the joys and concerns of church members and remind us of our covenantal relationship with the wider church.

During the Adult Forum (Adult Sunday School), Rev. Wille will share information about the Wisconsin Conference and Northeast Association and be available for questions and discussion pertaining to wider church ministries.

During our fellowship time after worship, you are invited to greet and visit with Art and Cathy. It will be an honor to have them return as former minister and member as well as our Associate Conference Minister.

## Spiritual Life

### Confirmation Update



Our Confirmation class has recently completed a unit on service, exploring the many ways we are called to make a difference in the world. Not only did we meet in regular class session to discuss and explore, we helped serve at the Community Table and our own Thanksgiving Dinner. The class is now entering into a unit on Stewardship and will be exploring the many ways that God has called us to care for the resources God has given us. We will be meeting with mentors on December 7th and have regular class on the 14th. There will be no class on December 21 but the students, families and mentors are encouraged to participate in the Church Christmas Dinner and Party.

Please remember to keep our confirmation students and their mentors in your thoughts and prayers.



### Christmas Worship Schedule

#### Christmas Eve

Saturday December 24,  
4:00 pm Family Service with Communion  
11:00 pm Candlelight Service with  
Communion

#### Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25,  
10:15 am Worship Service of Christmas  
Carols and Celebration.

(We typically do not have a service on Christmas day, but since it falls on a Sunday this year, plan to come for a casual service of celebration & singing. Jammies are allowed)

## Faith Development



### Sunday Adult Forum Bad Boys - and Girls - of the Bible

With a series that began in November, the Sunday Adult Forum Class will be having some fun looking into the stories of some of the Bible's more "shady" characters and their significance in the story of faith. In late January, we will begin a multi-week series exploring some of the basic tenets of the Christian faith, putting them out on the table to discuss the history and evolution of each. See the January Glad Tidings for a list of the topics for each Sunday.

November 20 – Adam – maybe not often thought of as a "Bad Boy" but....

November 27 – no class

December 4 – Conversations with Art Wille, Associate Conference Minister

December 11 – Sapphira (Acts 4:32 – 5:11)

December 18 – Jephtha (Judges 11 & 12)

December 25 & January 1 – no class

January 8 – Gomer (Book of Hosea)

January 15 – Lot (Genesis 19)

### Camp Scholarship Silent Auction!



The camp scholarship sub ministry will again be holding its Silent Auction to raise funds for the camp scholarship fund. We had a great mix last year of handmade items and services donated for this awesome cause. Please mark your calendars today if you wish to donate a handmade item and get crafting. The Silent Auction will begin on **Sunday, March 4**

# Faith Development

**Christmas Dinner**  
**Wednesday, December 21**  
**Dinner: 5:30 – 6:30**  
**Program: 6:30 – 7:30**



Join your CUCCM family for Christmas Dinner and enjoy musical selections from the many talented musicians from our congregation. Look for reservation forms in your December bulletins.

## Poinsettia Sale



Order your poinsettias today (last day to order Sunday, December 4th). Poinsettias will be delivered to church the week of December 5th and will stay on the chancel until after the 4:00 service on December 24th unless otherwise instructed. Proceeds from this sale will help to offset cost of National Youth Event for students in 7th – 12th grade.

## Christmas Bake Sale



The high school students will be holding a Christmas bake sale on Sunday, December 18th before and after worship. Please consider donating some tasty treats. Items can be brought to the kitchen the morning of the 18th. People will have a chance to put together their own "plates" of various goodies so there is no need to package or price your donation. Proceeds will go toward the high school students attending National Youth Event 2012.



## Junior/Senior High Youth Group Christmas Party!

Junior and Senior High students will be enjoying the delicious pizza buffet at Stevi B's on Calumet Street in Darboy on Sunday, December 11th at noon. Cost of the party is \$8.00; you will receive pizza, pasta, salad, and dessert buffet, unlimited drinks, and 10 game room tokens. Mark your calendars today!

## Jesus Core 2012!

Experience faith in community, meaningful worship and great music, silence and time for prayer, getting to know new people and hanging out with friends. Rest from the stress of school, listen to God's word, connect with yourself and others, and find satisfaction in silence and in fun activities. Be inspired by the songs of musician Andra Moran ([andramoran.com](http://andramoran.com)), by the beauty of God's Creation on Green Lake, and by workshops and discussions with adult leaders and your peers.

Jesus Core  
 Retreat for High School Students  
 Pilgrim Center, January 6-8, 2012  
 Presented by CYMT (Conference Youth Ministry Team)  
 Who? Youth grades 9-12  
 Cost? \$65 Registration deadline is December 14th.  
 See Kristin for registration paperwork.  
 When? Friday, Jan. 6 (we will be leaving from the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m.) 7 p.m. through Sunday, Jan. 8, 11:30 a.m.  
 Where? Pilgrim Center, Ripon, WI.

**No Sunday school**  
**December 25 and**  
**January 1st.**

Sunday school will resume on January 8, 2012.

**No Youth Group on**  
**Wednesday, December 28.**

Youth Group will resume on January 4, 2012.

## Christmas Program Information

### Rehearsal schedule:

Saturday, December 10 9:00 – 12:00

### Speaking parts only.

Sunday, December 11 8:30 – 9:00

### All children

Saturday, December 17 9:00 – 12:00

### Dress rehearsal (everyone)

(If your child has a speaking part or solo he/she must be present at all rehearsals.)

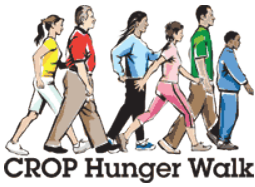


Join us for refreshments following the Christmas Program on Sunday, December 18th.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

# Ministry of Service

## Excellent Results announced for 2011's CROP Walk



The tally is completed, and congratulations are in order! A fine group of walkers and the very caring generosity on the part of our sponsors gave us a donation tally of \$1545. This includes a wonderful sum given online. Go to [cropwalkonline.org](http://cropwalkonline.org), and you'll be proud to see that, as of November 7, our CUCC is the top-online-earning group in the Team Honor Roll. You'll see \$850 credited to our CUCC and \$60 to "Zippin Pippin," which was Dave Peperkorn's high school gang. With the 50% matching from the Good Samaritan Fund, we were able to send \$2317.50 to Church World Service for its very vital and cost-effective mission of grassroots development and disaster assistance around the world, in the USA, and in the Fox Valley. 25% of our Fox Cities Walk earnings go to our local food pantries.

So a big thank you goes out to our generous CUCC donors. And to our walkers: Alan Gear; Jim, Alison, and Michael Heiser; Bob, Melanie, and Emily Nault; Sherri, Kayla, and Abigail Jischke; Gretchen, Sarah, and Emily Ugoritz; Ginny Stutzman; Lynne Spencer-Smith; Brett, Kristin, and Bailey Underwood; Dave Peperkorn; Tyler Balcolm; Chloe Hillis; and Jack and Marcy Fry.

And, of course, congratulations to the high school Sunday school class for winning the highly coveted Golden Shoe award!

## THE CHRISTMAS FUND (What is it?)



The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross provides a lifeline of hope for many lower-income active and retired clergy and lay employees in the United Church of Christ. Due to the lingering effects of the economic recession, there have been many instances in which gifts from the Christmas Fund have made a critical difference in the lives of people living literally on the edge.

The Fund is used to support and honor those who have served our United Church of Christ. Your gifts to the Fund help provide pension and premium supplementation to low-income retirees, emergency assistance to the families of retirees and Christmas gift checks to hundreds of annuitants.

People don't enter careers in ministry with expectations of wealth and cushy retirements, but for those who have served the smallest and poorest congregations, retirement is sometimes financially insecure and emergencies are challenging. We can help.

The specifics:

- Christmas "Thank-You" gift checks were sent to 900 people in 2010. Over 20 of them were over 100 years of age – one 107. Total \$270,000 (\$300 average).
- Also in 2011, 434 persons received pension supplements averaging \$238 per month – partly from the Christmas Fund.
- 267 families are receiving health insurance assistance averaging \$200 per month.
- In the first half of 2011, 24 individuals and families received emergency grants totaling \$38,163.

There will be a "mission moment" and collection Sunday, Dec. 11. The Ministry of Service will provide a 50% match for all donations up to last year's collection. For all donations over that, the match will be 100%!

# Ministry of Stewardship



## Year End Finances

Church Books will close **Dec 31st**. Financial gifts to the church for the year 2011 must be received by financial secretary by **Saturday Dec 31st**. If you like to know whether you are up to date in honoring your pledge for 2011 please phone the church office as soon as possible for that information. Thank you , Melanie Nault



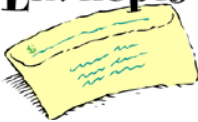
**Meeting to be held  
January 29th**



## Annual Report Articles

It is going to be that time of year soon and the deadline for submitting those articles is coming up quick. Please have your annual report articles in to the church office by January 9th.

## Offering Envelopes



## 2012 Contribution Envelopes

2012 Contribution Envelopes will be ready for pick up by December 21st. Please see upcoming bulletins for more details. Please let the church office know if you no longer what envelopes or if you would like to receive them.

## Treasurer's Corner

	October	Year to Date
Giving Income	\$ 23,438	\$ 172,929
Interest + Rents	225	9,776
Vi Smith Income	1,008	10,083
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 24,671</b>	<b>\$ 192,788</b>
Expenses	21,378	223,592
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ 3,294</b>	<b>\$ (30,804)</b>

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(Northeast Association )

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Wisconsin Conference

## Time and Talent

Upon receiving the schedule, please review it to ensure you are available when scheduled. If you are unavailable, please use the contact information to find a replacement for yourself. Please notify the church office@cuccnm.org and Clo Shumann at volunteer@cuccnm.org with the schedule change.

Date	12/4/11	12/11/11	12/18/11	12/25/11	01/01/12
<b>Host</b>	Cheryl Humleker	Betty Curtis	Jim Heiser	Pat Day	Cheryl Humleker
<b>Liturgist</b>	Lynne Spencer-Smith	Marty Suechting	Cindy Wolf		
<b>Greeter 1</b>	Sharon Swatscheno	Erv Wegner	Pat Day		
<b>Greeter 2</b>	Carol Sweet	Jacob Underwood	Dave Day		
<b>Head Usher</b>	Shirl Alix	Ginny Stutzman	Lee Schuff		
<b>Usher</b>	Dolores Gear	Pat Jaeger	Michael Heiser		
<b>Usher</b>	Alan Gear	Ferry Fox	Alison Heiser		
<b>Usher</b>	Ruth Kobinsky	Marty Abing	Dave Zernicke		
<b>Depositor</b>	Dave Peperkorn	Roy Rosenberger	Ann Pabst		
<b>Acolyte</b>	Abigail Jischke	Chloe Abing	Kelsey Wadleigh		
<b>Nursery 1</b>	Audrey Mosebach	Tiffany Mauritz	See Knuth		
<b>Nursery 2</b>	Alanna Smith	Gay Dickson	Barb Peperkorn		
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Terri Flesburg	N/A	N/A	Terri Flesburg	
<b>Projectionist</b>	Kevin Shumann	Kevin "Katzman	Jerry Pozolinski	Kevin Shumann	Kevin Katzman

The December volunteer schedule will not include December 25<sup>th</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup>. Instead of scheduling volunteers and having to find numerous subs, we will be putting a volunteer list for these two Sundays up on an easel in the narthex. If you will be available for these two Sundays, please sign up for the necessary positions. There will not be nursery or acolytes scheduled as Sunday School will not be available either. We would greatly appreciate this help. Thank you so much and enjoy the Holidays!

Clo Shumann

# Spiritual Life



Book club will be discussing *Left Neglected* by Lisa Genova. We will meet on Sunday, January 29th at 6:30 in the church lounge. Any questions please contact Mary Janness.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry knitting group will meet at 1:00 on Wednesday, December 21 in the lounge. All are welcome to join us! Please contact Barbara Meier at [communications@cuccnm.org](mailto:communications@cuccnm.org) if you would be interested in starting an evening prayer shawl group.



## Christmas Giving Tree Remember those less fortunate in our own community!

There will be an opportunity to again assist with the "Christmas Giving" project organized by the Boys and Girls Brigade. Christmas giving helped 1,012 children from 427 families last year. All gifts are distributed to families in need in Neenah-Menasha. Look for the Christmas tree in the narthex and select an ornament or two. Bring a gift(s) for a boy or girl, **UNWRAPPED**, place them in containers in the narthex (worship entrance). A suggestion list is provided.



The members of the mission trip to Honduras will be collecting funds to buy school uniforms for Honduran children. The Honduran law requires students to wear uniforms in order to attend school.

A student's uniform costs under \$20 U.S. A number of elementary school children, to be determined by the amount of money collected, will be transported in the church bus to the local uniform store where they will be fitted for their uniforms. We would buy the uniforms, not give out the money.

Anyone wishing to contribute may include a check in the offering plate or send one to the church. Please make check out to CUCC and make a notation of "Honduran school uniforms" in memo.



## HELP PROVIDE HOSPITALITY

Sign up to serve refreshments after worship. Please sign the form in the lounge to provide and serve simple finger foods such as cheese and crackers, fruit, cookies, donut holes, or other plus juice and ice water. Plan for clean up after. Please turn in receipts for items to the church office so that expenses can be included in the budget and reimbursed.



## Church Leadership

Ministry Council

Moderator:  
Marilyn Kostrzak

Vice Moderator:  
Wayne Dickson

Secretary: Kathy Mahoney

Treasurer: Dave Zernicke

Ministry of Spiritual Life:  
Alanna Smith and  
Denise Stewart

Ministry of Service:  
Laurie Kleist

At Large: Kris Anderson,  
Kerry Fox, and Jim Heiser

Communication Coordinator:  
Barbara and John Meier

Church Historian: Dar Schuff

Time and Talent Coordinator:  
Clo Shumann



## Live Nativity **No experience needed –**

just a willingness to wear a costume from our closet and enjoy a winter night with animals from Cavanaugh's farm. The Ministry of Spiritual Life is providing funds for the event, and Mary Janness will be providing warm chili and hot chocolate.

Please let Alison Heiser know if you plan to participate, [alisonheiser@new.rr.com](mailto:alisonheiser@new.rr.com)



# DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12:00 pm Clergy Study	2 5:00– 8:00 pm Live Nativity 	3
4  8:30 am Children's Choir 9:00 am Christian Education 10:15 am Worship	5 11:30 am Staff Lunch	6 7:00am Discussion Group 11:30 am Bible Study	7 6:30 pm Youth Group Adult choir Confirmation with Mentors	8	9	10 Glad Tidings Articles Due
11 8:30 am Children's Choir 9:00 am Christian Education 10:15 am Worship 12:00 pm JH/HS Youth Group Party	12 11:30 am Staff Meeting	13 7:00am Discussion Group 11:30 am Bible Study	14 6:30 pm Youth Group Adult choir Confirmation	15 6:00 pm Finance Committee	16	17 9:00-12:00 Church Program Practice
18 H.S. Bake Sale 8:30 am Children's Choir 9:00 am Christian Education 10:15 am Worship: Christmas Program	19 11:30 am Staff Meeting	20 7:00am Discussion Group 11:30 am Bible Study	21 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Min- istry 5:30 pm All Church Christmas Dinner 	22 6:15 pm Ministry Council	23 Church Office Closed	24 4:00 pm Family Service with Communion 11:00 pm Candlelight Service w/ Communion Christmas Eve
25 NO Children's Choir Christian Education 10:15 am Worship  Christmas Day	26 Church Office Closed	27 7:00am Discussion Group 11:30 am Bible Study	28 NO Youth Group or Adult Choir	29	30 Church Office Closed	31  New Years Eve

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## **Christmas Worship Schedule**



### **December 18th**

10:15 am

*"On our Way to Bethlehem"*

will be performed by the Adult Choir and Sunday School Children

### **Christmas Eve**

**Saturday December 24,**

4:00 pm Family Service with Communion

11:00 pm Candlelight Service with Communion

### **Christmas Day**

**Sunday , December 25,**

10:15 am Worship Service of Christmas Carols and Celebration