



Advent Activities

December 15 -1:30 pm - Concert featuring Daniel Swayze and his Mendelssohn Trio - free in the sanctuary.

December 22 - *Making Block Nativities* - do you remember the nativity set you weren't allowed to play with as a child? We'll be making a basic nativity set (Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph) using sturdy wood blocks, so it can be used anywhere, supplies provided by MUMC.



Christmas Caroling to Shut-ins December 22 - 5:30 pm

Everyone is invited to join the Christmas caravan as we travel to carol to some of our homebound members on Sunday, December 22, at 5:30 pm. We'll carpool from the church and enjoy a time of fellowship after singing back at the church. Bring your favorite holiday treat to share and join the Christmas chorus.

Special Worship services for Advent and Christmas



December 24 at 6:30 pm - *Christmas Candlelight*
Our special night when we celebrate Christ's birth with traditional lessons and carols and communion.

Note from your Financial Secretary End of Year Giving

End of year gifts for MUMC must be postmarked or delivered by December 31, 2013, to be credited to this year's giving. For more info, please call Kerry at 452-5796.

Today's Offering Stewards are
Johnie Madison, Jr. and Jane Friedrich.

Calendar

Sunday, Dec. 15 - Memorial for Christ - Cantata

- 9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 am - Worship Services
- 12:00 Noon - Pot of Chili Lunch - Parlor
- 12:30 pm - Gingerbread House Decorating - Gym
- 1:30 pm - Daniel Swayze Trio - Sanctuary
- 3 pm - Parsons House Christmas - Party

Monday, Dec. 16 - Poinsettia Deadline

- 6:15 am - Monday Morning Prayer Time- Chapel
- 7:30 pm - Boy Scout Meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 17

- 9:30 am - Staff Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 18

- 6 pm - Bell Choir Practice
- 7 pm - Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, Dec. 19

- 7 pm - Lamplighters Circle - N.E.W.

Friday, Dec. 20

- 9 pm - District Wide Annual Youth Lock-in
- meet at Memorial UMC

Sunday, Dec. 22

- 9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 am - Worship Services
- 12:00 Noon - Snack Lunch- Parlor
- 12:30 pm - Nativity Making Party - Gym
- 5:30 pm - Christmas Caroling to Shut-ins



Cantata Sunday
Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2013

THE MISSION OF MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS TO BE A VITAL, DIVERSE FAMILY OF CHRISTIANS CELEBRATING GOD'S GIFTS OF LIFE AND LOVE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST BY OFFERING CHRIST TO THE COMMUNITY AND WORLD.

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Every member

Pastor
Rev. Cynthia Kepler-Karrer

Interim Pianist - Daniel Swayze
Choir Directors - Clayton Karrer & Norma Hauser

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**A
ReThink Green
Thought for
the Week!**

Choose decorative boxes, gift bags, and tins that can be reused, instead of disposable wrapping paper.

(*the people may stand)

GATHERING

Announcements

Prelude Hopson
Prelude from "A Festival of Lessons and Carols"

Call to Worship (please remain seated)
"Lighting the Candle of Joy"

*Hymn "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" No. 196

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer Song "Wait for the Lord"
Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart. (sing twice)

Bidding Prayer Rev. Cynthia Kepler-Karrer

The Lord's Prayer (see visuals)

Prayer Song "Wait for the Lord" (Please continue to sing as our readers come to the platform)
Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart. (sing twice)

Lesson 1 Genesis 3:8-15 Kendall Smith
Carol: "God Walked in Eden's Garden Fair"

Lesson 2 Genesis 22:15-18 Michele Dennig
Carol: "The God of Abr'am Praise" (congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the second verse)

Lesson 3 Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Tom Bissett
Carol: "Comfort, Comfort, O My People"

Lesson 4 Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9 Alberta Shelton
Litany: The O-Antiphons (see visuals for responses)
Carol: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Lesson 5 Luke 1:26-35, 38 John Adams
Carol: "There Is No Rose"

Gospel Lesson Rev. Cynthia Kepler-Karrer
Luke 1:39-56

Meditation: Rev. Cynthia Kepler-Karrer
"The Mystery of Yes"

Carol: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 230
During this carol, we will bring forth and place most of the characters in our nativity scene, in preparation for the arrival of the Baby Jesus on Christmas Eve.

Offering/Offertory

Doxology (see visuals for words)
to the tune of "O Tannenbaum"

Closing Hymn: "Blessed Be the God of Israel" No. 209

Benediction

Sending Forth: No. 218, verse 2
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Postlude



Prayer List



Immediate Prayers

Carole Garner Ross Hise Jane Shive
Stephanie Shelton Gaines Leavelle

Continuing Prayers

Bill Crumbling (Warren Crumbling's brother)
Brandon Garrett (Lela Barker)

JoAnn Bennink William Bennink Sr.
Warren Crumbling Dorothy Dennig
Elizabeth DeMark Ozelma Goodlett
Ronny Gray Gaines Leavelle
Mike Pena Eddie Smith
Billie Talley Dave & Pat Teaney
Cleo Wilson

Hymn Locations - in the pews
TFWS No. - The Faith We Sing" - small black hymnal
No. - United Methodist Hymnal - red hymnal
Cokesbury - brown hymnal

Prayer Letters and Take Home Prayer List

Along with the "take home" prayer list, we will have letters to 2-6 of the people that we are praying for. We STRONGLY encourage you to sign your name to those letters to let people know that we care about them and as a commitment that you will pray for them that week. You don't need to know the person to commit to pray for them. Help us make the prayer ministry at Memorial strong!