



Tower Views



Coming Up!

Sunday, December 23rd

Red Sweater Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:15—Early Worship

9:00—Youth Bake Sale

9:00—Fellowship Time

9:30—Sunday School

10:30—Late Service

Monday, December 24th

Office Closed

3:00—Communion

4:00—Candlelight Service

6:00—Communion

7:00—Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 25th

1:00—Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 30th

8:15—Early Worship

9:00—Fellowship Time

9:30—Sunday School

10:30—Late Service

Monday, December 31st

Office Closed

Tuesday, January 1st

Office Closed

This Sunday will be **Red Sweater Sunday** – the final Sunday of Advent. You are encouraged to wear a Red Sweater to join in the spirit of the season. We have lots of wonderful Christmas music planned. The youth will also be hosting their annual **Bake Sale** this Sunday. All of the proceeds will go to their trip next summer. It will be a wonderful morning. I hope you can join us!

On Christmas Eve we will host **Candlelight Services** at 4 & 7 pm. Holy Communion will be available in the sanctuary prior to both services. The Chancel Bells will ring during the 4 pm service and both the Chancel Choir and Chancel Band will share during the 7 pm service. I encourage you to invite your family and friends to join you for one of these very special celebration of our Savior's birth.

On Christmas Day, we will host our **Christmas Dinner** at 1 pm. The church will provide the meat and everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish or a dessert. Please contact the church office if you are planning to attend.

Our special **Christmas Offering** will help replenish our Assistance Fund, which helps families right here in our own community. This past year we've assisted 66 families. Your generosity will help us spread God's love to those in need!

I wish all of you a Christ-filled Christmas!

Daily Bible Reading and Prayer

Sunday

Matthew 1:18-25

Invite Jesus to be your Immanuel

Monday

Luke 2:1-7

Give thanks for the gift of Jesus

Tuesday

Luke 2:8-20

Ponder the wonder of Jesus' birth

Wednesday

Luke 2:21-24

Rededicate your life to serving God

Thursday

Luke 2:25-38

Pray for those who feel lonely or forgotten

Friday

Matthew 2:1-12

Pray for those seeking more in life

Saturday

Matthew 2:13-25

Pray for those who are homeless

Sunday Worship Assistants

Gathering Music:

8:15—Peggy Arthur

10:30— Janet Parks

8:15 Song Leader: Karen Switzer

8:15 Ushers:

Colan & Shirley Mincey

8:15 Greeters: Zink family & Jim & Becky Raysik

8:15 Nursery: Dinah Scott

Continental Breakfast:

Duane Harms & Ron Schnakenberg

10:30 Greeters:

Larry & Charlotte Hager

Tim & Liane Hager

Children's Time: Kelli Jenkins

Bus Driver: Rocky Austin

Pledge card reminder

Thank you to everyone who made a financial commitment to the church for 2019. We've already received 90 pledge cards. Your gifts are vitally important to the strength of our church. Together, we are touching hearts and changing lives with God's love every day. You can turn your pledge card in to the church office, or place the card in the offering. Please prayerfully consider taking a step forward in your giving in 2019.

2019 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! Remember, don't use them until next year!



Youth Bake Sale Sunday

Don't have time to bake some Christmas treats? The youth and their families will do it for you! Generously help the youth by purchasing goodies that day! This annual bake sale

will help fund their 2019 summer youth mission trips.

Christmas Offering to Our Assistance Fund

Over the past year we helped 66 families in our community with almost \$8,000 of aid through our Assistance Fund. These funds assisted them with utility bills and other special needs. Our Christmas Offering this year will replenish this fund. Your gifts will be a blessing to many, many needy families in our own community. Thank you for your generosity

Take an Ornament!

This is a great time to invite friends and family to join you for worship. To help with that, we have a tree with invitation ornaments just outside the sanctuary. Each ornament has information about both our Christmas Eve Services and our regular worship schedule. Please be praying about who you might invite to church this Christmas season.



Don't Forget!

Monday December 24th —Office Closed
Tuesday, December 25th—Office Closed
Sunday, December 30th—Last Day for 2018

Contributions

Monday, December 31st—Office Closed
Tuesday, January 1st—Office Closed

Thank You!

Dear UMC,

The Community Café has been blessed by your generosity! Thank you so much for your donation!

Stacy Ordal



Prayer Requests

Ted Bolich
Dennis Sieger
Baby Mallory Scott
Danny Miles
Clell Stephenson
Ross & Melinda
Fulton
Jeremy Thomas
Chris Brockhaus
Earlene Hull
Jim Bilbruck
Jarrod Boyles
Donny Burton
Tommy Durrill
Tom Ross
Caroline Wilson
Melvin Dennis
Arnie Drendel
Jill Bernard
Jane Mautino
Darlene Anderson
Vickie Sims
Sharlene Wirsig
Norma Grimsley
Jean Ann Sidwell
Chastity Gillen
Margie Best
Joan Hagemier
Rick Wolf
Mike Lester
Shirley Stone
Rosie Banfield

