

December Newsletter 2012

Pastor's Column

Christmas Candle Light Service

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There is a very special place in my heart for Christmas Eve. It is a very hectic time when families are getting together, Christmas Dinner is being prepared, last minute gifts are being wrapped and yet it is the most special night of the year. It's the night we prepare for the real Reason for the Season, Jesus' birth.

I would like you to consider a time out from all the hectic preparations and come to church. We will gather for about an hour to center on The Christmas Scriptures, Christmas Hymns and the message of God's Son coming into the world. Gather up your whole family, invite your neighbors, call a friend and come and you will find a new peace for the baby Jesus gives us hope for all the tomorrows. We need to "Stop" and "Thank" God for sending Jesus and we really need to do that as a congregation.

A candle light service is like no other service. As candles are lit the sanctuary becomes the Light of Christ. You can feel it and you can see it. It is a special moment and I hope we fill the sanctuary this Christmas Eve to celebrate that moment together. Put it on your calendars and we will see you the night our Savior was born.

Pastor Jack



Scriptures for the month of December



Sunday, December 2-Jerimiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10 (UMH 756); 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

Sunday, December 9-Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79 (UMH 208); Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6;

Sunday, December 16-Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18;

Sunday, December 23-Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:47-55 (UMH 199); Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

Sunday, December 30-1 Samuel 2:18-20,26; Psalm 148 (UMH 861); Luke 2:41-52

SUNDAYS OF ADVENT

All advent Sundays are in December. We will use the "Advent Song" along with an Advent Liturgy.

First Sunday of Advent - Hope! God is our Hope! And His Hope is fulfilled in Jesus Christ!

Second Sunday of Advent - Peace! Jesus Christ is our Peace. We ask Jesus to guide our Peace!

Third Sunday of Advent - Joy! Because Jesus came we have real Joy! He brings the fullness of Joy!

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love! God showed us His Love by sending Jesus. And Jesus commands us to love one another.

Advent - The preparation for the coming of Jesus!



Shepherd's Center

Our Wednesday Shepherd's Center is a great opportunity for good food and fellowship. There have been fewer numbers coming this year, so there are some questions as to how long this ministry will continue. There is one thing we need to do more often, **invite people to come**. Some people may need a ride out. The best way to get more is to bring more. Call a friend or neighbor and let them know they are welcome. You never know who might just need a nudge and they will start coming. It is always nice to get together with good Christian people!

We need to have a PPR meeting on Dec. 5 at 5:00 p.m. and following that will be a Finance meeting at 5:30 p.m. We are meeting at the same time for some of you are on both committees.

Thank you!

Building Committee

The Building Committee met and made some decisions as to how to proceed:

- 1) Foundation- Getting good facts on putting down a solid foundation. Three bids with specifications will be one step.
- 2) Finding more information on Nomads and getting a pre-application from them. No commitments just what time lines are available to us.
- 3) Finance - The second and third Sundays of Advent we will ask you to fill out a card about helping with this project. The two major questions will be:
 - A) Would you be willing to give to this project?
 - B) Would you be willing to volunteer on this project?

This will help the Building Committee know if there is financial backing and volunteer help to do some of the stuff. Our major workers will be Nomads and hired contractors.

Worship Team

December 2

Greeters: Dave Rast & Charles Julian

Acolyte: Michaela Fransen

Ushers: Pam Rast

Scripture Reader: Michael Fransen

December 9

Greeters: Sharon Gilliam & Dave Rast

Acolyte: Michaela Fransen

Ushers:

Scripture Reader: Pam Rast

December 16

Greeters: Neva Mielke

Acolyte: Michaela Fransen

Ushers: Dave & Pam Rast

Scripture Reader: Jack Mielke

December 23

Greeters: Sybil Mitchell

Acolyte: Michaela Fransen

Ushers: Jack & Vivian Jensen

Scripture Reader: Vivian Jensen

December 30

Greeters: Dave Rast

Acolyte: Michaela Fransen

Ushers:

Scripture Reader: Pam Rast

Evangelism (Blue) Sunday

The third Sunday of every month is Evangelism Awareness Sunday. On that Sunday I am asking you all to wear your logo shirts or something "blue" to remind us that as Blue Eye United Methodist Church we need to reach out into the community to witness to Christ by telling people about our church. Wearing blue symbolizes our unity to reach out "together" to share the "Good News" of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Jack

* Facebook *

Be sure and check out the Blue Eye UMC Facebook page. You can get information and see the upcoming events if you don't have your calendar handy. You can "like" the page and post things about our church as well.

Also be sure and check out our website:

www.blueeyumc.com

Trunk or Treat

Everyone had a really great time at Trunk or Treat. We had around 100 "Trunk or Treaters" and they ranged from very scary to little princesses. We had lots of candy to give out thanks to many of you and good food to eat thanks to Beverly Gunther.

We planned on doing a Fall Festival but that didn't work out this year. Hopefully next year we can do something bigger and better! If you have any ideas please let us know.



Church Structure

We are including a list of those people who are on the different committees. These committees will be more functional this coming year in order that we have a more structural ministry. Please try to attend your committee meetings. Thank You!!

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If you have an address of someone who you think would like to receive this newsletter please give that information to the church office, church secretary or pastor.

We would like to increase the number of people who receive our publication.

Thank You!

As we begin this Fall pray about the direction of our church. We will have "outreach meetings" again this Fall. We will be asking God's help in bringing other people to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

We are alive in Jesus Christ but we need to share that with others to bring them into our midst.



Outreach & Evangelism

December is a very busy month so we will not start regular meetings until January. But in January we do need to get started on how to increase our membership by making Disciples for Christ. We have tried the easy ways to evangelize. Now it will get harder but more productive. We need to set some goals and work towards achieving those goals.



THE NATIVITY SCENE

A tradition of the church is our "Nativity Scene". Saturday, Dec. 1 at 9:00 a.m. we are gathering together to put it up for this year. We need all the help we can get so Pastor Jack is bringing donuts that he made himself at (Krispy Kremes). Coffee, milk and juice will be provided.

Our "Nativity Scene" is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. Jesus was born in a stable and the rich and the poor came to worship Him. And even the animals in the stable are symbols that Jesus is for everyone. Let us be led by the star to Bethlehem and be a visible sign that not only do we believe but we want others to believe.

**DON'T FORGET—SATURDAY— DEC. 1 AT 9:00 A.M.
SEE YOU THERE!!!**



Pictorial Directories

They are finally done!! All active members and friends need to pick up there copy at church. Others will be mailed to you with your newsletter. Hopefully the directory will be a handy thing to have around the house. Also it is made so each six months to a year we can add new people and keep it current with names and addresses. Thanks to all the folks who had their pictures taken. You all look great!!



Christmas Cantata

Our Christmas Choir Cantata will be the second Sunday of Advent (Dec. 9) at the worship service. The choir is preparing a group of songs that will certainly put us in the Spirit of Christmas. Please keep our choir in your prayers as they prepare to lead us in worship that day.

Christmas Play

We are going to do the Christmas Play the fourth Sunday of Advent (Dec. 23) at the worship service. The title of the play is "Christmas Visitors". I know this is a busy time but I hope everyone will be able to come. This is going to be a very fun play. It is a children's play done by adults. Please try and make it and you can see how many "kids" we actually have going to this church.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 PUTTING UP THE NATIVITY SCENE 9:00 A.M.
2 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Communion	3 Pastor Here Bible Study 10:30 Potluck 11:45 Women's Ministries 12:30	4 Pastor at Community of Hope 6:00	5 Pastor Here Shepherd Center 11:45 Card Fellowship 1:00 PPR 5:00 Finance 5:30 Choir 6:30	6 Al-Anon 7:00	7	8
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