



The Messenger
Nelson Memorial United Methodist Church

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December 2017

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Advent and Christmas Calendar

Saturday, December 2, 5-7 PM

Living Nativity Scene on the church lawn
Soup & Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 3, Sunday School

Children will be making "Blessing Bags"

A gallon-size bag contains essential items for someone who is living in marginalized conditions; i.e., toothpaste, tooth brush, granola bar, socks, etc. These can be kept in your car to give to persons needing help.

Sunday, December 3, Worship

Dedication of Coats for Kids and Dedication of Angel Tree Gifts

Tuesday, December 5, Boonslick Community Concert

Thespian Hall, 7:30 PM, benefits the Thespian Hall Maintenance Fund

Saturday, December 9

Angel Tree gifts delivered to our partner church in St. Louis

Sunday, December 10, Cantata 10:20 Worship

"Born a Savior, Born a King" will be presented by our choir

Saturday, December 16, Salvation Army bell-ringing at Walmart

The money raised here stays here to help persons and families in need.

Sunday, December 17, Children's Program 10:20 Worship

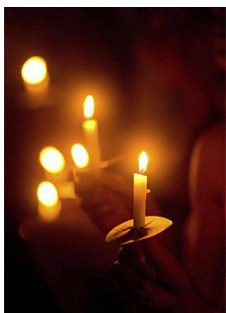
"Star Trip: Our Faith Awakens" uses a Star Wars motif to retell the Christmas story!

Tuesday, December 19, Boonslick Ministerial Alliance Christmas Program

We will gather at the Evangelical United Church of Christ at 7 PM for a musical celebration of the Gift of Christ.

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve Services

Morning services at 8 AM and 10:20 AM
Children will go caroling during Sunday school
Carols and Candles at 7 PM





Date	Scripture	Sermon/Program
Dec 3	Mk 13:24-37	"The Next Eclipse"
Dec 10	Mk 1:1-8	(8:00) "Preparing Others" (10:20) "Born a Savior, Born a King" choir cantata
Dec 17	John 1:6-8, 19-28	(8:00) "You Remind Me of a Man" (10:20) "Star Trip: Our Faith Awakens" children's program
Dec 24 AM	Luke 1:26-38	"Greetings, Favored One"
Dec 24 PM	John 1:1-14	Carols, Communion, and Candlelight
Dec. 31	Luke 2:22-40	"Extended Families"

Kids Coat Program

Thank you everyone who gave so generously of their time and money to the Kids Coat Program. Blessings, David and Donna Wrenn



Christmas Families

The holidays are here.



Many area families are struggling this year, and are having difficulty providing Christmas for their loved ones. Therefore, the Outreach Committee has adopted four local families for Christmas. The tags on the Giving Tree for the month of December are gift wishes for the children in those families. Please help us to provide for these children by selecting a tag, purchasing a gift and bringing it, wrapped, to church by December 20th. We greatly appreciate your help and Christian Love and helping these families to have a more joyful and blessed Christmas. If there are any questions, please feel free to call Diane Gettings or Judy Peters.

Salvation Army Bell-Ringing

We still need volunteers to ring the bells at Walmart on Saturday, December 16th. If you would like to take an hour, a sign-up sheet will be in the East wing narthex (where we serve refreshments after worship). The money gathered will be available to local residents in need. Child volunteers are welcome, but will need an adult present.



Christmas Cards for NMUMC Elders & Friends



Once again the United Methodist Women will be coordinating sending Christmas Cards as a Christmas remembrance for the special people in our church family and extended family. We are asking the congregation to bring Christmas cards on DECEMBER 3 AND DECEMBER 10 addressed with the person's name only on the envelope and no stamp. **PLEASE DO NOT SEAL THE CARDS.** Please remember to sign your name on the card. Pastor Nick will bless the cards on December 17th. The cards will be personally delivered by the UMW members during the holiday season. Cards for those who live out of town will be put in one envelope and mailed to them. NOTE: **IF YOU NEED CARDS THERE IS A SUPPLY AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH ON THE GIVING TREE TABLE.**

Names to place on each card are:

GuRee Beam, Dorothy Bell, Frances Bradley, Virginia Brownfield, Mary Margaret Browning, Alta Chipley, Wade Davis, Phyllis Faulks, Melba Fleck, Nellie Gingrich, Wes Gingrich, Marjorie Harman, Ann Hartman, June Marshall, Pastor Glenna McVeigh, Janice Patterson, Bart Riley, Martha Schrader, Nell Smoot, Bill Stuart, and Helen Taylor

Our church friends have been so pleased with your cards of remembrance in the past and we want to let them know again that we are remembering them during the upcoming holy season of love. God bless you for participating in this endeavor.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
December 2017					1	2 2:00 Community Parade 5:00 Living Nativity	
	3 4:00 Fellowship Hall reserved 4:30 4:12 Youth	4 6:30 Trustees	5 7:30 Community Christmas Concert	6 6:00 Choir	7	8	9 8:30 UM Men Angel Tree gifts delivered
	10 10:20 Choir Cantata 4:30 4:12 Youth	11 7:00 Finance	12 6:30 NAMI	13 6:00 Church Council	14 7:00 Habitat for Humanity	15	16 Bell-ringing @ Walmart
	17 10:20 Children's Program 3:00 – 5:00 Homeowner Association 4:30 4:12 Youth	18	19 7:00 Community Christmas Service @ EUCC	20 6:00 Choir	21	22	23
	24 7:00 Carols & Candlelight	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
	31 New Year's Eve	January 1	2	3 6:00 Choir	4	5	6 Epiphany

December Birthdays

1 Donna Beach, Bill Salyer	13 Nellie Gingrich	21 Marcia Cook
5 Anna Koch	14 Martha Schrader	22 Earl Haller, Harold Haller,
6 Russell Schmidt, Judy Peters	15 Kevin Brownfield	Mathew Livingston, Glenn Schupp
7 John Stegner III	16 Darren Beach, Jami Gettings,	23 Greg Farmer
8 Allison Langdon	Marla Stretz	24 Gene Reagan
9 Karen Kay, Jon Koch	17 Dan Richerson	25 Madisson Alexander
12 Tamie Griesbach	20 Andy Schenck	30 Mitch Leonard





Spiritual Toolbox for December: Celebrate the gift of others.

Look for simple ways to thank those who share their gifts with others.

Review of Our Other Spiritual Tools

January Tool: Clocks. See a clock, offer a short prayer: *“God, be with me in this moment, to do your will and bring you glory.”*

February Tool: Hearts. See a heart-filled moment, offer this prayer: *“God, thank you for loving me. Help me to love _____.”*

March Tool: Groups of Three. Whenever you see any group of three, recall our values as Christians: *We depend on God; We conform to Christ; We have confidence in the Holy Spirit.*

April Tool: Personal Prayer during “wasted time” (in grocery line, idling in the drive thru, etc.) *“Create in me a clean heart, O God.”*

May Tool: Family Prayer when gathered for meals and other occasions. *“Cast us not from your presence, O God, nor take your presence from us.”*

June Tool: FRAN Prayer Add a time to pray with/for a friend/relative/acquaintance/neighbor (**FRAN**)

July Tool: FAMILY Plan quality time with family at home.

August Tool: Neighborhood Talk over the fence. Go for a walk to meet your neighbors.

September Tool: Do the Holy Work of the Kingdom Do something for others in need.

October Tool: Blessing for parting Take their hand, and make the sign of the cross on their palm while saying: *“God loves you. God is with you.”*

November Tool: Give thanks for blessings

When giving thanks to someone say: *You are blessed to be a blessing to others. You are a blessing to me.*

Note: Some of the following spots may be filled, but unknown to the office

Set up communion	Set up bulletins and candles	Set up morning coffee
Gina Silvey	John Tincher	Jan DeGraffenreid
Preaching	Organist	Acolyte Leader
Pastor Nick	Nancy Ward	Larry Schler
Pick up attendance sheets	A/V Booth (Greg Silvey 8:00) 10:20	Children’s Sermon
3 – Could be you! 10 – Could be you! 17 – Could be you! 24 – Could be you! 31 – Could be you!	3 – Could be you! 10 – Could be you! 17 – Could be you! 24 – Could be you! 31 – Could be you!	3 - Chance McMullin 10 - Gary Baker 17 – (Children’s program) 24 – TBD 31 – TBD
Liturgists	Communion Servers (10:20)	Hospitality Hosts
3 – Frankie Graham 10 – Rob Gordon 17 – Earl Haller 24 – Elvin Farquhar 31 – Evelyn Rogers	3 – Brian Jackson, John Tincher 10 – Evelyn Rogers, John Tincher 17 – HESSIE WATTS, John Tincher 24 – Earl & Karma Haller 31 – Brian Jackson, John Tincher	3- Larry & Karen Kay 10 – David & Donna Wrenn 17 – Iris Campbell 24 – Earl & Karma Haller 31 – David & Jan DeGraffenreid
Prayer Teams	Ushers – Front Entrance (10:20)	Clean communion table
3 - David & Jan DeGraffenreid 10 – Jack & Dorothy Bell 17 – Elvin & Margene Farquhar 24 – Bob & Cindy Koch 31 – David & Donna Wrenn	3 - Earl & Karma Haller 10 – Could be you! 17 – Could be you! 24 – Could be you! 31 – Could be you!	3 – Could be you! 10 – Could be you! 17 – Could be you! 24 – Could be you! 31 – Could be you!



**Persons who will
make a difference
in December**