



CALVARY CONNECTION

December 2023

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Pastor's Ponderings

Ah, Christmas! The wonder of it all...

I wonder which emotion was most prominent for Mary when the angel told her she was to have a child, and not just any child, but none other than the Son of God? Fear? Worry? Excitement? Anticipation? Confusion? Glory? She did sing, after all.

I wonder how much faith Joseph had to believe the angel and not put Mary away like he planned – you know, since she was pregnant by someone other than him?

I wonder what those nine months were like for Mary and Joseph as they had to live with the glances and whispers and inuendo of the community and probably their families?

I wonder how upsetting it was for a nine-month pregnant Mary to have to comply with an order from the Roman occupation and travel to Bethlehem for a census? How would things turn out? Was this part of God's plan?

I wonder how their hearts must have sunk when they were first told that they would not have a room and then told they could stay with the animals?

I wonder what Joseph was thinking when Mary's water broke, and she said it was time? They didn't have any family there – no midwives. What did Joseph know about delivering a baby? I wonder who at the Inn helped? I wonder how long Mary was in labor?

I wonder how loudly Jesus cried when he was born? I wonder if he looked like every other baby? I wonder if the first smell in those tiny, perfect nostrils was that of the manger? Yuck! And I doubt it was a very Silent Night – probably lots of noise! I wonder what the One who created all things thought about His creation when He first entered into it as a baby?

I wonder what song the angels and the heavenly host were singing?

I wonder how Joseph held baby Jesus and looked at him while Mary rested and recovered? I wonder what he said to Jesus?

I wonder if Mary and Joseph talked to baby Jesus like we talk to babies – you know, goo goo and gaa gaa? I wonder when they first began to tell Jesus who he was and about the angels? The first night? Did they try to make funny faces at Jesus to get Him to smile? Play peek-a-boo?

I wonder what God the Father was thinking? After all, He knew where this was going to end up. And because God knew that this would eventually lead to the cross of Calvary, I wonder and marvel at the love that God

has for us! I wonder how God could possibly think that I was worth all of this? Jesus, leaving the throne of Heaven and being born in human likeness to a peasant family in a small, out of the way little nothing of a town. Destined for a torturous death because of my sin and your sin and because He loved us so much and wanted a relationship with us.

So, that also makes me wonder about a few other things. I wonder how I can live my life in response to God's great love extended to me?

I wonder if I can ever really grasp, understand, or accept the depth and extent of God's love? When I stop to wonder about the true meaning of Christmas, I stand in the wonder of God's love.

I wonder how you will spend Christmas this year? With family? Wishing you were with family but necessarily unable to be together? Getting caught up in the commercialization and materialism? Lost in the wonder of a child's eyes and sounds? Reflecting on the greatest gift ever given by the God who loves us more than we can even imagine? I wonder if you will take a few minutes from the busyness of the season to just stop and wonder a little? I wonder.....

Grace and peace,
Pastor Steve

BE PREPARED FOR WORSHIP

Worship is supposed to be participatory with each person contributing to the worship of Almighty God. One way that you can participate more fully, is to come to Sunday worship prepared and expecting God's presence. To assist your preparation, read and reflect on these scriptures and themes the entire week before worship:

Dec 3 – That Day – Mark 13:24-37

Dec 10 – Preparing for Jesus – Mark 1:1-8

Dec 17 – Choir Cantata – Combined Service

Dec 24 – Christmas Joy! -- Luke 1:26-38

Dec 31-- Happy New Year!-- Luke 2:22-40

CHOIR CANTATA AND COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

Our chancel choir will be presenting their Christmas Cantata, "Waiting for Christmas" arranged by Marty Parks, on **Sunday morning, December 17th, at a combined morning worship service at 10am.** Sunday school classes will meet at 9am that day. Please make a special effort to attend worship and support your choir under the direction of Sherry Poole and accompanied by Keith Burdette.



**"Jingle Bell Beach"
Youth of Calvary
Christmas Program
Dec 17 @ 7:00 pm**

Please come and support the youth of our church. I am sure you will be entertained.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP:

This year, Christmas Eve, December 24th, falls on a Sunday. Our worship schedule that day will include both morning worship services (at 9am and 11am), Sunday school at 10am, as well as a Christmas Eve candlelight and Communion service at 7pm. The Sunday morning services will actually be the services for the fourth Sunday of Advent, and we will have snacks and a time of fellowship in the fellowship hall at 10am between the two morning services. The evening worship service will be the celebration of the birth of Jesus! Our Praise Jesus Handbell Choir will be playing at all three services that day to enhance our worship experience. It will be great to see all of you along with your family and friends as we worship together.

LET'S PARTY!!!!

Calvary will be hosting a party on New Year's Eve! We will start somewhere around 7pm on Sunday evening, December 31st, and go until everyone wants to leave! Come and go as you would like - stay a little while or stay a long time. It will be a very casual setting without a lot of structure - we will "go with the flow."

But we cannot have a party without you and your help. Bring your favorite board game or card game and some snacks to share (but you can still join us even if you bring neither!). We would like to have games for all ages. If we stay late enough, we will have a devotion and prayer time around midnight as we transition from 2023 to 2024. A lot of us won't make it that late, Lol. So, if you did not already have plans, now you do!!!!!!!

Advent Study

We will be starting a new Bible/book study on Wednesdays, beginning November 29th, titled, "An Unlikely Advent" by Rachel Billups. As the title implies, this is an Advent study and as such will meet for the four weeks of Advent, ending December 20, 2023. I hope that you will plan to join us for this journey through the season of preparation for the birth of our Messiah, Jesus the Christ. You can choose to join us at either 11am or 6pm each week.



United Methodist Men

The UMM will be meeting Dec 4. This is the annual gift exchange so be sure to bring your gift and a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship.

**United Methodist Women – Women
in Faith**



CUMC Christmas Dinner

is Dec.10 @ 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Meat, potatoes, dressing, gravy, rolls & drinks will be provided. Bring your favorite covered dish and join the fellowship.

The Hurricane Civic Chorus will perform following the dinner. Joy Hicks and Bev Hopkins are members of the chorus. Hope to see you there.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Saturday, December 2, 2023
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**



Your donation of **crafts and baked goods** are needed for our church table.

If you would like to **rent a table** to sell your items, the fee is **\$20.00**. Crafters from the community may rent a table as well.

Breakfast and lunch will be served. Biscuits & Gravy, Cinnamon Rolls and Hot Dogs are on the menu.

Activities for Kids will be available.

Plan to join us for **breakfast and lunch** and to also buy that **special baked item or gift** for someone special.

Call the church office (304) 372-3203 for more information and to rent your table.



The **Deborah Miriam Circle** will meet December 13 at 11:30 am and will travel to Your Family Restaurant at Kenna for their Christmas dinner.

The Blood Drive was held Nov 16 with a total of 34 units collected and only 1 donor deferred. Good job Calvary and thank you to Diane Knopp, Sharon Wilt, Lora Sturm, and Autumn Hopkins for your help. Also thank you to all the choir men for setting up the tables and chairs. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the drive, please let Kathy Marlow or Lora Sturm know.

The **Mary Martha Circle** will meet Dec 3 at 2:00 pm at the Burdette residence with Gloria Burdette the hostess. This is your Christmas meeting and you won't want to miss it.

The **Discovery Circle** will be meeting at the Christmas dinner/Christmas Program this month.



The Youth Groups will not be meeting the month of December.

Your Youth Group Leaders

Younger Youth – Hilary Groves 532-7648
 M&M's - Ashley Hosaflook 786-0046
 High School- Jimmy Groves 372-8768



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to create beautiful prayer shawls for comfort and hope. Currently they are working on Prayer Scarves for our graduating seniors to remind them when they are away their home church continues to pray for them. People knit/crochet shawls and lap robes for many reasons, to console those who are grieving, comfort those who are ill, and bring hope to those in despair. They may also be knit/crocheted to celebrate life and its milestones. The reasons to knit/crochet a shawl or lap robe are as numerous as the people who knit/crochet them. If you can knit or crochet (or would like to learn) and are interested in this mission, please contact Faye Milhoan or call the church office at 304-372-3203. Get those needles creating.

Prayers and Squares Ministry

The Prayers and Squares group meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. And, on as needed times if they have special projects. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please call Joyce Davis at 372-4555.



John 3:16 Fellowship

Our final time together for the fall season was Tuesday, November 28th as we shared "Brinner". Speaker for the day was Gary Delaney who shared his flying experiences which included flying children to the Shriner's Childrens Hospital. Thank you, Gary, for sharing such interesting information with us.



It has been a fast three months. It's been wonderful seeing new folks coming. Hope you stay warm and healthy this winter and in contact with others. Our next gathering will be March 19th 2024, when we will be welcoming in Spring.

Just a reminder, if you are interested about our group – anyone is welcome to come join us, retired or not. It is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with other Christians.

Vanessa Rothrock

CUMC MISSION TEAM

Adopt-a-Family



Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat...then something about pennies? I don't remember all of the lyrics to that old holiday

ditty but what I do know is that, even though we were blessed with 80° days in October, Christmas is still coming quickly!

When we came to Calvary "just to see the windows" what really drew us in and kept us was the heart this congregation has for helping. One of those very first opportunities to get involved was adopt-a-family. I remember helping with the giveaway that year and being completely overwhelmed by the outpouring of generosity. Having the unique perspective of once being completely dependent upon the charity of others, it feeds my soul to be part of a congregation that is so intrinsically giving-focused. Calvary, you truly are God's word in action.

And so, it is again time for us to minister in love to the people of Jackson County and make Christmas, for so many families, a time of joy and celebration instead of a time of worry and dread. Adopt-a-family is the perfect way for the entire congregation to participate, in whatever capacity you can! You can be involved as little or as much as you would like.

For those of you who love to shop you might like to pick a name or two from the angel tree then purchase the toys and clothing of those children's Christmas dreams. For those of you with an already full dance card this holiday season, don't worry, we have some congregants who would love to shop on your behalf! You are welcome to make a monetary donation and know that a child will have the Christmas they deserve without ever stepping foot in the store. And for those of you who are more practically minded, below is a list of all the household items Calvary provides to each family to ease the financial burden of the holiday season. You can just pick up an item or two at your regular Walmart run, drop it off at the church and we will do the rest!

Thank you all so very much for the unending love of Christ you show to each other and to this beautiful community. It is always with a sense of security, knowing the open arms and open hearts of our church, that I can say to people I meet, "I go to Calvary, you should too!"

Needed Household Items:

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| Bar Soap | Laundry Detergent |
| Toothpaste | Toothbrush |
| Toilet paper | Garbage bags |
| Shampoo/conditioner | Deodorant |
| Laundry basket | Disinfectant wipes |
| Hairbrush/comb | Blanket |
| Towel/washcloth | Dish soap |



Wee Read & Feed

As the wonderful holidays are approaching and we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior we often think about helping others.

If your children have “outgrown” some of their faith books and are ready to move on to older books please remember us at Wee Read & Feed. We have received children’s books of faith from our congregation that have been so beautiful an inspiring. Faith books are expensive and are in great demand by our friends at the Food Pantry. We have a little girl who comes in and always ask “Do you have any Jesus books?”

We also need baby books, (the board books) for little ones. Chapter books such as “I Survived American Girl, books about dogs, cats and horses and the leveled books which begin at easy or beginner then go on up from 1 to 5 becoming more challenging. Harry Potter, Little House on the Praire, many books you read as a child are still popular.

If you have no children’s books but you would like to donate, we shop at Ollie’s and hunt for good books. Our price range is \$2.00 or \$3.00. We purchase books from the library. We also order fro Scholastic wheere we are in the Literacy Partnership-Grades Pre-Kindergarten to twelfth grade.

Our mission is to bring children and their families to Jesus and to improve literacy skills by making books available at no cost.

Donated books may be left at the desk by the church office. Leave a note so we will know they are for Wee Read & Feed. Joyce Groves 372-8612



Food Pantry Ministry Annual Statistics

	2020	2021	2022
# HH	2,987	1,858	1,878
# Individuals	9,179	5,514	5,673
Total lbs.	124,344	71,195	63,069

The following items are needed on a daily basis to support the church food pantry:

Chicken & Beef	Canned Corn
Broth	Dried Beans
Mac & Cheese	Canned Green Beans
Corn Bread Mix	Canned Meat
Spaghetti Sauce	Spam
Spaghetti	Treet
Elbow Macaroni	Tuna
Soups	Chicken

Food Pick Up Schedule for December

1st	Senior High Class
8th	Patty Smith
15th	Connie Waybright
22nd	Debbie Sisson
29th	Dallas Skeen

Food Pantry Ministry November Report

We set a record in November, in pounds of food brought in - 8,863 lbs. and money spent on purchasing food - \$5,724. We also set a record on our November 16, distribution with 204 Applicants/Households representing 612 individuals. It has been a busy month and we expect the same in December.

We could not have accomplished handling this many pounds, 8,863 lbs., without the help of Dallas Wallen, Ralph Parsons, Bob Poole, Terry Landis, Greg Varney, Mike Keller, and Steve Sisson.

Also contributing to making this a faithful and successful month were: the Francis Family, the Middle School Youth Group, the Greathouse family, Dallas Skeen, Gary Higginbotham, Jim Templin, Clarita Fisher, Pastor Steve, Bill and Susan Hosaflook, and Debbie Sisson.

Accepting, reviewing, and logging the applications this month were: Faye Milhoan, Shirley Catalano, Patti Rogers, Kay Carmean, Betty Nuzum, and Sydney Berry. Sydney is Faye’s granddaughter and she was a big help on November 16.

Of the 8,863 lbs. brought in, 3,956 lbs. were donated and 4,727 lbs. were purchased. Of the 3,956 lbs. donated, 2,652 lbs. were from USDA, 569 lbs. from Walmart, 320 lbs. of apples from Mountaineer Food Bank, and 250 lbs. of potatoes from UMM Little Kanawha District. Of the \$5,724 of food purchased, \$2,506 were from Kroger, \$1,885 from Walmart and \$1,333 from Mountaineer Food Bank.

For the month we served 275 households or 841 individuals.

Month	Households	Individuals
January	157	499
February	136	435
March	133	428
April	113	328
May	159	456
June	146	396
July	127	320
August	174	496
September	189	535
October	216	628
November	275	841

.....Mike Wilt



TRAVEL TO THE HOLY LAND!

I suspect that headline confused you a little bit. Or, perhaps, it made you think your pastor had finally lost what little bit of sanity he had left. Who in the world would be talking about traveling to Israel right now???

As you know, I had planned to host a trip to Israel and Egypt in 2024. We had 32 people registered to travel on this “Journey of a lifetime.” (We still have 17 people registered who have not yet cancelled their trip). We were scheduled to leave the US on January 30, 2024, and spend 10 days walking where Jesus walked. Stating the obvious, it does not appear that it will be safe to travel to that part of the world at the end of January and into February (no one knows exactly how long, but most likely trips to Israel will not resume until a little later into 2024, but perhaps still in the first few months).

Therefore, I have decided to POSTPONE this trip until 2025. You will be getting more information about the trip in the weeks and months ahead, but it looks like we will be taking the same tour – Journey Through the Bible – and departing on January 28, 2025. I will have a new brochure and a new website for this trip in the very near future. That means you have a whole year to save your money and get prepared to travel! Maybe this delay will make it possible for more of you to go – you have an entire year to plan!

Right now, please continue to be in prayer for that entire region. It is always tense in that part of the world, and it is a tinder box at the moment – even beyond the current fighting in Gaza. The pictures and stories coming out of Gaza and Israel are heartbreaking. There is so much death and destruction and many innocent people are suffering and dying at an alarming rate. Then there is the very real threat from Hezbollah in the north. As I am typing this column, there is a ceasefire in Gaza and Hamas is releasing a few of the hostages they have been holding since October 7th. In return, Israel is releasing Palestinian prisoners they have been holding. Israel has indicated that this is a temporary ceasefire, and they intend to resume their quest to destroy Hamas. Let us pray for peace, and where possible, be instruments of that peace.

Shalom my friends,
Pastor Steve



WINTER WEATHER WORSHIP

As we are heading into the winter season, I wanted to remind you of my inclement weather worship policy. In the event that our area is affected by inclement winter weather on a Sunday morning (and it seems like for some reason it happens on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings!), I will still be at the church and the church will be open and we will worship with whoever shows up! If Jeremy or a couple of others make it on those days, we will still livestream the service. The only time that worship in the sanctuary will be cancelled is if the governor (or other official) has declared a state of emergency and/or closed the roads.

However, with that said, just because we have the church open does not mean that you should attempt to join us in person. Each of you will have to decide if you can safely make it to the church and back home. I cannot even guarantee that the parking lot or sidewalks will have the snow/ice removed. Please do not take unnecessary risks; I am sure the Lord understands.

I will try to post on Facebook and send emails with any up-to-the-minute details so you can make an informed decision.

Grace and peace, Pastor Steve



Meet me at The Grind – it isn’t just about the coffee! If you have the opportunity, stop in and say hi and chat over a cup of your favorite coffee or any of their many options (and maybe a cookie or scone as well). If the hours I am normally there do not fit in your schedule, just send me a text at 681-368-4040 with a time that better suits you and I will see what I can do to accommodate your schedule. I am usually there on Tuesday mornings from 7:30am – 8:30am, Thursday mornings 9:00am – 10:00am, and often on Saturdays as well. But watch for my weekly updates via email or Facebook to get the days and times for that specific week (it is hunting season after all, and I will be in the woods some mornings).

Bet Ya Didn't Know! (Maybe you did)

Part 1:

Did you know that our church is part of an online ministry that engages people in the community in conversation when they are struggling? The ministry is called *Gloo* and they have campaigns online under the Churches Care heading (among others). When someone sees their ads and submits a form online about getting connected to a church or about their struggles with a particular issue, *Gloo* connects them to participating churches that are geographically near them. There are a couple of us who might respond, depending upon who is available or if the needs expressed can be better addressed by one or the other.

This holiday season has seen an increase in the number of people responding to the ads and stating very specific needs such as

depression and anxiety. Please keep this ministry in your prayers. And one specific way to pray is to see if God might be calling you to participate and be one of the people who make these connections. Interested? Please ask Pastor Steve for details.

Part 2:

I have mentioned recently in worship that the church goes by the Christian year and Christian calendar more than by the normal January-December calendar. The Christian year just ended last Sunday, November 26th, with Christ the King Sunday. That means that this coming Sunday, December 3rd, will be the first Sunday in our new year. The year always begins with Advent and the waiting and anticipation of the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Many of us who follow the Christian/liturgical calendar also follow the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) to select the scripture readings for each Sunday. The RCL has four different scriptures for each Sunday of the year - one from the Old Testament, a Psalm, an Epistle, and a Gospel. The RCL is on a three-year rolling cycle and covers a good portion of the bible, focusing on a different Gospel each year. By following the RCL, we get exposed to a large portion of scripture. I follow the RCL about 98% of the time and allow the Holy Spirit to guide my choice of the scripture to be read and preached from each week. This year, we will be in Year B and the gospel focus will be Mark. The holidays see various texts, but after that you will be hearing a lot from Mark!



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Attendance for November 2023

			9:00	11:00	Sunday School
Nov	5	Worship	131	30	101
Nov	12	Worship	142	34	101
Nov	19	Worship	148	19	167
Nov	26	Worship	147	29	96

Tithes and Offerings

2023 Budget	\$316,516.00
Needed Each Week	\$6,086.85
Rec. Year-To-Date	\$292,844.84



RENEW YOUR KROGER CARD

Time to renew Calvary UMC Food Pantry as your selection for Kroger Community Rewards Program

If you are supporting the Calvary UMC Food Pantry by connecting your Kroger Rewards Card to the Food Pantry on Kroger Community Rewards Program, then it is time for you to renew that connection for the coming year. To renew, please do the following:

1. Go online at KrogercommunityRewards.com and click on Sign-In/Register.
2. Use your email address and password to sign in.
3. Once you are signed in, click on View Your Rewards Details.
4. Scroll to the bottom of your Account Summary to view your Community Rewards selection.
5. Select Calvary UMC Food Pantry by either typing it in or using our NPO Number which is 83824.
6. Make sure you get the Calvary UMC in Ripley (83824) because there are three Calvary UMC's listed.

If you have been participating in the Kroger Community Rewards Program but do not have access to a computer or do not have an email account, please contact Melanie Purkey at 304-372-6910 (H) or 304-377-6339 (C). If you have not participated in the program but would like to, follow the enrollment directions in each week's church bulletin.

ONLINE GIVING

The QR code has changed for online giving. Please use this barcode for your online giving through your credit or debit card or your bank account number. This can be a one time or regular transaction. You can also choose to pay the fee or have the church pay the fee.



**December 2023
Birthdays and Anniversaries**

- 1—Greg Thomas
- 2—Alex Hall, John Hopkins
- 3—
- 4—
- 5—Justin Landis
- 6—Carlene Anderson, Dave Dickirson
- 7—Dallas Skeen

- 8—Rhett Ruben
- 9—
- 10—Jo Phillips, Gerri Powers
- 11—Matt Hill
- 12—
- 13—
- 14—
- 15—Tara Barnette
- 16—Lilah Hosaflook, Shelly Cox
- 17—
- 18—Jillian Izold
- 19—Michael Hunter, Heather Starkey
- 20—Jeremy Rhodes
- 21—Alyssa Barnette
- 22—
- 23—Jeff Haskins
- 24—
- 25—
- 26—Carisa Adkins, Hannah Bolyard
- 27—
- 28—
- 29—Mark Martin
- 30—Kathy Marlow, Julie Stephens



Anniversaries






- 3—Joe & Rachel Shockey
- 14—Bryan & Amy Wallen
- 20—Jared & Onaisa Landis
- 27—Tim & Debbie Showen
- Bob & Sherry Poole



**Schedules For Our Church Volunteers
December 2023**

**Worship Leader – Terry Landis
Natalie Holcomb**

**9:00 am
11:00 am**

	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Children's Church</u>	<u>Prayers of the People</u>	<u>Sound & Streaming</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>
Dec 3	Alyssia Ruben & Jenny Parsons	Jameson Groves & Cohen Isner	Hilary Groves	9:00 am Aubrey Haskins 11:00 am Greg Varney	Sound – Trevor Cummings Live Streaming– Matt Hicks	9:00 a.m. Hannah Bolyard 11:00 a.m. Connie Waybright
Dec 10	Megan Geyer & Grace Matheny	Ashlyn Wolford & Alaina Hicks	Carlene Anderson	9:00 am Aubrey Haskins 11:00 am Greg Varney	Sound – Steve Sisson Live Streaming– Jeremy Rhodes	9:00 a.m. Hannah Bolyard 11:00 a.m. Connie Waybright
Dec 17	Carla Brown & Adelyn Groves	Eliza Reed & Harper Patterson	No Children's Church	9:00 am Aubrey Haskins	Sound – Jeremy Rhodes Live Streaming– Jeremy Rhodes	9:00 a.m. Hannah Bolyard
Dec 24	Staci Cummings & Cheryl Hull	Katelyn Fish & Jameson Groves	Cinda Francis	9:00 am Aubrey Haskins 11:00 am Greg Varney	Sound – Nancy Smith Live Streaming– Stephanie Dewees	9:00 a.m. Hannah Bolyard 11:00 a.m. Connie Waybright
Dec 31	Cinda Francis & Hannah Bolyard 	Korie Hersman & Ryan Shockey 	Kara Greathouse 	9:00 am Aubrey Haskins 11:00 am Greg Varney <i>In Our Thought & Prayers</i>	Sound – Trevor Cummings Live Streaming– Stephanie Dewees 	9:00 a.m. Hannah Bolyard 11:00 a.m. Connie Waybright 

Reminder: The nursery is for ages 5 years and under. -
If you are unable to tend the Nursery as scheduled,
please switch with someone or call Cinda Francis (273-5264)

Pre-worship Prayer Leaders: 9:00 am Pastor Steve
11:00 am Greg Varney

DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 CHRISTMAS CANTATA Dec 17 @ 10:00 a		 Christmas Program Dec 17 @ 7:00 p		1  Bake Sale and Bazaar Church Bazaar Set Up	2 7:00 a Gideons  Bake Sale and Bazaar 8-2:00 p Church Bazaar
3 9:00&11:00 a Morning Worship 9:00 a Live Streaming Service 10:00 a Sunday School All Ages 2:00 p Evans Eagles 4-H 2:00 p Mary Martha 4:00 p Bell Choir Practice	4 6:30 p UMM	5 9:30 a Tai Chi (Christmas Party After) 5:30 p Grief Share 6-8 p Scouts	6 1:00 – 3:00 p Prayers & Squares 11:00 a Bible Study 6:00 p Bible Study 6:30 p Choir Practice	7 9-11:00 a Food Pantry	8	9 7:00 a Gideons Fellowship Hall Booked Christmas Dinner Set Up
10 9:00&11:00 a Morning Worship 9:00 a Live Streaming Service 10:00 a Sunday School All Ages 5:30 p Christmas Dinner	11	12 9:30 a Tai Chi 5:30 p Grief Share 6-8 p Scouts	13 11:30 a @ Kenna Deborah/Miriam 11:00 a Bible Study 1:00 – 3:00 pm Prayers & Squares 6:00 p Bible Study 6:30 p Choir Practice	14	15	16 7:00 a Gideons 10-3:00 p Hicks Hall Booked – Groves Family 4:00 p Free Family Movie w/pizza after (Tickets-see Jenny)
17 9:00 a Sunday School All Ages 10:00 a Christmas Cantata – Combined Service 4:00 p Bell Choir Practice 7:00 p Youth Christmas Program	18	19 9:30 a Tai Chi 5:30 p Grief Share 6-8 p Scouts 6-7:00 p Children’s Choir Concert	20 1:00 – 3:00 pm Prayers & Squares 6:00 p Bible Study 7:00 p Choir Practice	21 8-5:00p Red Cross 9-11:00 a Food Pantry 5:30-6:00 p RFL 6:30 p 4-H Horse Conf Rm Office	22 9-12p Adopt-a-Family Giveaway	23 7:00 a Gideons
24 9:00&11:00 a Morning Worship 9:00 a Live Streaming Service 10:00 a Sunday School All Ages 10:00 a Refreshments in Fellowship Hall 7:00 p Christmas Eve Communion & Candlelight Service	25 Christmas Day  Church Office Closed	26 9:30 am Tai Chi 5:30 p Grief Share 6-8 p Scouts	27 7:00 p Choir Practice	28	29	30 7:00 a Gideons
31 9:00&11:00 a Morning Worship 9:00 a Live Streaming Service 10:00 a Sunday School All Ages 7:00 p - ? New Years Eve Games & Food	 Games & Food 7:00 - ?			 Christmas Dinner Dec 10 @ 5:30 p		
Younger Youth and M&M’s Youth Groups Sunday Evening at 5:30 PM choir 6:00 PM Your Youth Group Leaders Younger – Hilary Groves 532-7648 M&M’s - Ashley Hosaflook 373-7580 High School – Jimmy Groves 372-6910		Church Office Open- Monday thru Friday-9:00 - Noon Sunday Services Traditional/Live Streaming Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Service 11:00 a.m.				Worship Leaders: 9:00 am Terry Landis 11:00 am Natalie Holcomb