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## December 2013

### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS at EDWARDS UCC

#### Dec. 1 ~ First Sunday of Advent – HOPE

WORSHIP @ 10:15am

The Prophet Isaiah – Isaiah 2:1-5. *As in the time of Isaiah, the world is still dark and in need of hope. Where do you see the need for hope? Who has helped you see or experience hope this week?*

AFTER WORSHIP – COOKIE WALK. Bring your favorite Christmas cookie (any cookie really!) as a donation to the church. Then WALK through all the various COOKIES and pick out an assortment to PURCHASE and take home!

#### Dec. 8 ~ Second Sunday of Advent – PEACE

WORSHIP @ 10:15am

John the Baptist – Matthew 3: 1-12. *As in the time of John the Baptist, the world is still dark and in need of peace. Where do you see the need for peace? Who has helped you see or experience peace this week?*

AFTER WORSHIP – POT-LUCK and Stewardship Update. Please bring a dish to share. Beverages provided.

#### Dec. 15 ~ Third Sunday of Advent – JOY

WORSHIP @ 10:15am – Children’s Pageant: “Jesus, Light of the World”

Mary of Nazareth - Luke 1: 47-55. *As in the time of Mary, the world is still dark and in need of joy. Where do you still see the need for joy? Who has helped you see or experience joy this week?*

#### Dec. 22 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent – LOVE

Worship @ 10: 15am – Choir Cantata: I Hear The Prophet Callin’

Joseph – Matthew 1: 18-25. *As in the time of Joseph, the world is still dark and in need of love. Where do you see the need for love? Who has helped you to see or experience love this week?*

#### Dec. 24 ~ Christmas Eve – EMMANUEL, GOD WITH US

Christmas Eve Service at 5pm – A service with movement and a little humor.

Christmas Eve Service at 8:30pm – A Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols.

Advent Devotional books are available for YOU! Please pick one up when you’re at church or contact the Caregivers! There is no charge to you, but if you would like to take an extra to give to a friend or family member, please consider a small donation!

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## ***Ministerial Musings...***

I had a cassette tape when I was young of a music group named Trust (I think) and one of their Christmas songs was a juxtaposition of Hustle-Bustle and Silent Night. The first part of the song reflected the fast-paced consumerism of the holiday season; going hither and yon to get the perfect gift, making sure everyone was checked off your list, getting all those groceries for the family gathering, preparing to have family descend and the chaos and old family habits that would emerge uninvited. Then the hustle and bustle would abruptly STOP and after a pause a beautifully quiet Silent Night would begin.

That juxtaposition of messages always seemed fitting to me, and it still does. Since before Halloween we have been barraged with ads telling us to get ready for the biggest gift-giving, house-decorating, party-throwing, season of all. We're busy at church too! (And that's good!) Filling Thanksgiving baskets, filling out pledge cards, practicing for the Children's program and Choir Cantata, setting up the warming tree, baking for the cookie walk ... and yet the message we will hear from our Advent readings is WAIT, PREPARE ... it's not time yet. Advent is a time for reflection, a time to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child, Emmanuel, God with us.

God is always with us, but we run the risk of not being with God. We run the risk of getting so caught up in the business and the doing-ness that we forget about the being-ness, listening, and following. In *Gift from the Sea*, Anne Morrow Lindbergh writes, "Not knowing how to feed the spirit, we try to muffle its demands in distractions. Instead of stilling the center, the axis of the wheel, we add more centrifugal activities to our lives – which tend to throw us off balance." Anne D. LeClaire in *Listening Below the Noise* continues, "But our spirit has an instinct for silence. Every soul innately yearns for stillness, for a space, a garden where we can till, sow, reap, and rest, and by doing so come to a deeper sense of self and our place in the universe. Silence is not an absence but a presence. Not an emptiness but a repletion. A filling up."

Advent is a time that invites us all to a little bit of stillness, a little bit of silence. Answer the invitation. Get four candles, put them in a circle (event little votives) and you've got an advent wreath. Pick up an advent devotional book here at church and take 15 minutes of your day to breath, WAIT and PREPARE your heart to receive God. And if it doesn't happen during Advent, don't be hard on yourself – the rest of the world gets really quiet during the Christmas season ... you know, the 12 days of Christmas between December 25 and January 6 – Epiphany. Maybe that can become some time for repletion and filling up.

Just like they tell you in the pre-flight check, remember to put your own oxygen mask first before you assist the person in the seat next to you. For if you have not fed your own soul, with what shall you serve others?

Peace to you, *Pastor Christine*

### **Rev. Dr. Christine Isham will be installed Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – Installation Service at 3pm**

Please be in attendance as we affirm our covenantal relationship.

Installation is the action of an association of the United Church of Christ in cooperation with a local church. Installation confirms and celebrates the covenantal relationship among a local church, its pastor and teacher, and the United Church of Christ. Installation is a sign that these covenantal partners are committed to share mutually in the mission of the United Church of Christ and of the ecumenical church.

## **Edwards Worships...**

### **December 1, 2013: Cookie Walk, Pastor Christine's Installation at 3pm**

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44



### **December 8, 2013: Potluck**

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

### **December 15, 2013: Children's Pageant**

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:47-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11



### **December 22, 2013: Cantata**

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

### **December 29, 2013:**

Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

## *Christmas Cantata*



### **CHRISTMAS CANATA ~ December 22<sup>nd</sup> during Worship**

The Chancel Choir will present the Canata "I Hear the Prophet Callin'" with orchestra at the 10:15am Worship Service on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. This canata, by Pepper Choplin, uses distinct musical flavors: Appalachian, Irish, Latin, Cajun, and Early American that will stir your soul. It is a natural fit to pair this authentic and sometimes earthy music with the true story of the Gospel. Please bring your neighbors and friends to worship on the 22<sup>nd</sup>!

### **Media Opportunities**

Edwards is blessed with a group of people who compete for the privilege of working the sound board during worship each week.

We always welcome new people becoming involved in the video side of our worship services. Do you have experience with PowerPoint and setting up video projectors? Do you have a strong desire to be involved? We can teach you the rest! If you have an interest in learning more, please contact the media committee at [media@edwards-ucc.org](mailto:media@edwards-ucc.org).

### **Poinsettias**

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, to be used in decorating our sanctuary for Christmas, order forms are available in the Narthex. Each lovely 6.5" potted poinsettia plant is \$8.00. We will receive orders through 10 am, **Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>!** Please make checks payable to "Edwards UCC" with "Poinsettia" in the memo line. Place your order and payment in the envelope on the table in the Narthex or in an offering plate.



*Poinsettias*

### **Christmas Fund**

The Annual Christmas Fund Special Mission Offering helps provide pension and health premium supplementation to lower-income retired church workers, emergency assistance to clergy families in need and Christmas checks to hundreds of annuitants; administered by the Pension Boards. This year's offering will be on **December 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Envelopes are in the pew racks.

## ***Faith Formation News...***

### **Children's Chapel**

*What is it?* An alternative to Sunday morning worship for our children.

*Who is it for?* Kids preschool through fifth grade are welcome to participate. But no pressure, if your child prefers to sit with you in worship that is A-OK, too.

*When does it start?* It begins immediately following the Children's Story in worship. We pray and then dart off to the orange rug room for chapel.

*What happens in there?* As of this fall, we now split into two age groups. After a brief activity or lesson, preschoolers and kindergartners, with their teachers, go across the hall to the "Centers" classroom for age-appropriate play-based learning. Older kids, along with me and other volunteer leaders, then get an opportunity to study our theme at more depth with games, crafts, and reading exercises. We gather again at the end of chapel for music with our Children's Choir Director, Elaine Lippert.



**COOKIE WALK** ~ Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> is our annual "Cookie Walk." No, it is not a race. The walking that takes place is around tables – selecting cookies to fill your platter. Church members bring dozens of their favorite recipes to share, you fill a plate, and purchase for the holidays. Proceeds this year will go to defeating the deficit. It's a sweet deal! Hope you'll join us right after worship for this fun, church-wide event.

**Advent!** Advent is a season of preparation as we prepare ourselves to meet Christ in his birth once again. The first Sunday in Advent is an exciting one in chapel. We will be making "Advent Buzzards" out of old socks (Thank you, generous church members...) and a "Christmas Village" out of recycled materials. Children will also get a special calendar or nativity set (depending on age) to prepare for Christmas. Advent will be a special celebration in chapel this year.

### **TOUCHSTONES**

**Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** is our last evening for TouchStones and Simple Supper. We will resume both of these starting **Wednesday, January 15, 2014**.

### **Save the Date!**

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** will be the Christmas Pageant at Edwards UCC. Children, Confirmation Students, and Youth are all starring as the "cast" in this year's pageant, "Jesus, Light of the World."

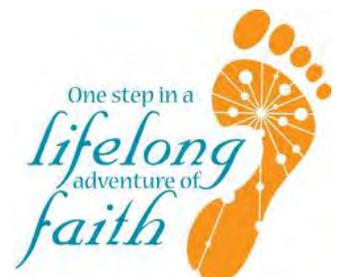
**Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30-7:00pm is the dress rehearsal. We will start with a pizza party, sponsored by the parents and CE Board, and then rehearse – in costume, in the sanctuary – to get ready for this year's pageant. Children, youth, and confirmation students are requested to attend.

### **Confirmation News**

**We are meeting in December on the 4<sup>th</sup>, the 11<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup>!** Don't forget to keep reviewing the books of the Bible and Psalm 23! Recite them for your parents – they'll be so impressed! And it's good practice!

December 18<sup>th</sup> will be very different from other nights. We'll still begin at 5:30, but not with supper. We'll begin with Christmas Caroling and then end up at someone's home for food and hot chocolate!

Confirmation begins again on January 8, 2014!



## **CE BOARD**

In the coming year, if you are looking for a new way to serve, consider joining the Christian Education Board! This will be an opportunity to help plan fun events, brainstorm new ideas, and join a team whose goal is to continue to provide quality faith formation programs, resources, and events at our church. And we have fun in the process! Contact Pastor Kendra if you are interested. We would love to have you on board.



## **ADVENT SMALL GROUP**

**Tuesday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursdays, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am** in the Library

This Advent group will gather to reflect on Advent themes as seen through four well-known hymns: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”; “O Little Town of Bethlehem”; “Silent Night”; and “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.” Come and learn more about these hymns, enjoy time with others in discussion and reflection, and deepen your Advent experience. Jennifer Jordening will be leading this small group. Join us as you are able whether it’s for one gathering or all three.

## **Family Systems Theory & the Congregation**

**December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

Baxter Fellowship Hall

Ever heard of a genogram? (google it!) How does your birth order affect your leadership style? Ever thought of the family like a system? Pastor Christine will give an interactive presentation on this topic which was the focus of her most recent spiritual renewal retreat.

Think of the family (even the church family) like a mobile hanging from the ceiling. Touch one part of the mobile and it affects the whole system. Families are like this too. Congregations as well. Awareness of our family systems enables us to acknowledge both the gifts and burdens that we have received from our families of origin. Greater awareness of these systems that replay in our own lives enables us to grow and mature into healthier people who develop healthier, more fulfilling and loving relationships with others. Murray Bowen and Edwin Friedman are two of the best known theorists in this field.

“The colossal misunderstanding of our time is the assumption that insight will work with people who are unmotivated to change. Communication does not depend on syntax, or eloquence, or rhetoric, or articulation but on the emotional context in which the message is being heard. People can only hear you when they are moving toward you, and they are not likely to when your words are pursuing them. Even the choicest words lose their power when they are used to overpower. Attitudes are the real figures of speech.”

— Edwin H. Friedman

## Church Council Highlights...

- The council meeting was started with a moment of silence remembering the people in the Philippines devastated by typhoon Haiyan.
- Mr. Michael Gayman of the Catholic Worker House explained the work of his charity with respect to migrants, abuse victims, and the homeless. This becomes a resource for Edwards when we are faced with similar problems.
- Lyle Stratton explained his offer of donating part of the fee he receives for “CranioSacral Therapy” during the month of December to help pay down the deficit. He will contribute this for every Edwards’s member that uses his service.
- Pastor Christine was on retreat in Indiana, and did not have a report. Pastor Kendra sat in on the council meeting as pastorate representative.
- Elisabeth Norwood, Edward’s treasurer, briefed the council extensively on the state of the budget. The council discussed several alternatives, and made several suggestions.
- Sharing the vision has paid approximately 50 % of the mortgage. A more extensive financial report is promised in the December council meeting.
- There was a discussion about “Intellectual Property” as it concerns employees of our church. This does include the Pastor. A sub group is studying the issue, and will present their findings in the December meeting.
- The board reports followed;
- Worship board discussed the installation of Pastor Christine on December 1.
- The cookie walk is scheduled for December 1, in the AM after the regular church service.
- Nominations for the “All My Relatives” award should be submitted before the end of the year. Forms are available in the church office
- The mission board is pursuing if Endowment funds can be used for Philippine Relief.
- A full copy of the minutes is available in the church office if you are interested in more details.

## Church Business...

### Reimbursements

If you have any **2013 expenses** that will require reimbursement, they need to be turned into the church office **no later than Thursday, January 2, 2013.**



### 2013 Annual Reports Due January 2<sup>nd</sup>

The 174<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Edwards UCC will be Sunday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> following worship. (Snowdate – Tuesday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm)

**All Board and Committee Chairs and Edwards Staff – Please email your report to [kathy@edwards-ucc.org](mailto:kathy@edwards-ucc.org) by 9:00 am ~ Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.**



### Holiday Office Hours

The church and office will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

SAVE THE DATE ~

**Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

**9am – 12:30pm**

**2014 Leadership & Planning  
Retreat**

## **Safe Church Policy**

In February 2013, the church council adopted a new Safe Church Policy. The entire policy may be read by going to [Edwards-UCC.org/library](http://Edwards-UCC.org/library) and click on Safe Church Policy. Essentially the policy is to protect our children from abuse by outlining the way adults are to relate to children. It includes screening and back ground checks for all adults that will be working with children. It includes guide lines and additional training developed by the conference office via video training. The pastor and the Minister of Faith formation will generally supervise all adults working with children. A reporting procedure is included in the policy, which includes reporting to police authorities when necessary. Every allegation will be treated seriously with respect to the accused, and with protection for the children. Confidentiality of all parties must be assured.

## ***With Our People...***

Because of privacy concerns related to information available on the internet, Edwards has chosen to remove the names of those for whom we are praying from our on-line newsletter.

We lift in joy those moments of celebration in our lives – anniversaries, births, and marriages. We continue to pray for those in the hospital, those who are home-bound, and those who battle illness. We lift up those who grieve the loss of a loved one and remember those who carry heavy burdens. We trust that as we lift one another in prayer, God's presence brings strength, hope and wholeness to us all. Amen.



## **December Birthdays**

1	Will Norwood	11	Bob Benson	22	Kay Stiles
1	Lyle Stratton	12	Linda Ripple	22	Megan Beck
2	Carole Baggerly	13	Maureen Goulette	22	Lynn Warren
4	Bill Edmond	14	Quinn Reier	23	Elinor Moore
5	Dave Reinders	15	Dennise Weyman	26	Mike Ball-Trevor
6	Joyce Swartz	16	Pam Edmond	26	Bob Wilber
7	Tobias Augsperger	19	Robert Riedesel	27	Gary Mahan
7	Molly Dye	19	Abby Scales	28	Willow Ball-Trevor
7	Anne-Marie Gephart	19	Alex Slack	28	Laurie Funderburk
8	Kaela Eaton	20	Wendy Shaw-Sullivan	30	Ollie Gallaher
10	Sue Wymore	21	Lisa Gaston	30	Mona Terry



## **Angel Tree**

Pick an envelope from the Angel Tree and do something nice to help make your friend's holidays a little brighter. It doesn't need to be extravagant! Something as simple as a visit, a ride around town to look at the Christmas lights, or a plate of cookies; anything that will bring cheer and let our friends know we all care. The Angel Tree isn't just for kids, either. So choose an envelope and you will not only warm the heart of one of our family, you will warm your own heart as well!



## **The Warming Tree**

Each year a “warming tree” grows within our church. The perfect decorations are hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, socks and/or new packaged underwear (appropriate for children of all ages). These items will eventually be distributed throughout our community. Please help in making the tree shine! Bring items to church during December and place them on and/or under the tree.

## ***Fellowship Opportunities...***

### **Women’s Night Out**

This month will be a potluck at Pat Cresap’s on **Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**. The main dish/entrée will be provided so please bring a dish or dessert to share. Due to limited parking, please meet at the church at 5:45 and we will carpool over to Pat’s.

### **Potluck Sunday ~ December 8<sup>th</sup>**

Don’t forget there is a potluck on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December. November’s was great! So put it on your calendar and have some more great fellowship in this blessed time!

### **Movable Feasts Begin in January**

Movable Feasts will be starting in January 2014, and will run through March of 2014. Movable Feasts are monthly, informal social gatherings open to all friends and members of Edwards. The host family chooses the weekend and provides the main course. They contact the list of attendees with the date and time and a request for a dish to pass. These social gatherings are a great way to get to know other people from the church in a relaxing environment.

All are welcome to participate. You do not have to be a member and you do not have to host. A desire for fun and fellowship is the only requirement.

Please sign up on the tear-off sheet in Sunday’s bulletin, indicating if you would like to host and/or participate. (Indicate which month you would be able to host and how many guests you can accommodate at your home - if you would like to be a guest – or if you can do both.) You can also email Chris Kenneke at [kenneke2003@yahoo.com](mailto:kenneke2003@yahoo.com) to sign up.

Membership Coordinator, Geri Dulaney, has a list of responsible young adults from the congregation if you are in need of a sitter for the evening.

If you have any questions please contact any member of the membership board.

## ***This and That...***

### ***Please remember... the front parking lot is for proximity parking on Sundays and Wednesday evenings.***

We have labeled two spaces “officially” handicapped, but we have left the others “unofficial.” This is so that folks who need “proximity parking” but who are not “officially” handicapped can also use the lot. That might include families with small children or folks who are temporarily experiencing difficulty walking. **Please use the front parking lot during weekday office hours though, as we keep all the doors locked except the front for building security!**

## **Get Healthy (and help reduce the deficit in the process!)**

Lyle & Janie Stratton have started The Cottage Wholistic Center at 1227 Jersey Ridge Rd. in The Village of East Davenport just down the street from the church. Lyle has just become licensed as a massage therapist and has been trained in a unique healing modality called CranioSacral Therapy. The cost is just \$45 per person for the one hour therapy session. During the month of December Lyle will be contributing \$20 to Edwards for each massage or CranioSacral therapy session provided to church members. If you are interested in reducing holiday stress, feeling relief from aches, pains, stiffness, and becoming more relaxed and flexible, please consider scheduling an appointment with Lyle. In the process you will not only be gaining health benefits, but also helping reduce the church budget deficit. Lyle can be reached at 563.570.7556. For additional information, please visit his website: <http://thecottagewholistichealthcenter.massageplanet.com>

## **Congratulations!**

Ashley Delk & Joanne McDonough (now Joanne Delk) were married at Edwards UCC on 11/20/13. They are members at Holy Trinity UCC in Nashville, TN and had a church ceremony in 2012, but wanted to make it a legal marriage. Ashley has family in Galesburg, IL. Pastor Christine officiated.

Elizabeth Thorn & Denise Thorn were married at Edwards UCC on 11/22/13. They had a civil union ceremony two years ago officiated by a UCC minister in Illinois and now want to make that union a legal marriage. They learned about Edwards from Vince Summers who was married here at Edwards in October 2013.

## ***Mission...***

**Philippines Relief Effort** ~ For those who would like to contribute to the UCC for the Philippines relief effort, donations can be mailed to: Wider Church Ministries, Financial Services – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115 or donations can be sent online through UCC.org and selecting DONATE NOW at the top of the page. Please designate your donation for the *UCC Typhoon Haiyan Response*.



## **SERRV**

SERRV is here! This is a non-profit organization that works to eradicate poverty and empower low income artists and farmers around the world. Check out our Fair Trade Sale on the first three Sundays of December.

## ***Stewardship Message...***

### **Stewards of the Gospel: God Is Still Speaking... Through Us**

*And [Jesus] said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." – Mark 16:15*

For Christians, being stewards of all life is grounded in the gospel where we find the meaning and purpose of our lives. The word "gospel" comes from the Greek word meaning "good news:" the great announcement by Jesus of what God is doing for humanity.

A church that is alive with the joy of God's love made known in Jesus, experiencing God's intended shalom, is commissioned by Jesus to share that joy. In hope-filled worship we sing it; then go out to proclaim it. The church is filled with this spirit as we anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth. As we say with the evangelist, "But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us" (2 Corinthians 4:7), we claim our vocation as stewards of the gospel. We cannot keep it to ourselves.

As centers of hope and transformation, local churches celebrate the good news through the seasons of Advent and Christmastide by sharing it and by honoring those who have served the church through giving to The Christmas Fund.

*A message from Stewards in the Household of God: a Resource for Holistic Year-round Stewardship available from United Church of Christ Resources.*

***December 2013***

God is still speaking,



This resource is a free service and is made possible by your gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

## ***Thank You, Thank You, Thank You !!***

### ***A Note of Thanks...***

Many of you have helped make some wonderful projects and changes to our program happen this fall. Thank you for all who contributed to the ***school supply drive*** for Eisenhower Elementary, for those who fed us at ***Simple Supper***, volunteered at ***TouchStones*** or ***chapel***, contributed to our giving project with ***Heifer International***, supervised ***pageant rehearsals***... my heart runneth over! Thanks for all you do to make Faith Formation in this community flourish and grow in the light of Christ. ***Rev. Kendra Thompson***

The Blood Drive committee would like to thank everyone who donated blood, gave food or helped with the set-up or tear-down of Fellowship Hall. It was a very successful drive. Three units above our goal was collected. Thank you!!! The spring drive is March 29<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see all of you then plus some new donors.

## Who... What... When... Where...

	<b>December 1 Communion</b>	<b>December 8 Potluck</b>	<b>December 15 Pageant</b>	<b>December 22 Cantata</b>	<b>December 29</b>
Preacher	Christine Isham	Christine Isham	Kendra Thompson	Christine Isham	Christine Isham
Chancel Set-up	Dick Dulaney John Keraus	Judy Stouffer	Sandy Doran	Sandy Doran	Jennifer Jordening
Scripture Reader	Nikki Keraus	Jennifer Jordening	---	---	John Thompson
Altar Flowers	John & Nikki Keraus	Cathy Wetzel	Joyce Paustian	Poinsettias	Poinsettias
Special Music	Alleluia Ringers	Promised Land	Children	Cantata	
Communion Servers	John Harnung, Lisa Hixon, Jennifer Jordening, John McDowell, Ron Schumaker				
Ushers	John Harnung Brad Hixon John McDowell Ron Schumaker	Curly Curl Gail McPike Erica Schroeder Milo Smith	Dick Dulaney Angela Elliott Tom Kenneke Dick Vallandingham	Bob Anderson John Harnung Pat Sterk Steve Wildemuth	Brad Hixon Vince Holdridge Margaret Wilber Fran Wolfe
Greeters	Bill Coker Edith Egli Margaret Wilber Sharon Wildemuth	John McDowell Terry Schlabach Ron Schumaker	Erica Schroeder Beverly Simpson Joel & Wendy Sullivan	Lisa Hixon Sandy Reinders Jack & Vonnie King	Angela Elliott Gail McPike Mila Smith Dick Vallandingham
Coffee Hour	Nabhan-Warrens Baxter-Rebals	Set-up: Worship Clean-up: Christian Ed	Beth Penn	Ball-Trevors	Larews
Lock-up	Robert Riedesel	David Reinders	Craig Lucas		Steve Wildemuth
CareGivers On Call	Suzanne Benson Evona Petherick	Elaine Lippert Kay Stiles	Dee Hillyer Sandy Reinders	Lois Larew Martha Jirus Elaine Lippert	Carol Hart Martha Jirus

**Where there are blanks, we may need your help!!  
Please call the church office to sign up.**

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## DECEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>Advent</b> <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship <b>10:30 AM</b> Children's Chapel <b>11:30 AM</b> Cookie Walk <b>11:30 AM</b> Fair Trade Sale <b>11:30 AM</b> Liturgical Dancers <b>11:30 AM</b> Promised Land Rehearsal <b>12:00 PM</b> All My Relatives Nominations Due <b>3:00 PM</b> Rev. Dr. Isham's Installation	<b>2</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Breakfast Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Alleluia Ringers	<b>3</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Advent Small Group <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting	<b>4</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Children's Choir <b>5:30 PM</b> Simple Supper <b>6:00 PM</b> Confirmation <b>6:00 PM</b> TouchStones <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>5</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Funeral <b>12:00 PM</b> Funeral Luncheon <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship <b>10:30 AM</b> Children's Chapel <b>11:30 AM</b> Fair Trade Sale <b>11:30 AM</b> Liturgical Dancers <b>11:30 AM</b> Potluck <b>11:30 AM</b> Promised Land Rehearsal	<b>9</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Poinsettia Order Due <b>6:00 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Alleluia Ringers	<b>10</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Donuts & Hammers <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Board Meetings <b>7:30 PM</b> Council Meeting	<b>11</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>12</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Advent Small Group <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting	<b>13</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Pageant Rehearsal	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship & Children's Pageant <b>11:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour <b>11:30 AM</b> Fair Trade Coffee Sale <b>11:30 AM</b> Fair Trade Sale <b>11:30 AM</b> Liturgical Dancers <b>11:30 AM</b> Promised Land Rehearsal <b>5:00 PM</b> Pastor Parish Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> Pastor Christine's Spiritual Renewal Presentation	<b>16</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Alleluia Ringers	<b>17</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> CareGivers Luncheon <b>1:30 PM</b> Churches United Meal Site Food Prep <b>5:20 PM</b> Serve at Churches United Meal Site located at Salvation Army <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting	<b>18</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Newsletter Deadline <b>6:00 PM</b> Confirmation - Caroling <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>19</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Advent Small Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Women's Night Out <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>First Day of Winter</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Sanctuary Reserved
<b>22</b> <b>Christmas Fund Special Mission Offering</b> <b>Food Pantry Sunday</b> <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship & Cantata <b>10:30 AM</b> Children's Chapel <b>11:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour <b>11:30 AM</b> Liturgical Dancers <b>11:30 AM</b> Promised Land Rehearsal	<b>23</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Alleluia Ringers	<b>24</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Worship <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting <b>8:30 PM</b> Worship	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Reserved
<b>29</b> <b>10:15 AM</b> Worship <b>11:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour <b>11:30 AM</b> Liturgical Dancers <b>11:30 AM</b> Promised Land Rehearsal	<b>30</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> CareLink <b>6:00 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Alleluia Ringers	<b>31</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting	<b>1</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>2</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> 2013 Board, Committee & Staff Annual Reports Due <b>2:00 PM</b> 2013 Reimbursement Requests Due <b>6:30 PM</b> Al-Anon Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Diversity AA Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>