

December 2014

CELEBRATING ADVENT AT EDWARDS...



December 7th ~
Children's Christmas Pageant
"The Real Story"
followed by the Cookie Walk
in Baxter Fellowship Hall

December 21st ~
Choir Cantata
"Night of the Creator's Love"

December 24th ~
Christmas Eve Worship Services
at 5:30 and 8:00 pm



Don't forget the Angel Tree
and the Warming Tree
located in the Narthex



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Ministerial Musings...

Advent means “coming.” It is a time of longing, watching, and praying for God’s healing, transformative presence to be ever more vibrantly present in the world. In this sense, Advent is a season in which we focus on that key phrase in the Lord’s Prayer, “thy kingdom come.” As Christians, the good news we strive to live by and declare is that love is stronger than hate, peace more enduring than war, hope more powerful than despair – and the light of God’s love will extinguish forever the shadows of shame cast by violence, suffering, sorrow, and hate.

I read the above recently in an advertisement for some Advent candle-lighting liturgies and it called to me. I have been praying for God’s healing, transformative presence ...for the light of God’s love to extinguish the shadows of suffering and sorrow. After hearing the bell ring in our own sanctuary 12 times on All Saints Day, watching the violence erupt in Ferguson, MO and anticipating more violence to come, officiating two funerals since that time, preparing to go attend my mother-in-law’s funeral, and sharing in the grief of those in our congregation suffering their own health issues or those of their loved ones, I’m in need of some transformative light.

Perhaps it is for this reason that the cycle of the Christian year is so powerful and attending worship on a regular basis (yep, I said it – attending worship on a regular basis) so important to opening our hearts to God’s love. Advent reminding us of the coming birth of the Christ child, light coming into a world of darkness. Then Lent and Easter telling the story of our salvation, God’s radical love and the end of death, Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit, and each month the sacred story we hear at the Table of our Lord as we share the bread and cup.

How wonderful to come together with a community of faith and affirm together that God’s Truth, that love is stronger than hate, is true for us too and together we can live this truth into the world through our mission and ministry.

In this special season of Advent our children will tell the story on December 7th in their special way (and buy Christmas Cookies after at the Cookie Walk) and then the Chancel Choir will weave a melodious version of the story on December 21st. Then on Christmas Eve there will be two opportunities to worship and celebrate the greatest gift of all, the birth of Jesus the Christ, at 5:30pm and 8pm. May God bless you.

Peace to you,
Pastor Christine



Edwards Worships...

December 7 ~ Children's Christmas Pageant & Cookie Walk

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

December 14 ~ Potluck

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 21 ~ Christmas Cantata

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

December 28 ~ Food Pantry Sunday

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

CHRISTMAS CANTATA REHEARSALS

The Chancel Choir is rehearsing this year's Christmas Cantata on Wednesdays beginning at 7:15. *If you would like to sing with us, come when you can.* There will be a Saturday morning rehearsal with instruments from 10 am until noon on December 20th. If you have any questions or need music, contact Paul Renaud 563-349-0755 or at church on Sunday.



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS FUND OFFERING ON DECEMBER 21ST

Every year our congregation generously gives to a special offering for "The Christmas Fund", a United Church of Christ assistance and emergency fund for retired ministers and lay employees. These funds provide **supplements for monthly pension** income currently for 408 lower-income retired UCC clergy and lay employees. **Quarterly health premiums** are supplemented for 239.

Christmas "thank you" gift checks are given to 543 retired lower-income retired clergy and lay employees. Last \$235,000 was distributed. Sometimes those who serve the church need our help with **emergencies** such as large medical expenses or home damage due to natural disasters. Administrative costs are only 2%.

This year's special offering will be December 21st. With all the other obligations that we have this time of year, let's prepare to include a donation to this important fund.

BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE

The twinkling lights and merry songs of Christmas can, in cruel contrast, deepen the darkness and gloom felt by those struggling with grief, depression or illness. If this rings true for you, join us for a "Blue Christmas" Service. Together we will experience the abiding faith and persistent light of Christ in the darkest areas of our lives.

Look for the date and time in the upcoming announcement sheets and email notifications.



October 2014 Worship Attendance				
Date	10/5	10/12	10/19	10/26
Members	77	96	82	71
Regular Friends	20	12	16	13
First Time Visitors	6	9	5	0
Youth & Children	31	21	35	12
TOTAL	134	138	138	96

**WEEKLY MUSIC REHEARSALS ~
NEWCOMERS ALWAYS WELCOME**
Alleluia Ringers -
Monday nights 6:30 pm
Chancel Choir -
Wednesday nights 7:15 pm

Faith Formation ...

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

This year's pageant is an Edwards UCC original titled "The Real Story." I was inspired to write this pageant after some devotional contemplation of the discrepancies between the gospel accounts of Jesus' birth. I decided to have fun with these differences. The pageant is narrated by Matthew and Luke, the two gospels that tell us the most about Jesus' early life, and each narrator thinks he knows the 'real' story. I hope you will enjoy this pageant and the hard work our children and volunteers, especially Miriam Prichard, have put into it. Come and see the pageant during worship on **Sunday, December 7th**!

TOUCHSTONES, CHILDREN'S CHAPEL & WORSHIP (IMPORTANT DATES)

Dec 7 - no chapel (pageant)

Dec 10 - last TouchStones of the year (potluck party)

Dec 14 - 3rd Sunday in Advent (shortened chapel)

Dec 21 - Chancel Choir Cantata (no chapel)

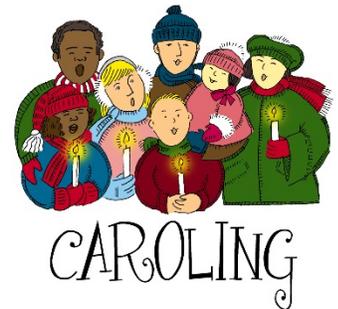
December 28 - Sunday after Christmas (no chapel)

LAST CONFIRMATION CLASS IN 2014 IS ON DECEMBER 10TH!

In December we ARE meeting on December 3 and 10 at church! We'll be doing some fun Christmassy stuff so plan to join us!!

YOUTH CHRISTMAS CAROLING

All Youth (grades 6 - 12) will be going Christmas caroling on December 14th at 12:30 pm (after the church potluck). We'll be driving around town to bring some holiday cheer to folks and then return to the church for cookies and cocoa in front of the fireplace in fellowship hall. If you know of someone who would really enjoy hearing our youthful carolers, please contact Pastor Christine or Pastor Kendra with their name.



RENEWED INVITATION TO JOIN THE THEOLOGICAL/BIBLE STUDY GROUP!

Please gather with other adults in our 9 am Sunday morning discussion group. So far this Fall...

- We have had lively discussions on sin, suffering, the nature of evil, and Jesus Christ as the fullest expression of God.
- We review and share our thoughts on our faith journeys and what the Sunday's worship scripture means to our lives.
- We get to know each other more deeply as we relate our faith in God to our neighbors and ourselves.
- As we share our faith and how we view the scriptures - a common response is "I never saw or understood that particular biblical passage that way -- I like that idea!"

Our aim is simple - each week we read the lectionary text(s) together and discuss them in order to deepen our theological understanding and relate them to real life (no pre-reading/preparation is needed). This group is open and fluid in terms of makeup, meaning you don't have to have been attending since our first session, and there is no obligation to attend every week. Eye's opened, hearts lightened, and connections with our fellow church members deepened. Aaaand, child care is provided!

Come join us as we combine the theological study group and the Bible study group together Sunday mornings at 9 am in the church library.

EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

Starting in December, Pastor Christine and Pastor Kendra will begin offering an optional prayer service on the Tuesday nights that we have board and council meetings. If you would like to start board night in a worshipful, devotional, perhaps relaxed and centered frame of mind, join us in the sanctuary at 6:15pm to begin the night with prayer before our board meetings start.

Church Business...

2014 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE JANUARY 5TH

All Board and Committee Chairs and Edwards Staff - Please email your report to kathy@edwards-ucc.org by **9:00 am ~ Monday, January 5th**.

2014 REIMBURSEMENTS

If you have any **2014 expenses** that require reimbursement, they need to be turned into the church office **no later than Monday, January 5, 2015.**

Holiday Office Hours

To enable our staff to enjoy time with their families, the church and office will be closed **December 24th thru January 2nd**. The staff wishes each of you a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!**

EARLY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE ~

The newsletter will be published earlier than usual this month. Please email all items to kathy@edwards-ucc.org ***no later than 9 am - Friday, December 12th***.

Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE ~

The **175th Annual Meeting** of Edwards Congregational UCC will be **Sunday, February 8th** following worship.
(Snowdate - Sunday, Feb. 15th)

UPCOMING REVISIONS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BY-LAWS

At the February 8th annual meeting, the congregation will be asked to approve revisions to the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws. The committee is working hard to finish some last minute details so that it can be presented at the December Council meeting for approval. Following that meeting the proposed changes will be distributed to the congregation for review. Any and all suggestions from the congregation will be considered and incorporated or explained. As in all democracies, everybody's input makes this revision a better document. Any questions can be directed to one of the members of the committee: Richard Jirus, Dr. Evangeline Lewis, Angela Reier, Attorney at Law, David Reinders.

Save the Date ...

Saturday, February 28th ~ 9am - 12:30 pm ~ 2015 Leadership and Planning Retreat
Who: Council and All Boards and anyone in leadership positions!

Financial Information...

YEAR END FINANCIAL NEWS

At the Annual Meeting, the congregation passed a budget with a deficit. This deficit was based on actual pledges and faith that the remainder would be provided by God through our actions. With yeoman's work by some, gifts of many and increases in pledges, we eliminated the original budget deficit by May. However, Edwards has experienced very high heating and snow removal costs from the unusually harsh winter in the early months of 2014 as well as a drop in pledge income due to moves out of the area and the deaths of some pledging members. To help avoid a year-end deficit, please keep your 2014 pledge up to date or consider a year-end gift to the church.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY – OCTOBER 2014

RECEIPTS	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET
Pledge Income	16,678	171,268	184,681	221,618
Offerings ¹	1,486	29,170	23,353	27,269
Other Income ²	138	12,216	10,500	12,600
Total RECEIPTS	18,303	212,653	218,534	261,487
TOTAL EXPENSES	26,963	234,341	239,829	282,659

¹ regular gifts, loose offering, defeat the deficit contributions

² building use, etc.

GIFT TO ENDOWMENT

Edwards recently received a bequest of \$5000 from the estate of Kathryn Dean, a member who passed away last January. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of Kathryn and her family. Per our by-laws, the gift has been deposited into the Edwards Endowment Fund, where it will help fund educational opportunities for our members and staff, as well as mission programs, both locally and nationally. Gifts to the Edwards Endowment Fund can be made at any time, and are a wonderful way to ensure a lasting legacy for Edwards and other UCC programs. If you are interested in either living donations or estate planning for the Edwards Endowment Fund, any of our Endowment Board members would be happy to discuss this with you at any time.

Fellowship Opportunities...

COOKIE WALK

The Cookie Walk will be **Sunday, December 7th** after church. What is it? A simple fundraiser for Christian Education, an opportunity to share in the fellowship of our congregation, and a good excuse to eat cookies. If you plan to bake, bring your cookies to Baxter Hall no later than Friday December 5th. On Sunday the 7th, cookies will be arranged and plates will be sold. Stick around to talk, taste, and support our CE ministries.



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Join us at Riefe's Restaurant (1417 W. Locust St., Davenport) on **Monday, December 1st** at 10:00 am for brunch/lunch and fellowship. Join in and bring a friend!!

WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT

Please contact Barb Bleedorn for more information.

THIRTY-ONE GIFTS PARTY ~ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH FROM 1:30 TO 3:00PM.

Heather Hubbard has become an independent sales consultant for Thirty-One Gifts, and is now selling exclusive, stylish and functional purses, totes and fashion accessories and organizing solutions. She will be hosting her launch party on **Saturday, December 6th** from 1:30 to 3:00pm at Edwards in the Community Room. You are all invited to join her and maybe start your Christmas shopping. Items ordered that day will arrive in time for Christmas! There will be light refreshments, games and prizes!! If you would like more information, contact Heather at 563-676-4863.



Fellowship Opportunities continued...

Movable Feasts Begin in January

Movable Feasts will be starting in January 2015, and will run through March of 2015. 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 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.

Caring For One Another...

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.



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!

LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS? A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY PRESENT? LOOK NO FURTHER!

For each of the nine years since Hurricane Katrina, a group of Edwards members and friends have been traveling to Biloxi, Mississippi for a week of repairing homes, working at food pantries and food serving locations on behalf of the UCC's Back Bay Mission (BBM). BBM organizes dozens of these volunteer groups from churches across the county and throughout the year, and charges a fee of \$125 for each "work camper's" participation. This fee pays for lodging in BBM's volunteer housing (the Mission House) and for materials/tools used during the week. Our Edwards volunteers also raise funds during the year to cover the remaining expenses that include transportation costs (e.g., gas for the vehicles donated for the trip); lodging on the road (one night's shared lodging to Biloxi and back); and for the cost of the week's meals for the group.

Christmas Gift Idea ~ Sponsor the Biloxi mission trip with a gift of any amount and honor a friend or loved one at the same time! We will send a customized Biloxi Mission Christmas card (or Birthday, anniversary, etc.) to the person of your choosing, or provide a card for you to present to them.

Be sure to mark the subject line of your check with 'Biloxi Mission Donation' and the name of the person(s) you wish to honor and we will be in touch with you to provide the card.

Thank you, Julie Henke and Carol Ogletree



Supporting Our Ministries...

AN EDWARDS LONG & VALUED TRADITION CONTINUES...THE WARMING TREE IS UP!

Please fill the warming tree with warm things for children at area schools...socks, sweaters, scarves, hats, and gloves are always welcome as well as personal items such as underwear and T-shirts!! We're also collecting new and clean, gently worn coats, shirts and sweaters for families in neighboring communities.

Service Opportunities ...

SALVATION ARMY MEAL SITE

Every other month, Edwards sponsors an evening meal at the community meal site in the Salvation Army building on the corner of 6th and Harrison Streets in Davenport. Approximately 70-90 persons are served a nourishing meal prepared in our church kitchen. Food preparation begins at 1:30 pm and takes about 2 hours. Volunteers arrive at Edwards by 5:20 pm to load, transport, setup and serve at the meal site. Our **next meal** to prepare and serve is **Tuesday, December 16th**. Please contact the church office (563-359-0331) about volunteering.



Highlights from November Church Council Meeting

Here are some highlights from the Church Council meeting held Tuesday, November 11, 2014. If you would prefer to read the unabridged version, please contact the church office or visit our website for a copy of the complete Council minutes.

A quick summary...

- The 2015 Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 8, 2015, after church.
- New Board Chair and Member Training will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2015.
- The Stewardship Dedication Sunday resulted in 64 pledge cards submitted by the congregation which reflects a significant increase from years past.
- Recent Mission Board outreach included \$1,000 to Church of Peace for English as a second language, \$500 to Winnie's Place, \$500 to The Place 2 B, \$500 to the Salvation Army, and \$300 to Community Outreach.
- Judy Collins, Chair of the Social Justice Board, asked for nominations for the 'All My Relatives' award. If you wish to nominate a worthy candidate, please contact Judy or any of the other members of the Social Justice Board.
- The treasurer reported that while our 2014 expenses, year-to-date, are in line with the 2014 budget (that's good news), pledge income is currently lagging behind budget by about \$10,000 and non-pledge income is lagging by another \$4,000 (that's not so good news). Hopefully, most if not all of this shortfall in giving can be made up by year-end so that we don't need to carry a deficit into 2015.
- On November 13, Rev. Dr. Christine Isham, Judy Collins, Sandy Reinders, Shirley Johnson, and David Reinders attended a Quad Cities Interfaith (QCI) breakfast held at St. Ambrose University. QC Interfaith is an affiliation of faith based organizations in the Quad Cities area that work together to promote social justice. At that breakfast, Edwards was recognized as a new member of QCI and Rev. Dr. Christine gave the closing prayer.
- Carol Ogletree will speak on racial discrimination at the Unity Thanksgiving Service on November 23 at the Unitarian Church.
- The Council passed a motion to close the church offices from December 24 through January 3. There is very little office activity during this week and this is a small but thoughtful way to thank church staff for their hard work during the rest of the year.
- Kathryn Dean's estate gifted \$5,000 to the church. This generous gift will be added to the Endowment Fund for the future benefit of the church.
- The UCC Conference Committee on Authorized Ministry and the UCC Conference Board of Directors have issued revised compensation guidelines for pastors. Currently, neither Rev. Dr. Christine nor Rev. Kendra's compensation packages meet these new guidelines. At Council direction, the Pastor-Parish Board will review this issue, make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees for possible inclusion in the 2015 budget. (For more specific details, please refer to the detailed Council Meeting minutes).
- Beginning in December, Rev. Kendra and Rev. Dr. Christine will begin offering a 15 minute a pre-board gathering devotional time in the sanctuary prior to the regularly scheduled board meetings.
- The Building Interior Design Sub-Committee reported that windows will be installed in the inside west entry doors. The expense will be paid from memorial funds.
- The Personnel Board will be writing a letter to the congregation regarding the staff Christmas fund.
- The Trustees have scheduled a work day for Saturday, November 22, to clean up and paint room 4 so that current and future rent paying tenants can use it.
- Worship Board is planning Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas events. The Worship Board is also considering placing one or two banners in front of the church to make the local community aware they are invited to attend our Christmas services.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You !!

HUGE THANKS to: **Marilyn and Robert Riedesel, Craig Lucas, Richard Jirus, Milo Smith, Cec Chapman, Dave and Sandy Reinders, and Joyce Paustian** for working from 9 am to 2 pm on Saturday, November 22nd on Room 4 in the Ed Wing. This room is used by Edwards' members and friends as well as the community for various types of meetings and outreach. The room was in dire need of a makeover. Thanks to **Woody Perkins** for documenting that work was done:) Thanks to **Martha Jirus** for yummy pumpkin bread to sustain us through the lunch hour! There are still a few things that need to be done and your help may be needed. Keep your eyes on the announcement sheet for upcoming work days.

To all my friends and fellow Christians at Edwards,
THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. I can't begin to thank you enough for all the food, cards, visits, phone calls and especially your prayers. If ever there needed to be proof that prayer works, what has happened to me in these last two months is it. If you ever run into someone who doubts the power of prayer, send them to me. I'll tell them my experience and that should convince them. It is wonderful to be a part of a church family that shows so much genuine love and caring for others. Again, THANK YOU all. **Herb Moore**

Thank you **Anita and Annette Dietz** for providing cupcake deserts for the Salvation Army meal every other month. Those of us in the church know when these two provide desert it is worth going back for seconds. ~
Martha Jirus

Dear friends,
Thank you very much for your recent donation of pillows, blow dryers, health care items and other items for the women in our shelter. We appreciate your thoughtfulness in providing for the needs of our shelter. Jean for Winnie's Place

Dear Friends,
Your recent work camp at Back Bay Mission was a blessed event for many. We trust that whenever you reflect on your time with us, it will summon a smile. It surely does for those you helped! Your loving acts of kindness and service restore a breath of hope for many in need on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. All of us at Back Bay Mission extend our deepest gratitude for your support of our mission. We thank you for sharing your active faith among us, and we ask that you keep our ministry, staff and clients in your thoughts and prayers. We look forward to the day you join us again and continue to uplift us in our commitment to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God." Until then, may God bless you in you journey of faith. Gratefully, Wil Brown, Hulen Brown and Craig Steenkamp

Dear Edwards UCC,
On behalf of the volunteers and board of directors of Blessings in a Backpack, thank you for your generous support of our organization with your gift of \$3,000.00. Blessings in a Backpack is a results-oriented program. This unique program is designed to feed elementary school children whose families qualify for the federal free and reduced meal program, and may not have any or enough food on the weekends. Better test scores, improved reading skills, positive behavior, improved health and increased attendance have all been attributed to the success of this program. Donors, like you, contribute to the success of Blessings in a Backpack, which provides food for over 70,000 children each weekend. Thank you for sharing...thank you for caring.
Sincerely, Kevin Beam, CEO

Edwards UCC,
The holidays are drawing near, and autumn is clearly in the air. As I drove through Boston recently, I was amazed by the beautiful colorful leaves on every tree. God's creation definitely at work! Please accept our sincere thank you and appreciation from everyone associated with the ministries of Churches United for your Member Church contribution in the of \$200 to the general ministry fund, \$250 to the Brady Street CareLINK and \$229.33 to the hunger ministry fund that will be forwarded to the City Center Ministry Food Pantry. Thank you for responding to the needs of the community. It is only by your gifts and graces that we will remain strong in the community for years to come. With Peace, Anne Wachal, Executive Director

Beyond Our Walls ...

HOLIDAY TRAIN COMING DECEMBER 5th!

Churches United of the Quad City Area, is excited to remind you that the arrival of the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train is just a little over 3 weeks away, so please mark your calendar!



- * When: Friday, December 5th, 12:00 – 2:30
(train arrives at 1:45, but come early for hot cocoa, cookies, local entertainment, Santa & Mrs. Claus, and goody bags for the first 250 children!)
- * Where: Modern Woodman Park
- * Why: To support Churches United's 26 food pantries
- * Cost: Non-perishable food item or cash donation
- * Entertainer on train: Canadian award-winning country music artist Kira Isabella



For more information on this event, please contact Anne Wachal or Thea Hansen at Churches United, 563-332-5002.

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

	December 7	December 14	December 21	December 28
Preacher	Christine Isham	Christine Isham	Christine Isham	Christine Isham
Chancel Set-up	Dick Dulaney	Sandy Doran	Judy Stouffer	Jennifer Jordening
Altar Flowers			Poinsettias	Poinsettias
Scripture Reader	Youth	Tim Huey	Choir Cantata	Caroline Evans
Special Music	Pageant	Alleluia Ringers	Cantata	Paul Renaud
Audio	Joyce Paustian	Joyce Paustian	Lyle Stratton	Lyle Stratton
Video	Terry Schlabach	Lyle Stratton	Joyce Paustian	Joyce Paustian
Ushers	Dick Dulaney Jennifer Jordening Terry Schlabach Milo Smith	Curly Curl Darrell Hillyer Dee Hillyer Deena Miller	Dick Dulaney Tom Kenneke Steve Wildemuth Fran Wolfe	Bev Bergert John McDowell Sandy Reinders Milo Smith
Greeters	Carol Bachellor Merlin Bachellor Joel Sullivan Wendy Sullivan	Bill Coker Angela Elliott Dorothy Hammond Dick Vallandingham	John McDowell Gail McPike Chris Medina Ron Schumaker	Mila Smith Milo Smith Bonnie Walling Ned Walling
Coffee Hour	Cookie Walk	Potluck Set-up: Personnel Clean-up: Social Justice	Dietz and Ball-Trevor families	Bob & Lois Larew
Lock-up	Vince Holdridge	Craig Lucas	Robert Riedesel	Cec Chapman
Trustee on-call	Sandy Reinders	Milo Smith		
Snow Removal				
CareGivers On Call	Dee Hillyer Sandy Reinders	Martha Jirus Fran Wolfe	Carol Hart	

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

December Calendar...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:45 AM Staff Meeting 9:00 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Worship 10:40 AM Children's Chapel 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 11:30 AM Liturgical Dance Practice 11:30 AM Promised Land Rehearsal	1 "All My Relatives Award" Nominations Due 10:00 AM Women's Breakfast Group 6:00 PM Diversity AA Meeting 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers	2 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Meeting 12:00 PM Pre-Council Meeting 6:00 PM Room 4 Reserved 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting	3 5:30 PM Simple Supper 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM TouchStones 7:15 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM Promised Land Rehearsal	4 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:30 PM Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 PM Diversity AA Meeting	5 5:30 PM Children's Pageant Rehearsal	6 Community Room Reserved
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