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## PASTOR MARY'S MESSAGE

### Guess Who's Coming

*He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. —John 1:10-13 (NRSV)*

**A**dvent begins on Sunday, December 1. It's an important season and I often wonder if we pay close enough attention to the spiritual work it calls us to do. It's very easy to focus on preparing for Christmas, but Advent calls us beyond that to preparing for the return of Christ. It's a little strange because of course Christ has already come in Jesus, and Christ is still with us in the Spirit. During Advent, we watch and wait for Christ to return in yet another way.

The words written above from the Gospel of John serve as an important reminder to us of what we need to do during this season of waiting for Christ's return. God's Messiah was here, standing right next people but they didn't recognize him. We often hear it said that the ancient Jewish people were waiting for a King, or perhaps a warrior, or perhaps a priest who fully embraced the letter of the Law. Jesus did not match any of their expectations so even if people thought they were watching for God's Messiah, they were blinded by their own expectations of who God could or would send into the world.

We would do well to use the season of Advent to check our own assumptions. Have we placed limits on what this Christ can look like? Have we placed limits on what this Christ might say or do? Have we assumed that Christ's return will occur so far in the future that we don't need to watch, or prepare? Are we even aware that Christians expect Christ to return?

Advent is more than a season of preparing for a family Christmas celebration, it's a

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*Advent...it's a season of making sure we are always preparing for the return of Christ.*

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## PASTOR MARY'S MESSAGE

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season of making sure we are always preparing for the return of Christ. It's a season of learning to live with unanswered questions about what Christ will look like, or where Christ will appear, or when this will take place. It's a season of drawing nearer to Christ now, and living more faithfully now, so that if Christ came this afternoon we would be among those who would rejoice. I invite you

to observe a spiritually deep, and holy Advent. Come and worship on Sunday mornings, and Wednesday evenings at 6:00. Read the beginning chapters of Matthew and Mark. Consider the prophecies of old, and the promises yet to be fulfilled. Join in the Advent study at 9:00 on Sunday mornings, or 7:30 Thursday mornings.

Christ is coming, are you ready?

In Christ,  
Pastor Mary

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## Nativity Scenes: Symbols Explained

**N**ativity scenes are a common sight at Christmastime but what could seem like a simple decoration actually has a lot of spiritual lessons if you look hard enough. St. Francis of Assisi created the first crèche in 1223, in an attempt to bring the focus of Christmas back to the birth of Christ and away from material, gift-giving customs.

United Methodist Jeanne Honeycutt has spent time researching the meaning behind variations in crèche displays. She and volunteers from First United Methodist Church in Tullahoma, Tenn. maintain a permanent Nativity museum at their church, which showcases more than 400 crèches. Honeycutt shared her research with us and explained the symbols listed below.

- **Jesus' outstretched arms** The Christ Child's outstretched arms reflect the invitation to salvation through him.
- **Stable** Most scholars believe that the stable referred to in the Gospels was most likely a cave built into the rocks behind, or adjacent to, the inn, which illustrates the divine truth that the Son of God came down to the very heart of the earth to dwell among humanity. Later, the cave would be revered as Christ's burial place, from which he would be resurrected.
- **Swaddling clothes** Swaddling clothes, as described in the New Testament, foretell Jesus' burial shroud.
- **The Virgin Mary's gown** The Virgin Mary often wears a gown of red, signifying lifeblood. Her mantle of blue represents the sky and heaven, conveying that she is the link between the human and the divine.
- **Shepherds** The shepherds represent the common man. They also reference David, the shepherd who became king, and indicate Christ's ancestral lineage.
- **Lambs** Having accompanied the shepherds, lambs are almost always present. The lamb symbolizes purity and points toward Jesus' sacrificial death upon the cross.



- **Nationalities of the Magi** The Magi are often portrayed as coming from three geographical and cultural areas—Asia, Africa and Europe—referring to the three known continents at the time.

Families with children can read the Christmas story as they set up the manger scene, adding each character one-by-one and taking time to reflect on each figure and the role it plays in the Nativity.

Some people wait a week to add the Wise Men to their display to mark the time it would have taken for the Magi to travel to visit the Baby Jesus. Most churches celebrate the arrival of the Magi on Epiphany (January 6), the day immediately following the twelve days of Christmas.

Churches usually leave Nativity scenes on display until the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated a couple of weeks after Christmas.

We hope this information will make your Christmas more memorable, and you will share this story with others so they too can learn faith lessons from the figures in the crèche.

—Lilla Marigza, UMC.org

▶ Read the whole article: [umc.org/topics/christian-living](http://umc.org/topics/christian-living)

# Children & Family Ministries

## Celebrations & Blessings!

► **Family Bible Verse:** *A child is born to us, a son is given to us, and authority will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.* –Isaiah 9:6 Deep Blue Kid's Bible CEB

December can be a month of hustle and bustle of what gifts to buy everyone. This year could be even more hectic than last year with one less week to shop for gifts. However, remember to keep Christ in Christmas. Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Start new family traditions like a daily countdown of fun events as a family. Cristy Wicks has composed *25 Days of Festive Family Fun* from the magazine *Kids Ministry 101*. Copies of the article are outside the Children's Center.

Discuss as a family how you will share the good news of Jesus' birth with others. One way could be to invite your friends and family the Children's Christmas Pageant on December 8th for the 10:30am Service. Another opportunity is to invite them to our Family Christmas Eve Services on December 24 at 4pm or any Sunday. Read the daily devotion as a family that is published by our local Baker Church members, or pick up an extra copy for a friend to read. Act out the gift of storytelling in your own house of the birth of Jesus. I have copies from Cokesbury's Deep Blue Kids curriculum *A Baby Is Born: Storytelling/ Drama Station* also outside the Children's Center if you wanted to follow a prepared skit.

It is important to share the story of Jesus' birth with others because it is a reminder that God is with us. To me, Christmas time is also a joyful time of giving and singing Christmas carols with friends and family. Try this activity with your family each day adding one more verse each day. Then on the last day, read the complete story of Jesus' birth.

- Day 1: Read Luke 2:1
- Day 2: Read Luke 2:1-2
- Day 3: Read Luke 2:1-3
- Day 4: Read Luke 2:1-4
- Day 5: Read Luke 2:1-5
- Day 6: Read Luke 2:1-6
- Day 7: Read Luke 2:1-7

Blessings & Joy,  
*Shelly Stienbarger*  
Director, Children & Family Ministry

## DECEMBER CURRICULUM, EVENTS & ACTIVITIES!

- **3-7 years** | Church Communities Celebrate Jesus | Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-24; Luke 2:1-5; Luke 2:5-7; Luke 2:8-20 | 9am
- **8-12 years** | Hope | Isaiah 2:5 | 9am
- **Wednesday Night Baker Kids** | 6-7:30pm
- **4 | Family First Night** | 6-7:30pm
- **8 | Children's Christmas Pageant** | 10:30am
- **24** | Family Christmas Eve Services | 4pm
- **25** | No Baker Kid's program | Merry Christmas! • **22 & 29** | No Sunday School | Christmas break

## THANK YOU!

- **November Teachers & Shepherds:** Chrissy Farley, Renee Whittenhall, BethAnn Fitzgerald, Jon Zenker, Danielle Helland, Ginny Swiatek, Scott & Lauren Krager
- **Nursery:** Danni Killian, Catherine & Jade Rosenquist
- **Praise & Worship:** Melissa Arndt, & Brooke Bayless



*Christmas family fun!*  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
VISIT WITH SANTA  
TAKE HOME CRAFT



*Santa Breakfast*  
**DECEMBER 7 • 9AM**  
TICKETS: \$5 each (3 and under free)  
Buy tickets at Sunday fellowship or the office.  
[bakerumc.org](http://bakerumc.org)



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# Youth Ministry

**W**e are a little more than one month away from our Winter Retreat. Hopefully your young person received a postcard in the mail to RSVP. Let's get those postcards back by December 15. If they did not receive one, email me ([cking@bakermemorialchurch.org](mailto:cking@bakermemorialchurch.org)) and we will get them signed up. We are joining other United Methodist churches this year at the Lake Geneva Youth Camp and Conference Center. The cost is still \$60 and includes everything your young person will need for the event—January 10-12. There will be a band, a special speaker and of course winter sports. So much to look forward to and everyone confirmation age through high school is welcome to join us for the excursion.

Speaking of confirmation, we have had a tremendous time learning about our Methodist faith and growing together as a class. We have nine young people primed to learn and the conversations have been excellent. These are mature youth who like to think and ask thought-provoking questions. We, as a leadership team, are blessed to have them along for the journey and we are thankful for the parents who entrust us with this piece of their faith formation. As great as the classes have been though, with the conclusion of the confirmation retreat on December 6 and 7, confirmands will get a breather. During this time, we encourage families to watch a Christmas movie that puts faith front and center in order to elicit dialogue. We're going to have a discussion when we return about the movie you chose and what it meant to them.

While they are gone our youth programming continues so don't disappear. In fact, if there is one request for this month and going into the new year, it is for parents to be super visible in the youth program. Often, we want to give

our teenagers room to stretch out, grow, experiment and not feel crowded by the folks who have been with them all their lives. This is a legitimate concern and also contains the risk of keeping parents out of the life of the church. When your young people are in a youth activity, you can still show up and help others or volunteer in a different way. For instance, we always need people to bring food and drinks to our events. Since we have one middle school and two high school youth fellowships remaining in December, can you sign up to attend and bring snacks? They are always hungry. If not snacks, maybe you can donate some time to help repair the room after our events with a vacuum or some elbow grease.

Finally, we need parents connected to what we are doing and providing feedback from their young people. What did your young person get from middle school or high school Sunday school? Would you share that feedback with their teachers? Would you become a Sunday school teacher, youth fellowship leader, someone who shows up and takes pictures at our events, or one of our great parents who recruits their neighbors' and friends' young people to attend our events? I am not the best at publicizing all of the great successes that are taking place in our youth program, but this year has been great. We have new young people regularly attending and many other things to celebrate. God is blessing us and opening the doors for greater involvement from parents and teens. There is a place for you and we need you to be involved.

In Christ,  
*Carl King*  
*Director of Youth Ministry*



**ARCTIC BLAST 2020**  
**YOUTH WINTER RETREAT**  
**JANUARY 10–12, 2020**  
Encounter God, engage with new and old friends,  
and play in a wintry paradise!

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# Young Adult Ministry

**Y**oung Adults, we have two great events planned for you in December. The closest to today is our monthly Wine and Words event at 100 Grapes. We started out small and are still small, but gradually growing. The conversation and the wine has been excellent so come out on Saturday, December 14 at 4pm to join the festivities. Near the end of the month on December 28, we have reserved a spot at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora for an afternoon of service. If you go to their website ([fmssc.org/get-involved/volunteer](http://fmssc.org/get-involved/volunteer)) you can enter the join Code L27W22 in the “Looking for a Specific Group?” box for the 2-4pm slot. After the brisk packing session, we plan to go to Portillos up the road and have a bite. We have promised FMSC at least ten people, so sign up quickly so we can ensure the right number is volunteering.

As we venture into December we have the privilege of looking back at Thanksgiving and what we choose to be thankful for, while holding the future new year in our sights. This is a really special time. As we think over what has transpired and hope for what is yet to come, I hope

you can take a moment to appreciate the right now. The present of young adults committed to Christ, committed to service and committed to you. We have enjoyed some deep dives into the scriptures and heartfelt conversations over the state of the world and the role of our faith in it. Some of our number have moved into children and family and more are headed there in the next year. Our college friends will return from their studies around the country and we'll enjoy a murder mystery on January 3, but for now—just enjoy the present that is friends and faith. Know you are in my prayers and know that no matter how your year has gone, God is in control.

Peace,  
*Carl King*  
*Director of Young Adult Ministry*

## DECEMBER DATES

- **Saturday, December 14** | 4pm | Wine and Words
- **Saturday, December 28** | 2-4pm | FMSC

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## New United Methodist Ad Campaign Addresses Loneliness

**T**he United Methodist Church has launched the “Not the Only One” advertising campaign to help offer encouragement through community.

Research continues to emphasize people are experiencing a growing sense of loneliness. In fact, nearly half of Americans feel alone or left out, and it's taking a mental and physical toll on them.

“The advertisements target those who identify themselves as spiritual, socially conscious and seeking meaning in their lives, but who are not affiliated with a church. Our surveys show that they are craving meaningful relationships,” shares Poonam Patodia—chief marketing officer for United Methodist Communications, the church agency responsible for marketing of the denomination. “We invite them to find love, joy and peace by joining a welcoming community.”

The new ads encourage people to visit a local United Methodist church and share their faith journey with others. They celebrate diversity and promote reaching out to others. They acknowledge that true friendship and love aren't always easy to find.

The message in the ads is that The United Methodist Church doesn't have all of the answers. Rather, our belief

is that hope and answers can be found when seeking God together. For example, one ad reads: “Life isn't perfect. You're not the only one, who feels like the only one. But the people of The United Methodist Church believe that when we open ourselves to God's love, we can find peace, faith and joy. Let's find peace together.”

“We have utilized research to identify current issues on which the church is uniquely positioned to meet people's needs. We felt it was important to focus on the epidemic of loneliness that exists and point people to the strong community that the church provides,” notes Jennifer Rodia—chief communications officer for United Methodist Communications.

“The seeker campaign is an integral part of marketing as it helps those seeking a church community to know that The United Methodist Church is here for them,” adds Patodia. “It also reinforces the church's mission to current members and highlights the importance of their role in sharing the gospel and building disciples.”

The first video ad is available on YouTube.

—*United Methodist Communications*

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# MISSIONS CORNER

## *Opportunities to Serve or Contribute*

### LET US WRAP YOUR GIFTS FOR YOU!

Our December Gift Wrap Fundraiser will benefit Clara's kids through our Cambodia Missionary, Clara Biswas. Just bring your unwrapped gifts and donation to Baker Hall on the dates listed below, mark with who it is for and who it is from (with a note). We will have notes at the table for you to mark as well.

DATE	DROP OFF	PICK UP
<b>Sunday, December 15 &amp; 22</b>	8:45am	10:15am
or	10:00am	11:15am
<b>Wednesday, December 11 &amp; 18</b>	4:45pm	6pm

This was a big hit last year, so save your gifts for us to wrap! If you want to help us wrap just come at one of the above times and we will provide supplies!

### BELL RINGING SIGN UP CONTINUES



Salvation Army bell ringing sign up has begun in Baker Hall. Volunteers ring at the Jewel on Randall (north entrance). Stop in Baker Hall at 10am on Sundays, or email Rick Carlson at [carlson.rc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carlson.rc@sbcglobal.net) or call him at 630-779-0247 to fill a spot. Thanks go out to Rick who has organized our participation for many years!

### ANGEL TREE TAGS ARE AVAILABLE

Salvation Army Angel Tree Tags are in Baker Hall for the taking at 10am on Sundays through December 1st. Pick up a tag, shop and place unwrapped gifts in a plastic bag with the Angel Tag attached. All gifts must be returned to Baker Hall by 10 am on Sunday, December 8. The items will be put on display at Salvation Army for parents to shop for Christmas. Thanks for your generosity! Contact Loretta Wilson with questions at [redtop55@att.net](mailto:redtop55@att.net)

### CHRISTMAS TREE ORDER REMINDER

If you ordered a tree from Dave Wilson in November don't forget the pick-up date you requested when you reserved your tree (either December 7 or 14). The trees will be located on the east side of the church on the day you requested. Look for your name on the white tag. Many thanks to Dave and Loretta Wilson for donating trees for Missions! Call Dave with any questions at 709-302-9090.

### NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK THIS MONTH

The next NIL Food Bank volunteer date is Monday, December 16 from 9am-Noon. Every third Monday a team meets at the food bank at 273 Dearborn Ct. in Geneva to package food for those in need. If you would like to join the team or get more information contact Betty Erickson at [N9FYC@aol.com](mailto:N9FYC@aol.com)

### COOKING FOR LAZARUS HOUSE

Lazarus House Cooking has been a long-standing tradition on the second Tuesday of each month in the church kitchen. We cook for 60 men, women and children each month. If this is a ministry that interests you, contact Chris at [cstumpf0308@gmail.com](mailto:cstumpf0308@gmail.com) You can cook in the kitchen any month that works for you or simply donate food items for the cooks! New helpers and donors are always appreciated! In December we will provide a ham dinner with all the fixings!

### SILENT AUCTION SUPPORT APPRECIATED

The Silent Auction provided funds for *Here, Near & Far Away!* The Lazarus Cooking Fund, the Youth Mission Trip and the Adult Mission Trip *thank you* for your support in bidding and purchasing baskets or items! Total earnings were \$5316.81 including \$770 for Annie Bingham's World Race Mission!! The three areas of ministry will be able to make a difference in the lives of those we serve and indeed their own! If you would like to be involved in any of these ministries, sign the sheet that goes in the offering plate and we will connect you to the right contact!

### STUFF THE TURKEY

Stuff the Turkey was a huge success as well thanks to the generosity of our congregation. Donations provided Thanksgiving Dinner for many families totaling \$1175.

### PLANNING NOLA TRIP 2020

The next adult mission trip will be April 19-26. This will be our 11th trip to help in New Orleans and our last. The team feels we have made a good effort in the area! For our last year we will again work with and stay at Camp Hope. There will be two work sites for the group. The first group heads to the lower 9th ward to do home repair. The second group helps with organizing and pricing in a local thrift shop. If you are interested in attending the mission trip or just want more details contact Chris Stumpf at [cstumpf0308@gmail.com](mailto:cstumpf0308@gmail.com). Volunteers need to sign up to attend by January 30th. Check out Camp Hope at [thegatheringcc.com](http://thegatheringcc.com).

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## Women's Retreat Registration Begins

**Here & Now** | Friday & Saturday, February 21-22, 2020  
All women are invited to attend the 2020 Women's Retreat. We'll be gathering at the beautiful Wesley Woods Camp near Lake Geneva, Wisconsin for just about 23 hours of time together with God and each other. Pastor Mary will be leading us as we search for ways to connect with God in all the moments of our days and seasons of our lives. If you've never been on a retreat before, please try this one. It's short enough to take the time away, it will be deeply renewing in body and soul, and you'll be in the company of new friends.

The retreat begins at 5:30 pm on Friday February 21, and will conclude by 4:00 on Saturday, February 22. Registrations completed prior to January 31, 2020 are \$80.

To learn more about the women's retreat or to register go to [bit.ly/bakerwomensretreat2020](http://bit.ly/bakerwomensretreat2020), or pick up a retreat flyer at the church.

HINT: this could make a wonderful Christmas gift for a woman you love!

## Capital Campaign Update

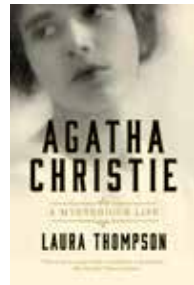
The construction committee is pleased to announce that local architect, Martin Serena, has been chosen to do the design work for our construction project. The next step is to work on repair or replacement of the doors which are poorly sealed and difficult to open, close and lock. Mr. Serena has had three door suppliers assess our situation. We have seen ballpark estimates and are prioritizing where to begin. In addition, he also is working on our fundamental infrastructure, such as electric to support future needs of our church. In addition he is also working on our other priorities. We'll keep you posted on the progress.

Our copper gutters and flashing were damaged in a hail storm some time ago. This claim was quite sizable and took much time and negotiation to resolve. The process of working with our insurer to get clarification has finally concluded positively. We will be scheduling the work as soon as possible, weather permitting.

If, you have questions, please see us out to ask questions and supply your input.

Jayne Beck, *Trustees, Strategy and Administration*  
Judy Schlarb, *Chair of Phase One Construction*  
Heidi Hughes, Jean McCabe, Peter Vargulich  
Peter Wintersteen and Jon Sauser

## One O'Clock Book Group This Month



This book discussion group meets in the Parlor at 1 pm on the first Monday of each month (except Labor Day). The selection for January 6 is *Agatha Christie: A Mysterious Life* by Laura Thompson. Agatha Christie is as mysterious as the stories she penned, and writing about her is a detection job in itself. With

unprecedented access to all of Christie's letters, papers, and notebooks, as well as fresh and insightful interviews with her grandson, daughter, son-in-law and their living relations, Thompson is able to unravel not only the detailed workings of Christie's detective fiction, but the truth behind this mysterious woman. Copies are available on the book club shelves at the St. Charles Public Library. All are invited to join in the lively discussion. For information, contact Shelley Campbell at [sscbooks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sscbooks@sbcglobal.net).

## A Special Wednesday Night Supper

Come to Wednesday Night Supper on December 4th for a special fundraising dinner! Enjoy delicious dishes from Romania, India, and Costa Rica to help Annie Bingham raise funds for a 9-month mission trip. In each of these countries she will be building up faith communities, and teaching others about the gospel. If you are unable to attend December 4th, please help to support by visiting her blog at [anniebingham.theworldrace.org](http://anniebingham.theworldrace.org), praying for safe travel, or donating. For this special meal, price will be \$6.

## UMW December Happenings

- **UMW Leadership Team** meets on Wednesday, December 4 at 9am in the Parlor.
- **Phoebe Circle** meets for brunch at The Herrington Inn on December 11 at 9:30am. Please RSVP to Carol Harris.
- **Sarah Ruth Circle** meets on December 11 at 12:30pm at Mother's Restaurant. Please RSVP to Judy Schlarb.
- **Esther Circle's** Christmas brunch will be at the home of Milupa King on December 14 at 10am. Bring a dish to share. Question? Contact her at 630-870-2649.

## Credit Card & Paypal Donation Options

If you would like to donate to Baker Memorial UMC using a credit card or Paypal, go to [BakerMemorialChurch.org](http://BakerMemorialChurch.org) and click on the donate button or you can scan our QR code, shown here, to give with your smart phone.







*Rejoice*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
 CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

4PM | SERVICE FOR ALL AGES  
 8PM & 10PM | TRADITIONAL SERVICE



DECEMBER 15 | 9AM SERVICE  
*Chancel Choir & Metropolis Chamber Orchestra*

*Carol Symphony*  
 JAMES BASSI

*Messiah Choruses*  
 G.F. HANDEL

**WEDNESDAY  
 NIGHTS  
 AT BAKER!**



**Our Winter programming  
 has something for everyone.  
 Come see what we have to offer!**

Wednesday Night Supper  
 Wednesday Worship · Faith Friends  
 Baker Kids · Family First Wednesdays  
 Wednesday Music Rehearsals

**For the latest on what's happening,  
 go to: [bakerumc.org](http://bakerumc.org)**



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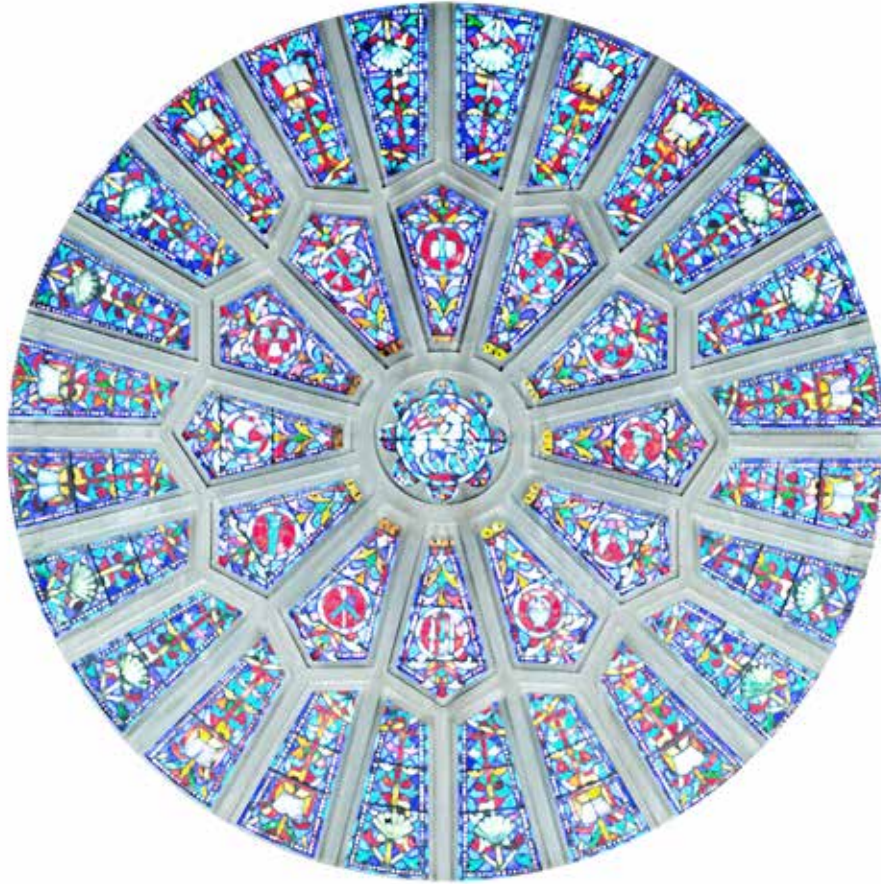
*Christmas*  
**BAKE SALE  
 & JAR MIX GIFTS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**  
 Between services in Baker Hall



# DECEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9am Worship 9am Sunday School: Children, Middle & High School 10:30am Jazz Worship 10:30am Confirmation	7pm Scout Troop 14	11:30am Day Guest Lunch 11:30am Kiwanis 1:30pm Staff Meeting 8pm Alcoholics Anonymous	5pm Wednesday Night Supper 5pm Chapel Choir & Wesley Singers 6pm Chancel Bells 6pm Wednesday Worship 6:30pm Chancel Choir	11:30am Day Guest Lunch	<b>NOTE: The first row of items occur every week and will not appear on daily listings (except in case of schedule change)</b>	
<b>1</b> 10:30am Adult Sunday School 4pm HS Fellowship	<b>2</b> 11:30am Monday Faith Friends 1pm One O'Clock Book Club 7pm Spiritual Formation & Discipleship		<b>4</b> 9am UMW Leadership 6pm Family First Wednesdays 6:30pm Wednesday Evening Faith Friends	<b>5</b> 7:30am Thursday Morning Faith Friends	<b>6</b> 8am Farmer's Market 4:30pm Immerse	<b>7</b> 9am Santa Breakfast 
<b>8</b> 10:30am Children's Pageant 10:30am Adult Sunday School 4pm MS Fellowship	<b>9</b> 11:30am Monday Faith Friends	<b>10</b> 3:30pm Lazarus House Cooking	<b>11</b> 9:30 am Phoebe Circle <i>off-site</i> 12:30pm Sarah Ruth 4:45pm Missions Gift Wrapping Service 6pm Baker Kids 6:30pm Wednesday Evening Faith Friends	<b>12</b> 7:30am Thursday Morning Faith Friends 6pm Emanon Ensemble Caroling @ Living Well	<b>13</b> 8am Farmer's Market	<b>14</b> 10am Esther Circle <i>off-site</i> 12pm Chancel Choir Caroling @ Heritage Woods 4pm Young Adults @100 Grapes
<b>15</b> 8:45am Missions Gift Wrapping Service 10am UMW Bake Sale 10:30am Adult Sunday School 4pm MS Fellowship	<b>16</b> 9am NIL Food Bank 11:30am Monday Faith Friends	<b>17</b> 5pm Women's Emmaus <i>off-site</i>	<b>18</b> 4:45pm Missions Gift Wrapping Service 6:30pm Wednesday Evening Faith Friends	<b>19</b> 7:30am Thursday Morning Faith Friends 1pm Women's Emmaus	<b>20</b> 8am Farmer's Market	<b>21</b> 5pm Illinois Brass Band
<b>22</b> 8:45am Missions Gift Wrapping Service 10:30am Adult Sunday School	<b>23</b> 11:30am Monday Faith Friends	<b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b> 4pm Family Service 8 & 10pm Traditional Services		<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8am Farmer's Market	<b>28</b> 2pm BakerYouth Feed My Starving Children
<b>29</b> 4pm MS Fellowship	<b>30</b> 11:30am Monday Faith Friends	<b>31</b> <b>New Year's Eve</b>				



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