


December 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		JOY		1	2	3 9 Breakfast Greening of the Church
4 9 Study 4:30 Christmas Train Party	5	6	7	8	9	10 
11 9 Study 6 Service at the Oaks	12	13 7 Martha Christmas Party Marcy Gilmore's	14	15 11:30 Wild Bunch Sum Yan	16	17 10-12 Food Box Pickup
18 9 Study 12 Annual Congregational Meeting	19 12: noon Garden Club	20 12 Cookie Dec. Party Elders: 6:30 pm Board: 7:00 pm	21	22	23 Soup Kitchen Christmas Dinner	24 6 Candle Light Service
25 10:45 Informal Church Service	26	27	28	29	30	31

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FROM THE PASTOR

Is it really that time already? Are we really in the Christmas season already? For me as your pastor the question is: Have I been here a year already?

Ready or not we are in the season of Advent. Advent is the 4 weeks prior to Christmas Day. This is the time when we individually and as a congregation literally, emotionally, and spiritually prepare ourselves to look internally and externally at what the birth of Jesus means to us.

For those people who love this time of year, it is easy to become caught up in the busyness of the excitement and planning of this holiday. Therefore, this is the time to take a breath, be calm, and remember what the birth of Jesus means to you and to the world. Remember how lives are changed, how we have hope because of Jesus, and how Jesus' birth was the culmination of God's covenant. Be thoughtful, be touched, and prepare your heart as a manger to receive anew this gift from God.

For those people for whom the holidays are painful and depressing, this season has a different impact. The key to surviving this time of year is good self-care...good food, good rest, good friends and lots of exercise. Remember to take a deep breath, be calm and remember that Jesus was born for you. Jesus came because God loves you, God understands pain and disappointment, and Jesus came to bring hope and peace for those who struggle. Be thoughtful, allow yourself to be spiritually touched, and prepare your heart as a manger to receive anew this Gift from God.

The Christmas season impacts people differently. Regardless, what is the same for all people is God's plan, God's comfort, and the hope, peace, joy and love that was born. That baby is our Savior, our Christ, our Way, our Truth, our Light and our guide for the journey.

Merry Christmas



Wishing
you a
Blessed
Christmas



Birthdays

Nancy Prosa	5	Colene Macklin	15
Janet Lowe	6	Jon West	19
Kenneth Gagne	13	Morgan Slavenski	24
Kim Free	15	Matthew West	31

Anniversaries

Del & Myke Eggert	2
Jon & Nancey West	9
Ron & Nancy VanVleet	23
Lindsay & Sherry Partridge	31



CWF Breakfast and Greening of the Church

**December 3
9:00 AM**

Traditionally we start the Christmas season with breakfast (furnished by CWF), fellowship and singing Carols and then each table is assigned a small task to help decorate the church. Everyone looks forward to being part of the transformation.

CHRISTMAS TRAIN PARTY

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th
4:30 pm.**



The party will include the Tennessee Thunder train ride on the beautifully decorated property followed by a light supper and Christmas carols in the train station. 37672 KGAL Drive

Santa will be
there, too!



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CHURCH EVENTS

Sunday Morning Study

9:00 AM

Led by Noel Phillips

All are welcome!

Christmas Breakfast

And Greening of the Church

Saturday, December 3

9:00 AM

Fellowship Hall

Begin this glorious season with good Food, fellowship and wonderful songs of Christmas!

Christmas Train Party

Sunday, December 4

4:3 PM

37672 KGAL Drive

Bring your kids, grandkids,

Nieces, nephews and neighbor kids

Roundhouse Band Christmas Concert

Singing traditional and sacred songs

Sunday, December 11

2:00 PM

Invite family and friends!

Service at the Oaks

Sunday, December 11

6:00 PM

Come Join In!

Martha CWF Group

Tuesday, December 13

7:00 PM

Marcy Gilmore's

White Elephant gift exchange

Christmas Food Boxes pickup

Monday December 19

9:00 AM—noon

Cookie Decorating Party

Tuesday, December 20

12:00 noon

Everyone Welcome!



Wild Bunch for Lunch

Thursday, December 15

11:30 AM

Sum Yan

Church Board & Elders Meetings

Tuesday, December 20

6:30 PM Elders

7:00 PM Church Board

Annual Congregational Meeting to vote on officers and budget for 2017

Sunday, December 18

AFTER service

Candle Light Service

Saturday, December 24

6:00 pm

Christmas Day

Service 10:45 am

Informal Service in Fellowship Hall

Hosts: Myra & KJ Ullfers and Nancy & Curt Prosa

De-Greening of the Church

Thursday, December 29

9:30 AM

Appreciate all the help we can get!



IN OUR PRAYERS:

The Christie & Macklin Families

The Donna Kriner Families

Lois Puig

Blanche Glaub

Jill Starbuck

Mary Lee Howell

Marilyn Manfesty

John Morgan

Myke Eggert

Natalie Ward

Dorothy Love

Jesse LeSeur

Vila Adkins

August Fleshman

Robert Maxwell

Jordan Martine

Ann Otto

Dennis Stover

Cal Landon

Jacob Marmer

Patti Smith

Sherrie

Maxine Meyer

Diana Johnson

John Morgan

Sandy

Vince Tarrant

Colton

Kendrick

David Buyer

Tom Chenail

Pray for our Church, the Soup Kitchen, Kim and Erik Free and their ministry, our service people and our Regional Ministers.

If you know of any updates or corrections to this list, please let the office know in writing or by email.



The Roundhouse Band will be singing Traditional Christmas favorites in addition to sacred Christmas songs. Invite family and friends. This is a community event.

Christmas Food Boxes

Our congregation

will once again

be providing

Christmas food boxes for

those in need. This year

the Boy Scout Troup that

meets in our church went

out into the community and

collected food for the boxes

to help us out. We will still

need to provide eggs, bread,

milk, etc.

If you would like to help

monetarily, please, let

Sharon Campbell know or

the office.

If you know of a family in

need that could use a

Christmas Food Box, let

Sharon Campbell know or

leave a message at the of-

fice.

