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*“Working, playing, and praying together
in our faith journeys to share Jesus Christ
with one another, our community, and the world.”*



CHURCH-WIDE CHRISTMAS CAROLING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, AT 2:00 PM

Everyone is invited to meet us at the church for Christmas Caroling to our shut-ins. We'll return to the church afterward for refreshments. The Fellowship Committee will provide soup, hot chocolate, and beverages. Bring munchies to share.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2011 during the worship service

Remaining practices for the Christmas Program are Thursday, December 1, 8, 15 from 6:00-7:00 PM, with the Dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 17 in the sanctuary.



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2011



- 5:00 PM Family Candlelight Service**
We are changing this service to make it easier to bring small children. It will be a shorter service
- 7:00 PM Traditional Candlelight Service**



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PASTOR'S ADVENT STUDY



This four-week study, led by Rev. Michael, is on the book *Why: Making Sense of God's Will*, by Adam Hamilton. We will meet on Sundays from 7:00-8:00 PM starting November 27 through Dec. 18. Call the office to sign up. There is no cost.



THE BRIEFCASE

My father had a fairly large (by today's standards), bulky briefcase that went with him virtually everywhere throughout the day. It contained textbooks, notebooks, pens, calendars, and virtually everything else that was needed for his work as a college professor.

When I was in seminary I bought my first briefcase. Like my father's, it contained textbooks, notebooks, pens, calendars, and virtually everything else that was needed for my work as a seminary student. It was bulky but sturdy and went with me virtually everywhere throughout the day. This old briefcase still sits in my office. I do not use it anymore. My books are slowly being replaced by e-books. My pens are slowly being replaced by touch screens. Calendars that were once placed on the desk, on the wall, or in a briefcase are being replaced by calendars that are stored in smart phones.

When I was recently in the waiting room for my dentist appointment, I checked my email and browsed through a section of an e-book. After my checkup, I was checking on the best time for my next appointment by looking through my smart phone calendar. One device that fits in a pocket contains more than my old briefcase ever contained. Moreover, with "the cloud" I am constantly in sync. My latest emails, my latest books, my latest calendar entries, are all up to date. Such is life in the mobile world.

Mobile devices are un-tethered. We no longer need to rely on phones with cords or desktops with ports. And yet, when we forget to turn off our wireless phone and it rings during a meeting, when we get in our car for a short trip to the store and panic sets in because we forgot our cell phone, or when we check our email and find it filled with unsolicited advertisements (largely based on our searches), it becomes clear that while our devices are un-tethered from cords and wires, our lives are increasingly tethered to them.

When I look at my old briefcase that sits in my office, or when I recollect my father carrying his briefcase with him to the classes that he taught, I realize that the world of corded phones, books made of paper, and calendars that you wrote on is being replaced by wireless phones, downloadable e-books, and cloud calendars. This brings added convenience. But I would challenge you to, once in awhile, un-tether yourself from your device. Spend a day not checking your email. Go to the Public Library—and leave your cell phone behind. You will find that, periodically, the un-tethered life is worth living.

Rev. Mike

2011 Poinsettia Order Form				
Deadline to order is Sunday, Dec. 4				
6" Pot Single Stem		Red	@ 7.00	\$
		Pink	@ 7.00	\$
		White	@ 7.00	\$
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7" Pot Two Stems		Red	@ 15.00	\$
		Pink	@ 15.00	\$
		White	@ 15.00	\$
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8" Pot Three Stems		Red	@ 17.00	\$
		Pink	@ 17.00	\$
		White	@ 17.00	\$
TOTAL				\$
Name: _____				
Phone: _____				Env. # _____
Honor of:	_____			
Memory of:	_____			





UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

JOY CIRCLE

The Joy Circle met on Monday, October 30 with fourteen members present. Thelma Adams gave the devotional and prayer before lunch. Thelma and Janet Logan prepared the lunch with tables they decorated in beautiful fall colors. We sent cards to Mitch and Carol Hennessey, Ginny Crook, Jessie Crook, Sue Cope, Meryl Esenwein, and Sarah Thorne. There were sixteen boxes packed for the college students. **Our Christmas Party is Dec. 7 at the Career Center in Lisbon.** Jan Selby, Joanie Ready, Norma Nulf, and Vesta Prus are on the Committee for decorations. We will elect officers in January. Our next meeting is Monday, November 28 with Wanda Bowman and Lois Dickey as hostesses.

HOPE CIRCLE

The Hope Circle made soup for the Nov. 8 Bazaar. We had bean soup, vegetable beef soup, and potato soup. We served all three soups at the Monday night shopping and at the Bazaar luncheon along with hot turkey sandwiches, sloppy joes, and hot dogs.

RELAY FOR LIFE ~ SILENT AUCTION

We are having a silent auction on Nov. 27 and Dec. 4. We will take bids both of those days, and will distribute the items on December 4. Here's your chance to pick up some Christmas gifts and help out the American Cancer Society at the same time.



CHRISTMAS TREAT BAGS

We're making Christmas treat bags for the children to be handed out after the **Sunday School Christmas Program on Sunday, December 18, at 12:00**

Please leave your donations in the box in the hallway by Dec. 11.

Cookbook Korner

Submit your favorite recipe.

We will choose one for every newsletter, when space allows.



CRANBERRY RELISH SALAD



- 1 pkg. Fresh Cranberries
- 2 med. Oranges (peels and all)
- 2 med. Apples (cored)
- 2 cups Sugar
- 1 cup English Walnuts, well broken

Cut oranges and apples in quarters. Remove seeds. Grind cranberries, oranges, and apples together. Add sugar and nuts (if desired). Mix well and refrigerate to chill.

May be served immediately, but taste is improved if allowed to blend for one day.

Will keep about two weeks if kept refrigerated in a glass container.



Prayer, Care, and Share



Please keep the following people in your prayers

- ◆ **George Schmidt** Bruised and sore from a car accident.
- ◆ **Bonnie Hicks** Esophageal cancer. Masses on thyroid. (Leo Hicks' mother)
- ◆ **Sue Cope** Had another spinal fusion on November 17.
- ◆ **Meryl Esenwein** Had hip replacement surgery on Oct. 31. Doing well.
- ◆ **Marge Delcastello** Open heart surgery Nov. 8. Doing well. (Dick Sell's sister)
- ◆ **Ralph & Lucille Fitzsimmons**
- ◆ **John** Cancer (Sandi Payne's cousin)
- ◆ **Angel Larkins** Had a tumor removed from her leg on Oct. 28.
- ◆ **Autumn Kimble** 16 years old, needs kidney transplant.

Congratulations

Jordan Reynolds and Lauren Houck had a baby girl, Keegan, on Thursday, November 17, 2011. Paternal Grandparents are Cyndi & Jon Straney. Great-Grandparents are Joanie & Charles Ready. Maternal Grandparents are Kellie & Ted Houck. Keegan was 7 lb. 11 oz. and 21 inches long.

Serving in the Military

Kyle Crook ~ Sam Frost ~ James Frost ~ Kyle Gotch ~ Rob Ray ~ Cody Wine

Our Shut-ins

Evelyn Albright ~ Ramon and Sarah Berger ~ Susan Case ~ Allan and Carol Chamberlin ~ Virginia Crook
 ~ Kathryn Firestone ~ Harry and Ruth Hawkins ~ Dorothy McQuiston ~ Evalyn Morris
 Betty Vollnogle ~ John and Dorothy Ward



In the Mail

To My Church Family - thank you so much for the bag of goodies. I packed it in my lunches all week and took it to school and shared with friends. - Cory Cusick

I would just like to thank you for the college bag you sent me full of snacks. It was real nice of you to think of me here at college. It was much needed. Thanks again. - Leo Hicks

Hey everybody!! I just wanna start by saying THANK YOU SOOOO MUCH!!! The box of goodies was very unexpected and absolutely fantastic! I don't know if you know how amazing it is to randomly receive a package like that. I especially love the healthy treats that get thrown in there too. I don't stop by the church too much anymore, since I live in Columbus now, but when I do come home I try to make it to scout meetings. If you know who I am and you see me, please introduce yourself to me because I would absolutely love to thank you all in person. Thank you all so much! - Harry Cekovick

Many thanks for all the prayers and concerns. - Virginia Crook

We want to thank you for your most generous donation to the Tobin Center Chaplaincy Ministry. We appreciate your prayers and consistent support to this vital ministry. - John & Daryl Hersh, Chaplains

Thanks to those responsible for donating, packing, and delivering those bottomless Thanksgiving boxes! I still don't know how that can get that much stuff in them. Thanks a lot. - George Schmidt



DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH
The General Mission Fund

*Please donate toward the
 General Mission Fund during December
 to help East Fairfield UMC meet our budget needs.*

Mark your offering envelope: "Fund # 2 - Missions"

UPDATE ON MISSION GIVINGS			
Name of Mission	Need	Re- ceived	Still Need
Tobin Center	300	225	75
GENERAL MISSIONS	9,236	6,822	2,414

"ANGEL TREE TAGS" FOR CHRISTMAS

We invite everyone who loves to help others in need, to adopt an "angel child" for Christmas. We have angel tags on our Angel Tree in the church foyer. On each tag is the story of a child, with their age, special needs, and things they would like for Christmas.

Please choose an angel, then bring the unwrapped gifts in a bag with the angel child number clearly marked, so we can give it to the correct child. This enables our parents to know what their children are getting. They will wrap the gifts on their own. The families appreciate your generosity more than you could imagine. For more info, see Kelli Harding or Sue Beiling.



We'd like to send boxes to our military personnel in January.
At this point, we are guessing we may have 7-10 soldiers to send packages to.

<p>CANDY Penny Candy – (heat resistant) Cough Drops Twizzlers Gum (no sticks)</p> <p>CORRESPONDENCE Writing Paper Envelopes Pens/Pencils</p> <p>DENTAL Floss Mouthwash Toothbrushes Toothpaste</p> <p>DRINK Coffee Coffee Creamer Powdered Drink Mix Tea Mix (sweet) Tea bags KoolAid bursts – (to freeze)</p>	<p>FOOD (dry goods/snacks) Sugar packets Bars (Clif or Balance) Beef Jerky Canned Fruit (pop top) Cereal (in small boxes) Condiments Packages (ketchup, etc) Granola Bars Oatmeal (instant) Pop-Tarts Ravioli (pop top cans) Tuna Kits Hot Cocoa Microwave popcorn</p> <p>GAMES Board Games/Card Games Checkers -Chess (travel size) Balls, Mitts, Frisbees Crossword Puzzles Hacky Sacks YoYos</p> <p>MUSIC-MOVIES DVDs CDs</p>	<p>PRINTED MATERIALS Books (novels, short stories) Newspapers (local) Magazines</p> <p>TOILETRIES/HYGIENE Baby Wipes Nose spray Cold Water Wash (Woolite) Eye Drops Deodorant Feminine Hygiene Products (for female soldiers) Foot Powder Hairbrushes Hand Lotion Hand Sanitizers (waterless) Nail Clippers Q-Tips Razors (disposable) Shampoo Soap Sunscreen Tissues (heavy duty - Puffs) Toilet Paper (and travel size) Tylenol (individual packets) Wash Rags</p>	<p>OTHER Plastic spoons American Flags (small) Baggies (with zip lock) Jump Ropes Bug Spray Duct Tape Disposable Cameras Flashlights (mini/mag lite) Fans (sm. battery powered) Fly Strips Fly Swatters Pre-Paid Phone Cards Shoe Insole Cushions Socks (cushioned) Sunglasses (black - no brand names) Sweatbands (or anti-liners for use in helmets) Harmonicas Kazoos</p> <p>SEASONAL Canned turkey and Thanksgiving food items Small unbreakable holiday decorations Christmas stockings</p>
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mission of the Month: General Mission Fund				1 6:00-7:00 Christmas Program Practice 6:30 Sew Heavenly 7:00 Youth Disciple	2	3
4 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:30-10:30 Worship Service  10:30-11:00 Coffee Time - Silent Auction Bids 10:45-11:45 Sunday School - Youth Christmas Shopping 3:00 Festival of Choirs in Salem 6:30-8:00 Element 79 at Crestview 7:00 Pastor's Advent Study	5 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i> 10:00-11:30 Bible Study 6:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts	6	7 12:00 Women's Christmas Party at Career Center 7:00 Choir Practice	8 6:00-7:00 Christmas Program Practice 7:00 Disciple Bible Study for Youth	9	10 7:00 pm Christmas Open House at the home of Neal+Janie Crowl All are invited.
11 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:30-10:30 Worship Service  10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School 2:00 PM Christmas Caroling 7:00 Pastor's Advent Study	12 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i> 10:00-11:30 Bible Study 12:30 Christian Women at Nazarene Church 6:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts	13	14 6:00 Kids Club 7:00 Choir Practice	15 6:00-7:00 Christmas Program Practice In Sanctuary 7:00 Disciple Bible Study for Youth	16 6:00 Guardian Angels Jesus Party	17 10:00-12:00 Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal in the Sanctuary 7:00 pm Kent State Salem Communiiversity Choir Christmas Concert at Kent Salem City Center
18 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:00 Prayer for Missions  9:30-10:30 Worship Service - Children's Christmas Program 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School - Sunday School Treat Bags - Cookie Run Treat Bags 6:30-8:00 Element 79 at Crestview 7:00 Pastor's Advent Study	19 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i> 10:00-11:30 Bible Study 6:30-7:30 Cub Scouts Christmas Party 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts	20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21 7:00 Choir Practice	22 9:00 Newsletter Mailing Committee	23	24 ★ 5:00 Family Christmas Eve Candlelight service □ ★ 7:00 Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service □
25 CHRISTMAS DAY  9:30-10:30 Worship Service 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School	26 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i> 10:00-11:30 Bible Study 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts	27	28 7:00 Choir Practice	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Sam Baer, Sierra Zarnosky
- 3 Wyatt Gingham, Brandi Rozeski
- 4 Jay Chamberlain
- 5 Gregory Bable, Meredith Hart
- 9 Carol Wilhelm
- 10 Kati Cox, Bob Smith
- 11 Neal Crowl, Kelly Cusick, Keith Berger, Anita Magill, David Sell
- 13 Brett Robins
- 14 Rev. Charles Ready, Megan Sponcil
- 15 Ashley (DaLonzo) King
- 16 Bailey Barlow, Kevin Cook, Melodye Courter, Morgan Harding, Vicki Freeman, Nancy Setinsek
- 18 Darren Cope, Calvin McCoy
- 19 George MacGillivray, Becky Rupert Steven Wilson
- 22 Leonard Berger
- 23 Bob Crook, Katie Ridzon
- 24 Rob Auer, Dan McCoy, Kimberly Louk
- 25 JESUS
- 26 Becky Donovan
- 27 Clay Hicks, Ryan Noel, Amy Sponcil, Dustin Wendel
- 28 Rocky Hartz, Colton Webber
- 29 Kailey Baker
- 30 Lee Davis
- 31 Jim Burkey, Richard Chaplow, Scott Raschilla



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



- 1 Brent & Becky Rupert
- 3 Lowell & Linda Schloneger
- 3 Allan & Carol Chamberlain
- 11 Dan & Loretta Lindsay
- 21 Dale & Marcia Webber
- 23 Larry & Maralyn Porter
- 23 Dallas & Cheryl Rozeski
- 25 Bob & Margaret Garwood
- 26 Joe & Barb DePillo

CLASS RESPONSIBLE FOR COFFEE TIME



- Dec. - Pairs and Spares
- Jan. - Helping Hands
- Feb. - New Beginnings
- Mar. - Loyal Workers

*Understanding is knowing what to do;
wisdom is knowing what to do next;
virtue is actually doing it.*

-- Tristan Gulberd



DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 11 FOR

- ♥ Angel Tree Gifts for Guardian Angels
- ♥ 4C's Children's Christmas Gifts
- ♥ 4C's Food Items for Christmas Boxes

9:30 AM Worship Services

Date	Nursery	Jr Church	Greeters	Liturgist	Speaker or Event
Dec. 4	Kim Burkey	Chris Baker	Larry & Maralyn Porter		2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Dec. 11	Miranda Barnett	Anita Cusick	Pam Veiock		3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Dec. 18	Alisha Auer	Pam Boyarko	Esther Chamberlain		4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Dec. 24	5:00 - No Nursery	No Jr. Church			5:00 FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
Dec. 24	7:00 - No Nursery	No Jr. Church	Jon & Cyndi Straney	Jon Vollnogle	7:00 TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
Dec. 25	No Nursery	No Jr. Church			CHRISTMAS DAY

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