
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK- DECEMBER 18-25

Thursday

- 5:00 p.m.** Women's Mystery Dinner (*Meet in Parking Lot*)
6:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting (*Conference Room*)
6:15 p.m. College & Career Small Group (*Conference Room*)

Friday

- 6:00 a.m.** Men's Bible Study (*Fellowship Hall*)

Sunday

- 9:00 am** Christmas Eve Service
- Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with a special service, concluding with a candle-lighting. There will be no Christmas Eve evening service or Sunday School, instead a connection and snack time with a Christmas photo booth will precede the morning service.

Monday

Christmas - Church Office Closed

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 27** Youth Ice Skating- 12:45 p.m.
Dec. 31 Communion Celebrated
Jan. 7 & 18 Children's Ministry Volunteer Training- 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 12-14 Middle School Ice Camp

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY

- 9:00 a.m.** Sunday School/Adult Bible Studies (*Various Classrooms*)
10:00 a.m. Children's Church (*Ages 2-6, B10 & B11*)
10:15 a.m. Worship Service- Pastor David Glick (*CMC*)
Message- Is Jesus Your Savior?
Scripture- Matthew 1:20-21
4:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting (*Conference Room*)
5:00 p.m. High School Christmas Caroling (*Schoolhouse*)

Welcome! We are so happy you are here to worship with us this morning. If today is your first time joining us, please pick up a gift at the Welcome Center. For more information about the church and its ministries, text "new" to 419-792-3625, and a member of the church staff will contact you.

Contact Cards are available at the Welcome Center or by scanning the QR code to the right. Please update any new information or share any praises and prayer requests. If you are new, please complete a card so we may stay connected.



ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Attendance on December 10:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	220
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	392

Opportunities

Mystery Dinner: A special Christmas Women's Mystery Dinner is scheduled for this Thursday, December 21. After dining at a secret location in Lima, we will experience the "Bright Lights" drive-through at the Allen County fairgrounds. Meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. Ladies of all ages are welcome, and feel free to invite a friend! Please make your reservation by contacting Kathy Brauen or calling the church office.

Men's Basketball: Come out to the gym at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings for a game of basketball with other men. For more information, contact Gabe Meyer.

Chair Setup Teams: Volunteers are needed for the 2024 Chair Setup teams that help setup and put chairs away on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please text or email Trevor Meyer for more details. (trevormeyer28@gmail.com). The chair schedule will continue in 2024 following the same pattern as 2023.

Information

Faith Promise Commitments: Faith Promises will continue to be received until the end of this year. Cards are available at the Welcome Center or in the church office. Current totals for the Mission Faith Promise are faith promise goal.

Youth Caroling: The Middle School and High School students will go caroling tonight, December 17, leaving the church at 5:00 p.m. Please contact Pastor David for more information.

Teacher/Volunteer Training: A required training will be held this January for all individuals planning to volunteer with any children's ministry. The training will be offered on Sunday, January 7, and Thursday, January 18, both nights at 7:00 p.m. This training will go over new additions, policies, and any other changes, as well as review current policies. Please contact Hanné Streicher with any questions.

Safety Procedures Handbooks: The Safety Committee has updated the procedures that detail the church's plans in case of an emergency. These handbooks are available at the Welcome Center and at the Information Wall in the Mission Center.

Congratulations to the newly elected: **Deacons:** Jaden August, Cory Meyer; **Trustees:** Andy Marquart, Grant Warner; **Christian Education Committee:** Jaden August, Janet Brauen, Ashley Fry, Stacey Koontz, Marti Meza, Emily Warner; **Engage Committee:** Keaton Halker, Vicki Kirkendall; **Finance Committee:** Jack Bash, Jen Vastano; **Missions Committee:** Kathy Brauen, Rick Shaner, Scott Weissling; **Nominating Committee:** Christina Lemley, Sue Spallinger; **Safety Committee:** Tiffany Gallant, Mandy Schneck; **Women's Ministries:** Emma Burkholder, Tiffany Gallant, Amber Lee, Lynda Rodabaugh; **Congregational President:** Jeff McKanna; **Congregational Secretary:** Kathy Brauen; **Assistant Congregational Secretary:** Beth Bish; **Head Usher:** Cory Meyer; **Ushers:** Justin Byers, Jeremy Fry, Alan Garmatter, Dave Garmatter, Hunter Garmatter, Derrick Lee, Jeremy Lemley, Andy Marquart, Gabe Meyer, Jared Meyer, Tyrel Nuzum, Barry Schneck, Shawn Vastano, Grant Warner, Scott Weissling.

Coat and Blanket Drive: Thank you for your generous donations of coats and blankets to our Haitian neighbors in the Allen County area. We will continue to collect and deliver them as more are donated.

Adopt-a-Family Drive: Thank you to all those who purchased gifts for the two families that were adopted by the church. The families will be blessed through your generosity and thoughtfulness. Thank you so much!

The Pearl Valley Cheese Sale to support the Youth Missions Trip has concluded. This is the last week to purchase cheese at the kitchen window.

Advent Devotionals: Copies of the book, *Who is Jesus?* published by Langham Ministries have been made available to the Ebenezer family at the Welcome Center during these weeks leading up to Christmas. Now is the perfect time to have conversations with people in your life about the person of Jesus Christ and the hope and faith we have in Him.

Ice Camp Registrations: Ice Camp registrations for Middle School (January 12-14) and High School (February 23-25) are available on the Church Center App and on the church website. The deadline for registrations is January 7 for Middle School and February 18 for High School.

Missionary Retirement: Congratulations to Bryan and Felicia Friesen who will be retiring on December 31. We are sure they will continue God's work in their retirement. However, according to mission policy, we will be discontinuing their quarterly payments from our annual Faith Promise Budget. Please stay in contact with them and write a note of thanks and encouragement to them for their service. --The Missions Committee.