



# Otterbein United Methodist Church

Charleston, Illinois

*A church that is growing, praying, and serving to make disciples of Jesus Christ*

## THE OTTERBEIN ENCOURAGER

DECEMBER 2011

Let us celebrate the  
Christmas season together...

### Holiday Dinner/Potluck

**December 18**  
**10:30am-1:00pm**

The annual Holiday Dinner will be held immediately following the worship service on Sunday, December 18. The turkey, table service and drinks will be provided by the church. Each family is asked to bring 2 dishes to share (salad, side dish, vegetable, dessert, etc). All are welcome to join us in this time of fellowship and celebration!

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### Christmas Caroling

**December 18**  
**1:00-3:00pm**

After the Holiday Dinner, we will go Christmas Caroling and visit our shut-ins. We will carpool together and make stops throughout Charleston-Mattoon to local houses and nursing homes. All ages are welcome to come and share their joyful noises!

### Christmas Eve Service

**December 24 at 5:00pm**

Invite your friends and family to join us for a casual Christmas Eve service that will include traditional Christmas carols, skits performed by our Sunday School classes and end with a candlelight/meditation service.



### Christmas Day Service

**December 25 at 9:00am**

Come back for a traditional worship service Christmas morning. Communion will be served.

Dear Friends,

Well, it's finally here – Christmas. And I couldn't be more excited! Christmas has always been my favorite season. I have fond memories of cozying up with a cup of hot cocoa by the fireplace on Christmas Eve, ripping open my Christmas presents on Christmas morning, and baking Christmas cookies with my Grandma and siblings every Christmas evening. It's the most wonderful time of the year!

I think it was Laura Ingalls Wilder who summed it up beautifully in this way:

Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmas time.

It is my prayer for each of you that this Christmas season you will discover the child in you, and make many, many more fond Christmas memories with your family and friends.

And yet, as I write this I want to offer a challenge to you of how we might shift our focus this year for Christmas.

There are times when we can have so many “other things” that the blessings of God are really obscured by the stuff in our lives. I want to challenge us to simplify our lives intentionally. Here is my challenge:

Stop and consider what you were planning to spend on Christmas gifts, and then cut that number in half. Joyfully spend one half of that amount on presents and gifts that will bring joy to you and to others. The other half, I encourage you to consider giving that amount to God, through the church at our Christmas Celebration offering. You will have four ways you can dedicate those gifts: Wesley Foundation at EIU, Charleston Community Food Pantry, Coles County Habitat for Humanity, and Cunningham Children's Home. We will also offer you an opportunity to write in your own mission effort if you have one dear to your heart. I am very excited about how God will work through this effort to bless our community.

I would really encourage you to consider giving to this special Christmas offering half of what you had planned to spend on Christmas gifts. I would also encourage you to talk to your children about it. Tell them they will likely get about half of what they might be expecting, because the other half will be given to people to help them know the love of Jesus. Talk to them as you prepare to come to the Christmas celebration of Jesus' birth. “Who will help us place our gift to Jesus in the plate tonight?” What an amazing moment of teaching and discipleship. Imagine with me:

A searching student at Eastern Illinois uncovering the Gospel of hope through the evangelistic and spiritual formation efforts of the Wesley Foundation.

A family receiving the gift of food through the support of our Charleston Community Food Pantry. This food will allow them to have a nice family dinner and nourish the growling, hungry stomachs of their children.

A family with nowhere else to turn. They speak words, “Eviction,” “Disconnect,” “Hungry.” As they receive the help they need. A new home to call their own thanks to the Coles County Habitat for Humanity ministry,

A glowing, smiling face of a young girl as she unwraps her very first teddy bear at the Cunningham Children's Home.  
Joy, just simple joy.

And each of them asks, “But how is this possible?” And we can answer, “It is possible because a congregation of faithful people love Jesus and joyfully made a sacrifice so that you would know He loves you too.” That is a great moment!

Christmas is a day of joy and charity. May God make you very rich in both!

Shalom,  
Nicholas

# LAY LEADER'S LINE

Butch Hackett

Of all the months on the calendar, to me December is the one that comes with more emotions than any other. By this, I mean the advent of Christmas stirs emotions in us that the other months don't. These emotions can be either exhilarating, happy, can't wait emotions, or more somber ones like remembering the loss of loved ones or some tragic event that might have happened in your life around the holidays. For the past few years for the Hackett family, December has been a time of renewed grief of the passing of my brother Mike. In just one short year, God has blessed mom, dad, Linda and I with two new young ladies to brighten this time of the year for us once again. My granddaughter Madison and Shayna's boyfriend's daughter Mackensie have brought a rekindled spark to make this Christmas Season more enjoyable and renew the true spirit of Christ's birth.



No matter how hard I try, anxiousness creeps in to my mindset this time of the year starting with Thanksgiving and finishing at Christmas. I think it's a combination of activities to plan and attend along with the decorating, shopping and overall busyness of the holidays. God always has a way to remind me not to worry, He's in control. This year is no exception. As I was looking through the file I keep that has notes, various scriptures, devotions torn out of my books that I use as reference for my newsletter article, I came across some notes on Exodus 4:1-5 where Moses was showing fear, worry and over anticipation about leading the Israelites. Granted, Moses had a lot more reasons to be anxious than I do about what Barbie to buy Mackensie, or what tool to buy Darren! However, I think the Biblical principles outlined apply to all anxiety and worry regardless of the degree.

Let's look at these passages from the NIV: *'Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say 'The Lord did not appear to you'?" Then the Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff," he replied. The Lord said, "Throw it on the ground." Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake and he ran from it. Then the Lord said to him, "Reach out your hand and take it by the tail." So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand. "This," said the Lord, "is so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has appeared to you.'*

If you have a tendency to despair over lack of resources or worry about the future, ask yourself this question: "What is right in front of me?" In other words, what circumstances, relationships, or resources are currently available to you? This question can get the focus off a past regret or a scary future and back to what God can do in your life. Do what you can with what you got and if you're leaning on the Lord, He'll take care of the rest

Don't let the pressure of the world destroy your Advent Season. Force yourself to take time each day in prayer, meditation, and God's word, and you may get a wonderful, unexpected Christmas present.

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

**You can't change  
the past,  
but don't ruin  
the present  
by worrying  
about the future.**



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**Wednesday Evenings  
6:00-7:30 p.m.  
(Meal from 6:00-6:30)**



Family Night will take a brief break during the month of December as we spend time with our families and prepare for the holidays.

\*\*\*We will resume Family Night meetings on January 11.\*\*\*

**LET'S START THE NEW YEAR OFF WITH a BANG  
AND HAVE 100% PARTICIPATION IN 2012!**

**Everyone is welcome to join us  
Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30 PM, at the church!**

Enjoy a delicious meal provided by our group of volunteer cooks and fellowship with your church family. Then following the meal, there is something for everyone!

**J4J**  
Jumpin' 4 Jesus  
age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade



**LinC**  
Life in Christ  
6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade



**Women's Group**  
Currently discussing  
Women of the Bible

**Child Care**  
Available in the nursery for  
age 2 and younger

**Men's Group**  
Currently discussing the book  
The 7 Seasons of a Man's Life

**...a time of fun, fellowship and faith!**



# Intentional Faith Development



## Sunday School

10:30am

*(following worship & fellowship time)*

Attending one of our Sunday School classes is an excellent opportunity to grow in your faith and to fellowship with your church family. We have classes available for all ages! Child care is available in the nursery for age 2 and younger.

Age 3-Kindergarten Meet in Noah's Ark Room  
(2<sup>nd</sup> classroom on the right)  
Led by Sandy Smallhorn & Cathi Brockman

1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Meet in the Garden Room  
(3<sup>rd</sup> classroom on the left)  
Led by Jane Cox

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Meet in Jr High/High School Room  
(1<sup>st</sup> classroom on the right)  
Led by Sean Hackett

### 2 Adult Class Options:

The Believers Meet in Fellowship Hall  
(End of hallway)  
Led by Butch Hackett

???'s Meet in Café Room  
(2<sup>nd</sup> classroom on the left)  
Led by John McDaniel & Adam Baker

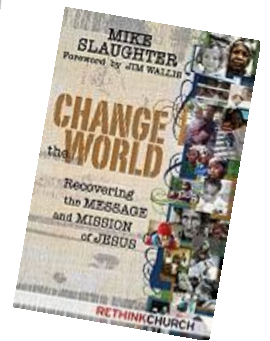


## Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays at 9:00am  
Led by Sandy Smallhorn

All women are invited to join the Women's Bible Study on Tuesday mornings. Please feel free to join our group anytime. This is a wonderful time to share with other women and get to know your church family. We are currently discussing the book What Jesus Meant by Garry Wills.

We will meet for the first two Tuesdays in December and then take a brief break over the holidays. We will pick up again in January ☺



## Adult Bible Study

Thursday Nights at 6:30pm

The current study on The Bible in 90 Days will end on December 15. A new study will be offered throughout the winter/spring season beginning January 12. Pastor Nicholas will be leading the study on the book Change the World—Recovering the Message and Mission of Jesus by Mike Slaughter. Child care is available. See below for a brief description of the book:

*Something is not working. Misconceptions about the faith of Jesus Christ run rampant today. Christians are known more for exclusivity than for love, more for potlucks than for solving world hunger. It's time for churches to get over the cruise-ship mentality of being a program provider, and reconnect with the true message and mission of Jesus: to bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed.*



# Let Us Not Give Up Meeting Together...

## Attention Members:

After prayerful consideration and the approval of the Administrative Council, the UB Loyal Committee has changed its name to the Hospitality Committee effective immediately. It was the decision of the committee and the board that for the past few years, there has been confusion with the name UB Loyal for the committee. Since Toody Hackett, who was secretary/treasurer of UB Loyal, embodied the true meaning of what UB Loyal was, no person could replace what Toody meant to the church as well as the group.

The funds that the committee had were disbursed and the account was closed. The new Hospitality Committee will oversee the same things that UB Loyal did with the exception that funding will now be a budgeted line item of the church rather than a separate entity. It is our feeling that this change will be a step in the unifying process of the entire church.

To honor Toody's memory, we took nearly ¼ of the account balance and made donations to local service organizations; The Charleston Food Pantry, the Charleston Civic Association, and Habitat for Humanity. We felt these organizations provide services that were near and dear to Toody. Each donation indicated that the donation was made in memory of Toody. From the remaining balance, we kept enough funds out to use for seed money for the Pancake Day and the remaining balance to the General Fund.

We continue to pray that God will strengthen our church, unify our church and use our church for His glory.

--Butch



### Sunday Fellowship Time

Everyone is invited to share in a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service each Sunday morning (before Sunday School classes begin). The refreshments and coffee will be provided by a different family each month (or possibly several families).

- Dec 2011 Rex & Joan Johns; Betty Potts
- Jan 2012 Butch & Linda Hackett
- Feb 2012 Doug & Mary Hennig;  
Marty & Loretta Buell
- Mar 2012 Rick & Sharron Waltrip
- Apr 2012 Tom & Shelli Blair
- May 2012 John & Brenda Adams
- June 2012 Bob & Betty Stoner
- July 2012 Ken & Sandy Smallhorn



### Spread the Word!

If you haven't already, please "**Like**" Charleston Otterbein UMC on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/charlestonotterbein](http://www.facebook.com/charlestonotterbein).

**Please note that you must click "LIKE" at the top of the page next to the name Charleston Otterbein United Methodist Church to be sure that you receive our updates and posts.**

We plan to make this page more interactive, and hopefully promote Otterbein better in the community (especially as we are a very technology-oriented society ☺). Throughout Advent, Pastor Nicholas will provide us with reflection questions to try to spark discussion about the message we just heard on Sunday morning. The more **we use** the page, the more the **community will hear** about our page (**and our church!**)

# But Let Us Encourage One Another (Hebrews 10:25)

# FINANCE REPORT

Please note the following figures and reports provided by the Finance Team.

## LOOSE PLATE/TITHE

	<u>Amt Received</u>	<u>Amt Needed</u>	<u>Over/(Short)</u>
10/30	\$ 1,069.53	\$ 2,185.00	(\$ 1,115.47)
11/6	\$ 3,268.63	\$ 2,185.00	\$ 1,083.63
11/13	\$ 4,927.21	\$ 2,185.00	\$ 2,742.21
11/20	\$ 1,580.85	\$ 2,185.00	(\$ 604.15)
<u>11/27</u>	<u>\$ 1,331.50</u>	<u>\$ 2,185.00</u>	<u>(\$ 853.50)</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,177.72</b>	<b>\$10,925.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,252.72</b>



## BUILDING FUND OFFERING

	<u>Amt Received</u>	<u>Amt Needed</u>	<u>Over/(Short)</u>
10/30	\$ 255.00	\$ 339.15	(\$ 84.15)
11/6	\$ 570.00	\$ 339.15	\$ 230.85
11/13	\$ 2,784.60	\$ 339.15	\$2,445.45
11/20	\$ 60.00	\$ 339.15	(\$ 279.15)
<u>11/27</u>	<u>\$ 176.24</u>	<u>\$ 339.15</u>	<u>(\$ 162.91)</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,845.84</b>	<b>\$1,695.75</b>	<b>\$2,150.09</b>

## IGRC Missions:

Yearly: \$ 12,636.00  
Amt. Pd YTD \$ (5,265.00)

**BALANCE OWING: \$ 7,371.00**

## MONTHLY EXPENSES

### PAID BY LOOSE PLATE/TITHE

Ameren CIPS (Church)	\$ 450.00
City of Charleston (Water Dept)	\$ 12.00
Conf. Group Health Ins. (Pastor)	\$ 1,525.00
Consolidated Comm. (Church)	\$ 125.00
County Office Products (Copier)	\$ 78.00
IGRC Missions	\$ 1,053.00
IGRC Pension (Pastor)	\$ 836.00
J&J Lawn Care	\$ 200.00
Janitor/Secretary Wages	\$ 535.00
Maintenance Supplies	\$ 50.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 125.00
Nicholas Gleason	\$ 3,084.00
Nicholas Gleason TV/Hse. Phone	\$ 120.00
Payroll Taxes	\$ 41.00
Postage	\$ 44.00
Print Co (Newsletter)	\$ 24.00
SS Material	\$ 72.00
Upper Room/Devozine	\$ 46.00
State Farm Ins. (Bldg & Work Comp)	\$ 279.00
<u>Worship Service</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,729.00</b>
<b>Weekly</b>	<b>\$ 2,182.25</b>

## Looking Ahead...

The next monthly newsletter (*January 2012*) will be printed and distributed around the end of December. The deadline to submit articles or information in the January newsletter will be **December 16.** Please contact Samantha Baker or email the church office if you have information to include.

## Meet Harold Hackett...

Harold has been a fixture at the Otterbein church forever! When I asked him how long he said, "Oh somewhere around 53 years." Of that 53 years he has been on the finance committee and church secretary for over 50 years. Wow! I had to secretly ask myself, "Am I that committed to God's church?" All I can say is we need more Harold Hackett's in the church. How does one become so committed to something for so long? I soon found out.

When Harold was very young, his mother took off and left he and his brother with their father to raise them by himself. He had a normal childhood. He grew up on the farm and attended Westfield Grade School. When he was about eight years old he owned his first gun. He would hunt with it.

When he was about fourteen years old he owned his first car. It was a 1927 Chevy Coup. His family moved to the Mattoon area where Harold graduated from High School. He remarked the day he graduated he had a gun in his car. You sure wouldn't do that now.

Around this time his father remarried a woman who had a daughter. Now Harold had a step sister, her name now is Jan Eads. Harold didn't necessarily grow up with her because she was so much younger than him. He saw her as a little girl.

Before our interview started, Harold handed me a book and said this will tell you a lot about me and the middle years of my life. The book was titled, "On Hallowed Ground: The Last Battle for Pork Chop Hill". He had marked three pages for me to read. Those three pages made me cry.

The Korean War was being fought at this point in time. As soon as he graduated Harold volunteered for the United States Army. It was June 12, 1951. He did his basic training in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. From there he went to antiaircraft artillery training at Fort Bliss, Texas. He spent six weeks there and finished up at Fort Meade as a radar operator. Sometime after this experience he met Phyllis.

While he was at Reveille formation at Fort Meade, they announced overseas assignments were available. He decided to volunteer. Thinking he would do what he was trained for, being a radioman or radar operator, he was somewhat shocked when he was told he was going to be an infantryman. He left here and headed for Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania for training on how to be an infantryman. He received his orders to go to Fort Lewis, Alaska on Nov. 10, 1952. He and Phyllis decided to marry before he left. So on November 1, 1952 they got married. Together they decided it was best if Phyllis stayed behind.

He boarded a train headed for Fort Lewis. After a 3 to 4 week stay there, his orders abruptly changed. He now was on a ship headed for the 1st Cavalry Division in Japan. By the time he reached Japan, his orders had changed again. The 7th Cavalry Division was still fighting hard. They needed replacements badly. So this young 19 year old man was sent immediately to the 7th Cavalry Division to fight for control of the famous Pork Chop Hill. Harold was a platoon sergeant, S.Sgt. Harold Hackett.

"From winter's cold, through Charlie's several tough engagements, into sweltering, monsoon muggy July, and now Harold Hackett had found himself "on point" with a screening patrol looking for two of Charlie's own, both missing after a raid on the Rat's nest." Quote from the book.

At early daylight, Harold in the lead---"on point"--- carrying his M-1 rifle, armed and ready carefully worked his way down the valley. After a distance Harold saw a body sitting upright. He at first assumed it was the missing KATSUA. After getting close enough he saw it was a booby trapped, bloated body of a Chinese soldier. Suddenly there was a burst of machine gun fire. At first Harold thought it was support fire but he quickly realized it was not. He only got one round off before a round came in, tearing through his cheek, just below the cheek bone. He jumped and ran to the rear to escape the enemy fire.

Cpl. Henry Baker had brought up the rear of their patrol. When he realized Hackett had been hurt, he started with covering fire. He then saw Hackett climbing up the hill on his own, with an obviously wounded face. He took Hackett's rifle to lighten his load. "Harold climbed back toward Pork Chop under his own power and entered the trenches, bleeding." The date was, July 4, 1953.



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He was taken by jeep to a Medical Army Surgical Hospital or “MASH” unit. He was here for two weeks. By the time he was able to return to his patrol, the Battle for Pork Chop Hill had ended.

Harold specifically requested this did not become a war story. Yet he was a part of war history. Harold earned three BRONZE STARS, two for heroism and one for meritorious. He as well earned a PURPLE HEART.

Harold said this book may become a movie soon, at least he was told that. He is still in contact with the author Bill McWilliams. He said a lot of the movies out today about Pork Chop Hill have a lot of fiction in them. He said in many of the battles at the Hill, they got whipped. It was an important strategic spot, that is why it was so heavily fought for. He said the North Koreans were and still are crazy. Many times masses of them would come running at them with no weapons and sometimes no shoes just to fight.

It was about a year and a half before he had any real communication with Phyllis. They could write letters back and forth but by the time they would arrive they were outdated. It was about two weeks before Phyllis received a telegram telling her Harold had been hurt.

After coming home, the newlyweds decided to move “home” to the Mattoon area. Harold worked at the shoe factory for a while. Then they decided to move back to Delaware for a short while. There Harold did construction work running a back hoe and a bull dozer. But Charleston-Mattoon was home, so they headed back.

Harold tried going to school under the GI bill but after about 30 days he realized school was not for him. He found work at Firestone in Charleston. He was a salesman selling tires and appliances. He said his favorite automobile was his family vehicle he purchased used from Charlie Grimes. It was a 1952 or 53 Desoto. Then the Post Office was hiring. Harold got a job there.

Harold’s favorite job was when he became a mail carrier. He held this position for 22 years. He said back then you didn’t get a vehicle to ride around in. You carried your mail for your route. If need be you would go back to the Post Office on foot and get the rest. Mail would be delivered to Charleston several times a day. It came by train, plane or truck. Rte. 16 was just a four lane highway.

Harold said he is on the 4th of July committee. It is special to him because that was the day he got shot. He was the Post Commander for one year at the VFW in Charleston.

Phyllis and Butch started attending Otterbein. He started coming about a year later. When I asked him what does Otterbein mean to you, he said it is home. He raised his family here. He is proud of his children, Harold Jr. (Butch) followed in his footsteps and made a career out of the Post Office. His next oldest son, Dave, owns and operates Hackett Carpet Care. Unfortunately their two youngest sons, Mike and Mark have died, thus leaving an empty space. I remember meeting Mark only one time. He played a song in honor of his father. He played the piano in the old sanctuary and sang to his father, “Wind Beneath My Wings.” When he sang, “did you ever know you were my hero” there wasn’t a dry eye in the congregation. I didn’t know how incredible Harold was or about his heroic military career at this time. All I knew was he must be a special man if his son could sing a song like that to him. I am honored to know Harold Hackett.

*\*\*Written by Sandy Smallhorn  
(Special thanks to Sandy for this fascinating article  
about some of Otterbein’s special members!)*

Harold and his wife Phyllis currently reside in Charleston. If you would like to send a special note or visit, their address is:

**HAROLD & PHYLLIS HACKETT  
13 CIRCLE DRIVE  
CHARLESTON, IL 61920**

# Celebrations



## Birthdays

12/2	Butch Hackett
12/3	Ian McDaniel
12/10	Becky Rice
12/10	Kim Hackett
12/13	Loretta Buell
12/15	Randy Snider
12/16	Deece Schwartz
12/18	Marguerite Honn
12/18	Jeremy Fitzpatrick
12/20	Kenny Smallhorn
12/23	Zane Tanner
12/28	Wanda Chasteen



## Anniversaries

12/19	Bob & Betty Stoner
12/19	Cord & Jamie Hackett
12/22	Jeremy & Tiffany Fitzpatrick

## December Worship Leaders

	<u>12/4</u>	<u>12/11</u>	<u>12/18</u>	<u>12/25</u>
<u>Greeters</u>	Raymond & Sharon Johns	Jim & Carolyn Craig	Brad Bircher & Family	Doug & Mary Hennig
<u>Acolyte</u>	Christopher Schulz	Kenny Smallhorn	Tyvon Johnson	Ian McDaniel
<u>Ushers</u>	Doug Hennig Mary Hennig Sandy Smallhorn Krista Snider	Tom Blair Jim Craig Harold Hackett Butch Hackett	Betty Stoner Linda Hackett Phyllis Hackett Rose Snider	Bill Snider Jim Hackett Bob Stoner Rick Waltrip
<u>Family Cross</u>	Jason Anderson and Family	Brad Bircher and Family	Doug & Mary Hennig	Jim & Bertha Anderson
<u>Children's Moment</u>	Samantha Baker	Carolyn Craig	Sandy Smallhorn	*****



# DECEMBER 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Day of Prayer/Fasting <u>Tech 5:00pm</u> <u>Choir 5:45pm</u> <u>Bible Study</u> <b>6:30-7:30pm</b>	2 <i>Butch Hackett</i>	3 <i>Ian McDaniel</i>  <u>Arts Council-</u> <u>Building in</u> <u>Use</u> <b>9am-3pm</b>
4  <u>Worship</u> <b>9:00am</b> <u>Sunday School</u> <b>10:30am</b>	5  <u>Finance Mtg</u> <b>6:30pm</b>	6  <u>Women's</u> <u>Bible Study</u> <b>9:00-10:00am</b>	7	8  <u>Tech 5:00pm</u> <u>Choir 5:45pm</u> <u>Bible Study</u> <b>6:30-7:30pm</b>	9	10 <i>Becky Rice</i> <i>Kim Hackett</i>
11  <u>Worship</u> <b>9:00am</b> <u>Sunday School</u> <b>10:30am</b>	12	13 <i>Loretta Buell</i>  <u>Women's</u> <u>Bible Study</u> <b>9:00-10:00am</b>	14	15 <i>Randy Snider</i>  <u>Tech 5:00pm</u> <u>Choir 5:45pm</u> <u>Bible Study</u> <b>6:30-7:30pm</b>	16 <i>Deece Schwartz</i>  <b>Newsletter</b> <b>Articles Due</b>	17
18 <i>Marguerite</i> <i>Honn</i> <i>Jeremy</i> <i>Fitzpatrick</i> <u>Worship</u> <b>9:00am</b> <u>Holiday Dinner</u> <b>10:30am-1pm</b> <u>Christmas</u> <u>Caroling</u> <b>1:00-3:00pm</b>	19 <i>Bob &amp; Betty</i> <i>Stoner</i> <i>Cord &amp; Jamie</i> <i>Hackett</i>	20 <i>Kenny</i> <i>Smallhorn</i>	21	22 <i>Jeremy &amp; Tiffany</i> <i>Fitzpatrick</i>  <u>Tech 5:00pm</u> <u>Choir 5:45pm</u>	23 <i>Zane Tanner</i>	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b>  <u>Christmas Eve</u> <u>Service</u> <b>5:00pm</b>
25  <b>Christmas Day</b>  <u>Worship</u> <b>9:00am</b>	26	27	28 <i>Wanda</i> <i>Chasteen</i>	29  <u>Tech 5:00pm</u> <u>Choir 5:45pm</u>	30	31 <b>New Year's</b> <b>Eve</b>

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Sunday Morning Worship  
Sunday School

9:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

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**All are welcome!**

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