



# Otterbein United Methodist Church

Charleston, Illinois

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

## THE OTTERBEIN ENCOURAGER

DECEMBER 2012

### **Holiday Dinner & Christmas Musical**

**Sunday, December 2**

**Beginning at 4:45pm**

All are welcome to attend the annual Holiday Dinner on Sunday, December 2 at 4:45 pm. The meat, noodles and potatoes will be provided. Each family is asked to bring another side dish and/or dessert to pass.

Following the dinner, the children & adults will share in the Christmas musical, Dude, You Hear What I Hear?. Afterwards, we also hope to have a special visitor from the North Pole!

Join us in this time of holiday spirit and joy to fellowship together and celebrate the gifts and talents of our children & adults in the musical ☺



**Advent**  
a time to

*pause, ponder and prepare*



### **Christmas Caroling**

**Sunday, December 9 at 11:30am**

If you would like to share with us in Christmas Caroling, please join us Sunday, Dec. 9 immediately following the worship service and Sunday School. Soup and sandwiches will be served at the church, and then we will carpool together to go Christmas Caroling to our shut-ins and area nursing homes. Afterwards, hot chocolate will be provided at the church. All ages are welcome!

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### **Christmas Eve Service**

**December 24**

**at 5:00pm**

*Special offering will be collected for  
Cunningham Children's Home,  
Standing Stone & the Food Pantry.*



# PASTOR'S CHAT

Pastor Nicholas Gleason

*Then the Lord said to Moses, "Leave this place, you and the people you brought up out of Egypt, and go up to the land I promised...I will send an angel before you...  
But I will not go with you, because you are a stiff-necked people and I might destroy you on the way"*

*When the people heard these distressing words, they began to mourn...Moses said to the Lord, "...If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you..."*

*The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."  
Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.*

- Exodus 33:1-6, 12-15

Dear Friends,

I hope you had a blessed Thanksgiving Holiday. I'm praying that our upcoming journey to the birth of our Savior will also be a praiseworthy and precious gift. Advent invites us once again to recall Jesus' coming to the earth as a babe in Bethlehem and to prepare ourselves for his promised return.

However, in a world where so much focus at Christmas is placed on gift giving, card sending, and party attending, we can often lose sight of God's presence and promise. And this has me thinking, what would happen if God said to us, "I will not go with you, because you are a stiff-necked people". What if we really did lose God's presence in our life?

Can you imagine never feeling God's warm companionship again? Most of us have probably sensed that there's a big difference between knowing that God is "out there somewhere", and really letting God be fully present with us and in us.

This is the scare that the Israelite people realized, when the God who suffered with them so much in the past, suddenly was threatening not to be with them anymore.

Thankfully, the Israelite people sensed they needed the full presence of God. And hopefully, this Christmas we will share the same hunger for God. Maybe not so much for the big events like the parting of the Red Sea; but for those quieter concerns, when God provides for us, protects us, and offers us that peace which passes all understanding.

This journey of Advent, ask God to walk with you, teach you, and guide you in the fullness of His precious and wonderful presence. Don't let yourself miss out on the true gift of Christmas.

Shalom,

*Nicholas*



# LAY LEADER'S LINE

**Butch Hackett**

Linda and I recently returned from a cruise. We enjoy going on them with a group of friends. During the trip while waiting to board the ship, a group of us was discussing the fact that we almost get as much enjoyment out of the planning the cruise and the anticipation of its arrival as we do the actual cruise! Notice I said ALMOST!

After that conversation, I started noticing people's reaction to waiting. I saw the glow in the face of an expectant mother; giggles of children waiting to sit on Santa's lap; the excitement of planning a wedding; the spiritual warmth of entering the Advent Season.

Now I know not all waiting is fun. If you're waiting for surgery, results of lab tests, or taking the mandatory IRS exam that is now required of all tax preparers and **has to be proctored at only a few sites and costs \$116!!!!!!!!!!!!** I'm sorry, I got sidetracked; but my point is that there is something special about waiting and we should cherish time spent waiting and not look past the blessing waiting can have on us.

The first pages of Luke's gospel are filled with people who were waiting: Zacharias and Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph, Simeon and Anna were all waiting for the fulfillment of a promise from God. But instead of passively waiting, they were actively looking to the Lord each day which author and Catholic priest Henri Nouwen calls "*present in the moment*".

Simeon, for example, was controlled not by hopelessness, but by the Spirit who prompted him to go to the temple. His words of praise when he saw the child Jesus, the promised Messiah, resound as an example of patient hope in God; "*For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.*" (Luke 2:30-32)

Many of us find ourselves waiting on God for an answer to a prayer or the fulfillment of a promise. His word comes to us, just as it did to those who were swept up in the events that marked that first Christmas: "**Do not be afraid, Zacharias" (1:13); Do not be afraid, Mary" (1:30); "Do not be afraid [shepherds]" (2:10)**

As we listen to God in His Word and obey Him, we'll discover His goodness and power as we wait. Those anxious moments can be changed into blessings, joy and peace that surpass all understanding. This brings new meaning to those wonderful lyrics of Francis J. Crosby:

***Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;***

***Watching and waiting, looking above,***

***Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.***

In His Grip,

Butch



**THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:**

Time spent of "waiting on God" is never wasted.

# Intentional Faith Development



## Women's Bible Study

*Tuesday Mornings at 9:00am*  
w/ Sandy Smallhorn

All women are invited to share in a time of Bible study and fellowship with other women in our church.

## ADVENT STUDY

*Thursday Evenings 6:30-7:30pm*  
*Beginning December 6<sup>th</sup>*

Pastor Nicholas will be leading a 5 week study on the book The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem by Adam Hamilton. Let Pastor Nicholas know if you're interested in participating or sign up in the entryway on Nov. 25 so we can order books. "It is one of Western civilization's best-known stories. For two thousand years it has been told and retold, preached and sung about. We celebrate it every year with Christmas trees and lights, with gifts and cards, carols and hymns. And yet, its very familiarity may keep us from fully grasping its riches. The purpose of this book is to explore the story of the birth of Jesus with fresh eyes and ears. We will walk through the Holy Land and retrace the steps of those involved. We'll draw upon insights gained from historians, archaeologists, biblical scholars, theologians and from walking in the places the story occurred, all in an effort to discover the real meaning of Christmas."

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL** (Sundays at 10:30am)

Sunday School classes available for all ages—Everyone is welcome!

### Preschool Class

(Age 3-Kindergarten)

Meet in Noah's Ark Room  
w/ Sandy Smallhorn

### Elementary Class

(1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

Meet in Garden Room  
w/ Jane Cox

### M.S./H.S. Class

(6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Meet in Blue Room  
w/ Sean Hackett

### Adult Class #1 (Believers)

Meet in Gold Classroom  
w/ Butch Hackett

### Adult Class #2

Meet in Café Agape Room  
w/ Jim & Carolyn Craig



Please stay and share with us in Fellowship Time each Sunday following the worship service (even if you do not plan to stay for Sunday School).

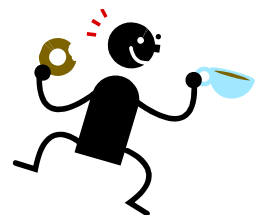
This is a wonderful time to reconnect with your church family ☺

These families have signed up to provide the refreshments for the month of December:



December 2	Bill & Judy Harrison
December 9	Ken & Sandy Smallhorn
December 16	Linda H. & Sharron W.
December 23	??????
December 30	Ken & Sandy Smallhorn

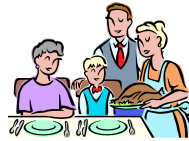
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Join us at  
**FAMILY NIGHT**

Wednesdays  
6:00-7:30pm

...a time of Faith, Fellowship,  
and Fun with your church Family!



### Family Night Meals

Offered to participants at no cost (donations are accepted, as you are able).  
Feel free to join them anytime for a meal and fellowship (*you do not have to stay for the sessions beginning at 6:30 to participate in the meal!*). And you do not have to come every week—come when you can ☺ You are always welcome!!!

Please note that they will not be meeting December 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> as families prepare for the holiday season.



#### J4J (Jumping for Jesus)

Age 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade  
w/ Jane Cox

Learning the Books of the Bible with  
DVD series "What's in the Bible?" from  
Veggie Tales creator Phil Vischer.

#### Women's Group

w/ Samantha Baker

*Join the women for a devotional and various  
hands-on mission/craft projects each week. They  
are currently setting up a church library, including  
a children's section and a reading/incentive  
program for the kids.*

#### LinC (Life in Christ)

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades  
w/ Adam Baker

The youth will be using a practical discipleship  
curriculum in a four-volume series,  
Soar, Thrive, Follow, Think,  
biblically discussing issues that matter to  
students today.

#### Men's Group

w/ Jim Craig

Discuss a weekly question (taken from "Living  
With Questions"), and discuss and implement  
ways the men can serve both inside the church  
and out into the community.

# Let Us Not Give Up Meeting Together...

## CHOIR PRACTICE



Thursday Evenings  
at 6:00pm



Everyone is welcome to join the choir.  
Let's make a joyful noise to the Lord!  
We will not be meeting Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Please Note!



If you need to reach Pastor Nicholas:

Cell Phone: (740) 513-6199

Home Phone: (217) 345-2046

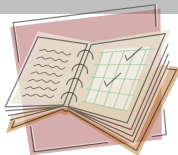
Thank you so much to  
everyone who participated in  
the Chili & Bazaar Day! We  
had a very successful day!

Thanks

## Looking Ahead...

The next monthly newsletter  
(January 2013) will be printed  
and distributed around the end  
of December. The deadline to  
submit articles or information in  
the January newsletter will be  
Thursday, December 20.

Please contact Samantha Baker  
or email the church office if you  
have information to include.



The Charleston Civic Association is in need of donations (items or money) that will be used to distribute Christmas gifts to children in the community. They typically have a shortage of items in the 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade area (ages 13-18), but all donations are greatly appreciated! The gift items do not have to be new; they can be "gently used." If you would like to donate cash, checks can be made payable to the Charleston Civic Association. Butch or Harold Hackett will collect any gifts you wish to contribute. If you would like to drop off your gifts, they will be in the Parish Hall from 9am-4pm everyday from 12/10-12/13. Gifts will be distributed December 14, so they would like all donations before then.

The Preschool Sunday School Class will be collecting 50 cents from everyone (or any amount you can offer!) each month to donate towards the Heifer Project, which works with communities throughout the world to end hunger and poverty and care for the Earth. For more information on the Heifer Project, visit their webpage at <http://www.heifer.org>

See Sandy Smallhorn for more info. Please help support the Preschoolers with their mission work 😊

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

# Christmas Memories

As a child, I sat looking out the window at the snow falling down. Big snowflakes were blanketing the ground. Christmas was in a few days and I was sure they wouldn't be able to deliver the basket of food and presents from the Charleston Civic Association. That was always the best part of our Christmas. We each got one present, wrapped with our name on it. In the basket of food there was always a turkey or a ham. Often there was a bag of candy in there as well. I can't remember ever believing in Santa. We were poor and I guess mom and dad didn't want to give us false hopes on Christmas presents. At least that was how I believed it to be.

Mom wasn't big on decorations yet it always brightened up our shack when she drug out the silver colored tinsel table top tree. She would pull out her small box of decorations. That box held the highlights of our tree. There was a string of bright lights. Can you remember the old lights that were what we use as outside lights now? There were blue, green, orange and red bulbs. Our job as children was to test for burnt out light bulbs and replace them. There also was a smaller box in there of pretty colored balls to adorn our three foot tree. And last but not least, the one strand of green garland.

Once the tree was decorated we sat around as a family and admired the unlit tree. Once my older sisters were certain the tree looked good, we plugged the lights in. It was never certain how long they would stay lit before the fuse would blow. But mom soon learned if she put a penny behind the fuse in the fuse box they would stay lit longer.

We would sit there admiring our beautiful tree while mom was busy in the kitchen making homemade hot chocolate milk. No syrups or premixed powders. She used Hershey's baking cocoa powder and sugar with a little water added to make her own syrup. If she had extra money she would have purchased marshmallows for our cocoa. When we each had our cup of warm cocoa we would sit and talk about what we wanted for Christmas. Each one of us had watched all the commercials on the television and we all had our favorite commercial.

Mom would sit in her rocking chair listening to our excited chatter. She never said a word. She just sat there sipping her hot chocolate and smiled. On the first of the month when she got her social security check for dad, she took us all into town to Benedicts Five and Dime Store downtown. She never bought anything. She just stood at the counter and talked to her cousin Delores while we all browsed around. None of us ever asked her for anything and we never told her what we really wanted because we knew she wouldn't be able to afford it.

After leaving the toy store we would walk around the square to the Snappy Service hamburger joint. Mom would order twelve Snappy Burgers for a dollar. Counting mom there were six of us meaning there were two burgers a piece. It always seemed funny that mom was never hungry and my two brothers ended up having to help mom out and eat her two.

We would all pile into our beat up station wagon. No one could sit in the very back because the floor was so rusted out mom was afraid we would fall through. But we were all happy riding in that car looking out at the Christmas lights and decorations. Through our oooo's and aaaawwww's, mom would ask what we wanted for Christmas. As the youngest I was coached always to tell her something really cheap.

After making it back home we all got ready for bed. My oldest sister was in charge and saw we all made it to bed without any troubles. From December 3 until Christmas morning, we couldn't wait to see what mom had wrapped and stuck under the tree. Everyday it seemed as if something new would be put under that silver tree. No matter whose name was on it we would shake the package and run our fingers over it to try and guess what it was.

We spent many nights sitting around as a family and making paper chains out of the colorful advertisements in the paper and left over Christmas wrap. Mom showed us how to make popcorn chains and then we put them on the front porch and watched the birds peck off the popcorn. But the best and most favorite treat of all was when mom made snow ice cream for us. Our job was to bring in clean fresh snow. There was only one stipulation and that was NO YELLOW SNOW!

My oldest sister came downstairs for a drink of water one night and saw mom sitting at the table crying over her open Bible. I didn't even know mom owned a Bible. Yet there she sat crying and praying that God won't let her down this year. She had done all she could with what she had to work with. The rest was up to him to provide. My sister snuck back upstairs and told us all to be thankful for whatever we got. She explained what she saw and heard.

On Christmas morning we all gathered around in the living room huddling around the coal stove. One by one mom passed out the presents. Being the youngest, I always had to be last. Sometimes I thought I would bust while I watched. First was the one from the Civic. My most favorite and memorable was the year they mistook my brother for a girl and he got a pair of panty hose! That will go down as a classic in our family tales.



Once we all opened our gifts, we all marveled how we managed to get that one specific present we all wanted most. No one ever told mom but she knew somehow what we all wanted. We all were shocked. How did mom do it? She didn't have the money but there they were, everyone's secret toy. Now that was the true magic of Christmas in our house.

Now as a mother of my own children, I realize just how important the time mom had spent with us was. That was the meaning of Christmas. Mom was a Christian but she didn't expose us to church all that much. She didn't tell us stories of Christ's birth or what Christmas was really about. Somehow though as I reflect on those precious times in my life, I realize how Christ was present. He was there in all of our hearts. He led mom to find creative ways to get that special something for all of us. He showed us love and happiness through a poor, broke mom who loved her children very much. He taught us compassion and giving of all we had. He showed us that Christmas wasn't about the presents. It was about the love shown to everyone.

As I close this fond walk down memory lane I want to share one last favorite Christmas classic from my childhood with you. That particular Christmas, mom and dad gave all five of us the same gift. We were allowed to shake it, roll it and try repeatedly to guess what it was. None of us had a clue. When we finally were allowed to open it, we had to do so at the same time. They were all wrapped in different size and shaped boxes. I tore mine open. It was a SKOAL can with a rock in it. I laughed and threw it to the floor. Dad laughed and said I might want to look at it again. I picked it up out of all the torn wrapping paper. In it was a short note from mom and dad saying they loved me. Inside that note was a five dollar bill, my secret present. I wanted so badly to get mom and dad something that I wished for money.

—Written by Sandy Smallhorn

### **A Different Kind Of Christmas**

*Sometimes Christmas is just overwhelming, it seems,  
As we rush around buying up stuff.  
We spend without end, and we rack up those bills,  
But it feels like it's never enough.  
So this Christmas, let's all take a different approach:  
Let's try to be more in accord  
With God's Christmas gift, the best one of all--  
Our sweet Jesus, our Savior, our Lord.  
We'll be gentle and patient, and loving and kind,  
And we'll keep our priorities straight;  
The gifts of the Spirit, the gifts of the heart,  
Are the ones that we'll all celebrate.  
And our stress will decrease, and we'll feel more at peace,  
As we decorate, package, and trim;  
Our new Christmas will be a pure joy and delight,  
As we try to be much more like Him.*

By Joanna Fuchs

<http://www.poemsource.com>



# THE

# OTTERBEIN

# HUBBUB!

Submitted by Carolyn Craig

## "The OTTERBEIN HUBBUB"

- **"Hub"** means **"focal point"** ... may our ministry focus always be God-centered!
- **"Hubbub"**, a word for **"noise"**...may we come together, serving in the way God created us to serve, and make **"a joyful noise"** in the process!
- **HUB Leader**... one whose goal is **"H-elping to U-tilize the B-ody"** (of believers... at Otterbein)

- **Otterbein Church Bazaar** – Wow! Have you ever seen so many necklaces and other crafts as were displayed at the recent Otterbein Church Bazaar? A special thanks to all who helped to make the crafts! This year the items are being left out until after Thanksgiving, so you can continue to "shop" for a little while longer!
- **New Church Library Coming Soon** – The Women's Group is finished crocheting necklaces and sewing pillowcases and table runners for a while now, so our focus is turning toward setting up a new Church Library. A special thanks to Sandy Smallhorn for clearing out a space and getting us headed in that direction. The plan is to start a Children's Reading Program that will begin at the first of next year. Watch for more details regarding this program in a future newsletter. The Men's Group is even planning to become involved in the new library project by building additional shelving units! Awesome... thank you, guys!
- **Wanted: Cookbooks!** Do you ladies of the church have a cookbook, or 2 or 3, that you no longer use that you are willing to donate to the new church library? There really is *"method to our madness"* here, but you'll have to wait until a future newsletter to learn what we plan to do with our cookbook collection. So, *"stay tuned"* for more details!
- **Wednesday Family Nights** – What an awesome first session of the Wednesday evening Family Night program we have had! A special thanks to all of you who have donated your time, energy and money to prepare/furnish meals. We couldn't have done it without you! It's always good to *"meet and eat"*, and to grow in fellowship and Christian faith with one another! Be reminded the first session will conclude on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy a short holiday break with your families, and then plan to join us again for session two of the Family Night program to begin on January 9, 2013! Hebrews 10:22-23 puts it nicely: *Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another.* Thirty or more have been gathering on Wednesday evenings, and we are hoping to see even more of you join us in 2013. Make it a New Year's Resolution! We're sure you will not be disappointed!



# 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>
10/28	\$ 1,569.00	\$ 2,185.00	(\$ 616.00)
11/4	\$ 3,258.39	\$ 2,185.00	\$ 1,073.39
<u>11/11</u>	<u>\$ 1,993.75</u>	<u>\$ 2,185.00</u>	<u>(\$ 191.25)</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,821.14</b>	<b>\$ 6,555.00</b>	<b>\$ 266.14</b>



For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.

--2 Corinthians 9:10 (NLT)

## 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>



## BUILDING FUND

### **Current Balance**

10/28	\$ 1,624.09
11/4	\$ 3,109.09
11/11	\$ 2,112.54

**Monthly Mortgage Payment    \$ 1,356.55**

# Celebrations

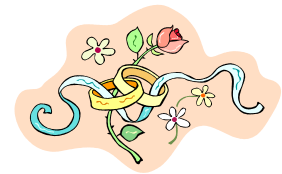


## Birthdays

12/1	Landon Bircher
12/2	Butch Hackett
12/3	Ian McDaniel
12/10	Kim Hackett
12/10	Becky Rice
12/13	Loretta Buell
12/15	Randy Snider
12/16	Deece Schwartz
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>12/2</u>	<u>12/9</u>	<u>12/16</u>	<u>12/23</u>	<u>12/30</u>
<b><u>Greeters</u></b>	Raymond & Sharon Johns	Jim & Carolyn Craig	Brad Bircher & Family	Bob & Betty Stoner	Doug & Mary Hennig
<b><u>Acolyte</u></b>	Kenny Smallhorn	Ian McDaniel	Deece Schwartz	Alesia Smyser	Mackenzie Wilson
<b><u>Ushers</u></b>	Doug Hennig Mary Hennig Sandy Smallhorn Rose Snider	Austin Hackett Jim Craig Harold Hackett Butch Hackett	Betty Stoner Linda Hackett Phyllis Hackett Betty Potts	Bill Snider Jim Hackett Bob Stoner Jerry Payne	Randy Rice Becky Rice Tom Blair Shelli Blair
<b><u>Family Cross</u></b>	Jason Anderson & Family	Brad Bircher & Family	Doug & Mary Hennig	Bill & Rose Snider	Wayne & Jane Cox
<b><u>Children's Moment</u></b>	Samantha Baker	Carolyn Craig	Sandy Smallhorn	Jane Cox	Pastor Nicholas



# DECEMBER 2012



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

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DECEMBER 2012

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Sunday Morning Worship  
Sunday School

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

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