



# The CHIMES Newsletter

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It's Advent season already! Wow, how the year has flown by! We are now entering the time of year of preparing for, and then celebrating, the birth of Jesus, and the "good news of great joy, unto you a savior is born...Christ the Lord".

We will be observing Advent this year with a series of worship services centering on the theme "Restore Us, O Lord". This theme comes from the phrase found in the Advent Psalms, and is tied to the meaning of each Advent candle: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Whether dealing with personal stuff or looking at world events, we often cry out to God to restore us and make things good again. Come hear the Good News of Christmas speak hope, peace, joy and love into our lives and world.

Here is a schedule of our Advent Worship Services:

November 30 – Restore Us: Hope

December 7 – Restore Us: Peace (communion)

Also: Happy Birthday Jesus Party during Sunday School

December 14 – Restore Us: Joy (11:00 all music, no 8:30 service)

December 21 – Restore Us: Love Also: Las Posadas in the evening

December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight at 7:00 p.m.

December is a great time to invite your friends to join you in worship, or to make a renewed effort to attend again yourself, as we all prepare to celebrate the birth of the Christ child.

**Pastor Dave Randall**



From Pastor Juan

Advent designates the beginning of the Christian year. It begins four Sundays before Christmas. The word advent comes from the

Latin Advents, which means "come". In this season we celebrate the coming of Christ to the world at birth, and look forward to his return in final victory. This season calls the community to prepare for Jesus Christ. Ornaments and decorations include trumpets and banners with scenes from the birth of Christ. The advent wreath is a circle of green branches, symbolizing life without end. Four purple candles of advent form a circle around a white candle. Some traditions use a pink colored candle for the third Sunday of Advent. The reading of Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 can be done before lighting the first candle of Advent. And it can also be used in the home. And we raise our prayer: Loving God, your church awaits with joy the coming of their Savior, who with his light illuminates our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Send your blessings upon us to light the candles of this Crown. Its light reflects the radiance of Christ, who is Lord forever Amen. In the Upper Room we will find Advent Worship litanies in pg. 40 – 41. It's a wonderful time to reflect on and wait for the arrival of Jesus Christ, which he has arrived in our hearts.

Blessings from above,  
Pastor Juan L. Garcia



## Youth Group Schedule

### Meeting Schedule

Middle School – 4:30

Dinner – 6:00

High School – 6:30

December 3<sup>rd</sup>: Youth Movie Night    **Showing:** Elf (rated – PG)

December 17<sup>th</sup>: Youth Game Night    **Playing:** Free Play

### December 7<sup>th</sup>

Series: The Case of Christmas

Title: The Scientific Evidence

Blurb: Why does Christmas matter at all? Somewhere behind our tradition of Christmas lies the truth of Christmas. Weigh the facts and decide for yourself what you believe.

### December 14<sup>th</sup>

Series: The Case of Christmas

Title: The Profile Evidence

Blurb: Why does Christmas matter at all? Somewhere behind our tradition of Christmas lies the truth of Christmas. Weigh the facts and decide for yourself what you believe.

### December 21<sup>st</sup>

Series: The Case of Christmas

Title: The Fingerprint Evidence

Blurb: Why does Christmas matter at all? Somewhere behind our tradition of Christmas lies the truth of Christmas. Weigh the facts and decide for yourself what you believe.



### December 28<sup>th</sup>

**NO YOUTH GROUP**

We will be purchasing Poinsettias again this year as part of our



Advent decorations for the sanctuary. If you would like to purchase a Pointsettia in memory or honor of someone, please call the church office. If you would like to make a donation for a poinsettia please note this on the memo line of your check. The cost is \$25 this year. Thank you.

*Get the New Year started off with*

## ***Revival!***

*This is a six-week Sunday series based on the book by Adam Hamilton and culminating in a series of evening services with Dennis Wallace.*

*The series will begin January 18 and conclude February 22. Sunday Schools and small groups will use the resources produced by Adam Hamilton titled "Revival!" – which is a book about John Wesley and the Methodist Revival. Pastor Dave will preach on the themes of the chapters correlating with the studies.*

*Revival services will be evenings Sunday, February 22 – Tuesday, February 24 and will feature Rev. Dennis Wallace, pastor of Asbury UMC in Wichita.*

Order your books this month by calling the Church office, or signing up in your Sunday School or in worship!

It is time again in the church when we have our annual Advent Campaign for December. Our goal for this year has been set at \$90,000.00. As most of you know the finance committee sets a goal we feel will not only get us through 2014 but also give us a healthy start for the New Year. We thank you in advance for your support of this year's Advent Campaign.

**Mike Riney, Finance Committee**

Tuesday, December 2 is Giving Tuesday, a day for reflecting the spirit of the season by giving to your favorite charity, church, or someone in need. This would be a great day to write your check to the church for your Advent Campaign giving.

## **United Methodist Women Scholarship**

Applications are now available. Deadline is **December 12**.  
Check the church bulletin board or contact the office.



# DECEMBER



If you'd like to have something in The CHIMES,

Deadline for January Newsletter is  
December 17<sup>th</sup>

## EVERY SATURDAY

12:00 noon Kids Club

## EVERY SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Morning Worship

8:45 a.m. Fellowship Time

9:10 a.m. Sunday school (Adults)

10:00 a.m. Kids & Youth Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship (KSCB Radio)

11:00 a.m. Hispanic Worship

## Youth Group Meeting

4:30pm Middle School

6:00pm Dinner for both groups

6:30pm High School

## EVERY WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. Hispanic Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

## Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

5:30 p.m. Planning for Church  
Christmas Program

## Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m. Trustees

## Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

Church Christmas Program

## Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

6:30 p.m. Finance

## Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

Las Posadas



## CHOIR PRACTICE Wednesdays at 6:30



**Prayer Requests: To put a  
prayer request on the  
church's prayer chain,  
please call Daryl Hale at**

Join us live on

1270 KSCB 11:00a.m

Taking our worship services  
ANYWHERE you want to be.



Radio Broadcast

Thanks for your support of  
this fantastic ministry!

Please join the UMW ladies  
and make a pledge to care  
for God's creation as we  
work toward following  
environmentally safe  
practices to care for our  
planet.

REMEMBER!!!

Use paper completely on  
both sides



## For Your Information

### Staff cell phone numbers:

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## UMW Circle Meetings

### Circle #3

December 3, 2014

Time & Place TBA

Hostess: Cathy Corn

### Circle #6

December 3, 2014

11:30am Luncheon

Hostess: Jennifer Yoder

1134 N. Jordan

Co-Hostess: Hobba Masoner

Program & Devotions: Sue Smith

### Circle # 8

December 3, 2014

7:00pm

Hostess: Lila Hagaman

1671 N. Cain

Devotion: Katie Berg

Program: Lila Thayer

