

Seasonal Newsletter

Late November and sellers and marketeers have been hawking holiday spending since Halloween. From fancy cars to holiday themed sports team attire, to the latest in techno gadgets (until next week) – according to the message, the way to garner holiday cheer is through spending, a blatant appeal to greed, and I, me, mine (x3). “We” (the church) have a much better story. It is a story of hope, peace, paying attention to light and darkness, to music that resonates with a message and most and best of all – love. Love that doesn’t flinch or grow weary or make demands but steadily arrives, fills our hearts and lives (I almost wrote livers and that is also true) in such a way and with such abundance that it spills into pretty much all we do.

That is what we are about here at our church with our church family. Busy? Yes! But joyfully so.

Check out the opportunities to join in and be with us when you can.

Pastor Jim

A BUSY DECEMBER

December 2 Secret Sister Reveal after 11am worship
6pm Movie Night – “The Star”

December 3 Women’s Luncheon at Camp Overlook

December 14 Tri-Church Youth Movie Night at Mountain View 7-9

December 16 10:30AM – **ONE SERVICE!** Worship. The choir will present “A Thrill of Hope”. All are invited to lunch (soup, chili, and sandwiches), immediately following worship.

Following Lunch – “Keepsake Christmas” (Seeing and hearing the story anew with accompanying conversation and crafts for all!) **Reservations requested**

December 23 Evening Christmas Caroling for all – 5pm. We will meet at the church and carol through South Mountain Village and Whispering Pines neighborhoods.

December 24 7pm Christmas Eve Service

NEXT YEAR

January 6 6pm Movie Night - “The Princess Bride”

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE – will start the new year on Wednesday, January 9 with a pot luck supper (good eating!) and a preview of the studies offered. – (Continuing with Max Lucado and Journeys with the People of Genesis by James Harnish – available through Amazon) and an Epiphany Experience!