

The Christian Caller
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Sunday school: 9:00 AM.
Worship 10:30 AM.

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Secretary: Cheryl Rice

Our Mission Statement

To help one another grow in Christian faith through worship, witness, fellowship, and service to our community and the world.

December 4 Caller



Prayer Concerns

Condolences to: the families of Louise Morrisson and Jerry Rice

In the hospital:

Local Concerns: Maxine Wescott, Fred & Helen Eisele

Continuing Concerns: Nadine Timmons, Louise Kelsey, Clara & David McCluskey, Howard Svaty, Marvin & Mardina Gregory, Wayne Sircoulomb, Bob Compton, Evelyn DeCou, Diane Carver, Linda Shue, Evelyn Tarter, Lois Ramsey, Charlie North, George Chapman, Margaret Shinkle, Emagene Walton, Carol Turner

Our extended family: J. D. Cox, Jimmy Kieth, John Siewart, Steve Martin, Joleen Smith, Rita Renfro, Bill Ward, Debbie Sunthimer, Sharon Heien, Chuck Baker, Maxine Wilson, JR Schwarz, Justin Voorhies, and our uniformed men and women serving our country at home and abroad. All storm and wild fire victims as well as shooting victims.

Please call the church office (378-4118) with information or updates related to illnesses, hospitalizations, crisis, or immediate family deaths, so that care can be offered.

My email has been worked on and is now working. If any of you have changed your email address let me know . I can't send your Caller if your email address isn't current.



Happy Birthday!

Dec. 05 – Paula Hutton
Dec. 06 – Ashley Shue
Dec. 09 – Cameron Self
Dec. 11 – Maxine Wescott
Dec. 12 – Nancy Burns
Dec. 18 – Nadine Timmons

Will the person who said they were sponsoring the five assorted bulletin covers please contact me 378-4118 or come by the office?

***Church Board meeting December 11th at 6:00 p.m. Please note the time.**

Financial Report

Sunday	
Nov. 17	\$ 956.51
Nov. 24	\$1894.37
Dec. 01	\$1331.50



Notice: Cadet Girl Scouts...

will now meet on Tuesdays at 5:30 instead of Wednesdays at 5:30.



Called to Serve – December

Sunday, December 08

Table Elders: Marvin Gregory & Merlyn Ramsey
 Home Communion: Todd Harrelson
 Deacons: Zac Ramsey & Susan Voorhies
 Deaconesses: Lois Ramsey & Mary Shue
 Greeter: Doris Claiborne
 Usher: Ron Black AV. Jess Reed
 Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey
 Lay leader: Cary Hutton

Sunday, December 15

Table Elders: Mike Jeffers & Ed Viers
 Home Communion: Merlyn Ramsey
 Deacons: Ray Barger & Cary Hutton
 Deaconesses: Lois Ramsey & Mary Shue
 Greeter: Cleda Robinson
 Usher: Delores Kempinger AV. Cary Hutton
 Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey
 Lay leader: Mike Jeffers

Sunday, December 22

Table Elders: Carol Bernauer & Darin Vaughn
 Home Communion: Mike Jeffers
 Deacons: Mary Shue & Matthew Maloy
 Deaconesses: Lois Ramsey & Mary Shue
 Greeter: Marilyn Compton
 Usher: Carol Bernauer AV. Nancy Burns
 Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey
 Lay leader: Merlyn Ramsey



Decorating Our Sanctuary

The Marilyn Pryor and Clifford Pryor families have donated two poinsettias one in memory of Max and Kara Pryor, and the other in memory of Edgar & Eula Knoles, and Cec & Agnes Pryor.



A Message from Pastor Shue

It is my hope that everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving Day as well as a long enjoyable Thanksgiving weekend. If any of you were brave enough to do any Black Friday sales, I hope you were able to find what you were after. As for me and my family we just stayed at home and didn't deal with the crowds and craziness of Black Friday. Mary and I spent most of the day working. I had a lot of stuff I needed to catch up in in my office and Mary worked from 9:00 – 4:00 at the Christian Thrift Shop. It is my belief that our time was better spent doing what we needed to spend it on rather than shopping for stuff that I know we really don't need.

This past Sunday was the first Sunday of Advent. As we spent last week being thankful for all the blessings we have received from the Father God, it is time for us to start slowing down and seeing what this time of year is all about. It is my hope that we are constantly reminding those around us of God's glory and of what this time of year is really about. It is not about Santa Clause, Reindeers, and Black Friday deals. It is about celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. It is the time of year when we show the world what God's love looks like by sharing with those who are in need. When we share God's love we receive back much more than we give.

It is not too late to bring food items for the Christmas baskets. We have enough Mac & Cheese. Please bring other items, canned vegetables, cake mixes & frosting, boxed dressing, instant potatoes, or canned fruit.

I hope each of you have a truly blessed week.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor

Claude



Christmas Baskets

It is time to gather items for the Christmas food baskets. Items need to be here by December 16th. Baskets will be distributed December 21.

Items needed:

1. canned vegetables
2. canned fruit
3. boxed stuffing
4. cake mixes and frosting
5. boxed potatoes
6. ~~mac & cheese~~ — We have plenty of these.
7. spaghetti dinner or equivalent
8. boxed dinners/Hamburger Helper
9. canned meat
10. cereal
11. soup

There is a table in Fellowship Hall for you to deposit your donations on.



We are having Christmas Dinner on December 25th at noon.

Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy will be furnished. Signup sheets will be passed around for salads, vegetables, pies, cakes and desserts.

It will be dine-in, carry out, or delivery. Please make your reservations no later than December 23rd. Call the office to make reservations: 378-4118

An Ode to Christmas

Twas the month before Christmas
And all thru the house
Cookies and goodies crammed
In me and my spouse.

Food in the freezer, food in the fridge,
Under the bed and stuck in my bridge.

It began with Thanksgiving
And hasn't stopped yet.
At one pound a day, how fat can I get?

I've tried and I've tried to push fruitcake aside,
But as each piece goes by, I just open wide
And fill my sweet face with whatever is there.
At times like this, how can I care?

The office, the home, it's that time of year—
Just give me some eggnog, more holiday cheer.
I'd like to be good and stay slim and svelte,
But the truth is, Santa, I'm going to need a new belt!



So Small a Thing

So small a thing on which to build
A faith so firmly kept—
A babe born in a stable crude
Where restless cattle slept.
One bright star shining down upon
The place where He lay,
To guide the lowly shepherds there

And show great kings the way.
 A simple tale, yet through the years
 Its stark simplicity
 Has taken on the richness
 Of a priceless tapestry;
 For man has woven into it
 His hopes, his highest dreams,
 His love, his fancy, his beliefs,
 His own star's brightest beams.

And from that manger miracle,
 The tapestry has grown-
 The richest tale of miracles
 The world has ever known
 So small a thing on which to base
 A whole world's peace and joy-
 A bed of straw, a star, a song
 And one small baby boy.
 ~ Helen Lowrie

Christmas Is a Loving Time



Christmas Is a Loving Time
 God started it that way;
 When He gave His only son
 On that first Christmas Day.

It seems the air is filled with love
 The angels hover near;
 Children laugh and old folks smile
 For Christmas time is here.

It's God's love that makes us happy
 For no greater love could be;
 Than that which sent our savior down
 To die on Calvary.

Ah yes, Christmas is a loving time
 God planned it all that way;
 When Love came down to you and me
 On that first Christmas Day.
 ~ Mary Z. McHenry



The Wonder of Christmas

The Almighty became an infant,
 The Shepherd became a lamb,
 The Judge took our sentence,
 The Lord became a man,
 The Invisible became visible,
 The Eternal stepped into history
 To make us His own again.

~ Ron Berris

Don't forget, food baskets will be distributed on December 21st. Make sure your donations are here by then.



On Our Calendar

- Dec. 04 - 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
 7:00 – Choir
- Dec. 05 – 7:00 p.m. CWF/church
- Dec. 09 - 9:00 -10:00 a.m. Exercise Group
- Dec. 10– 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Homeless Matters
 5:30 – Cadet Girl Scouts
- Dec. 11 - 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
 9:00 – 10:00 Exercise Group
 6:00 – Church board meeting
 7:00 – Choir
- Dec. 13 – Leaders Class Christmas Party
- Dec. 16 - 9:00 – 10:00 Exercise Group
- Dec. 17 - 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Homeless Matters
 5:30 – Cadet Girl Scouts
- Dec. 18- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
 9:00 – 10:00 Exercise Group
 7:00 – Choir
- New Caller

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