



Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 21

9:30 am Worship/Communion
11:30 am Decorating the Church

Monday, December 22

7:30 pm Property Committee

Tuesday, December 23

Wednesday, December 24

7:00 pm Worship/Communion
with Candle Lighting
11:00 pm Worship/Communion
with Candle Lighting



Thursday, December 25

Merry Christmas

7:30 pm NA

Friday, December 26

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, December 27



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Christmas Schedule

9:30 a.m. - Worship Service

10:30 a.m. - Decorating the church

December 24, 2024

7:00 p.m. – Worship with Communion and Candle Lighting

11:00 p.m. – Worship with Communion and Candle Lighting

Combined Choirs, Celebration Ringers, Soloists & Instrumentalists

Musical preludes will begin approximately 30 minutes before the start of service.

December 28, 2024

9:30 a.m. – “Lessons and Carols” Worship Service



Sunday, December 21, 2025

SERVICE ASSISTANTS

Ushers: Charles Luppert, Larry and Donna Britton, Rhonda Koch, Sylvia McCarty, Larry Solomon; **Lay Assistant:** Georgette Copp; **Comm. Assist.:** Fred Harbaugh
Altar Guild: Jody Fullmer, Jeannie Bower; **Greeters/Presenters:** Dave and Rita Strickler
Cantor: Bob Schweppenheiser; **Flower Delivery:** Susan Bryan

Sunday, December 14: Attendance: **74**; Online: **8**; Offering: **\$4, 780.388**

IN BLESSED MEMORY

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Michael Miller's birthday with love Mom!

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in living and loving memory of Susie, David, Annamary and George Hutchinson, by the Hutchinson and Nancarrow families.

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 - 7:00 pm

SERVICE ASSISTANTS

Ushers: Dave and Rita Strickler, Greg Eckenrode, Jean Nolan; **Lay Assistant:** Anita Bair;
Comm. Asst.: Rhonda Koch; **Altar Guild:** Alice Morrison; **Greeters/Presenters:** Goergette Copp, Ray Demarest; **Flower Delivery:** Cindy Bennett

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 - 10:00 pm

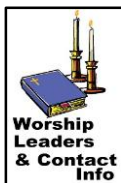
SERVICE ASSISTANTS

Ushers: Mike Larson, Jody Fullmer, Al Cole, Fred Harbaugh
Lay Assistant: Dave Bausinger; **Comm. Asst.:** Sherri Holtzman; **Acolyte/Crucifer:** Dylan Sherman; **Torchbearers:** Weston Sherman, Doriann Morris; **Altar Guild:** Alice Morrison;
Greeters/Presenters: Mike and Dianne Larson; **Flower Delivery:** Cindy Bennett

IN BLESSED MEMORY

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of baby Jesus.

The Bud Vase is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Karen Hockman Thomas by Linda Smith and Laurie, Matthew and Michael.



Presiding over our worship this Sunday, December 21, will be Pastor John McNassor. **Presiding over our worship this Wednesday, December 24,** will be Pastor Bruce Amme

Pastoral Care Number: Please call (570) 326-9171. (Available 24 hours a day) During work hours office staff will assist you. After hours, please press "3" for a Pastoral Emergency to be connected directly to the Pastor.

*Articles for the **Messenger and Bulletin** are due in the office by Monday at noon.*

The Library Corner



Children – **Make a Christmas Memory** – These easy to do activities provide creative ideas for families that want to build lifelong Christmas traditions. Each idea focuses children and parents on the celebration of Christ's birth, and most can be done at the kitchen table. Book in the Christmas section.

Family - **The Christmas Story according to Luke** - This book reminds us of God's great love and wondrous plan of salvation in Jesus Christ. Begin a family tradition. Share the miracle of Christmas in words and pictures. Share the promise of hope for all mankind. Book found in our Christmas section.

BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, December 21: *Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Mathew 1:18-25*

Monday, December 22: *Luke 1:46b-55; Isaiah 33:17-22; Revelation 22:6-7; 18-20*

Tuesday, December 23: *Luke 1:46b-55; 2 Samuel 7:18, 23-29; Galatians 3:6-14*

Wednesday, December 24: *Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14*

Thursday, December 25: *Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:8-20*

Friday, December 26: *Psalm 148; Wisdom 4:7-15; Acts 7:59-8:8*

Saturday, December 27: *Psalm 148; Proverbs 8:22-31; 1 John 5:1-12*



Donna Britton's prints are once again available in the church office. Many members inquired about her prints at the preschool Bingo event. Prints are \$25 each, and half of the proceeds from the purchase will be donated to the preschool. Come and see them. This would make a lovely Christmas gift.

All donations to be recorded in the 2025 Calendar Year, must be received in the office by **December 28th**. Any donations received after **December 28th** will be recorded in the new year, 2026. Thank you.

If you give to the church through Simply Giving/Vanco/Automatic deduction, after your December donation, you will need to update your pledge. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE This is for those members who are changing their amount of tithes or who would like to give to the church in this way. If you are keeping your pledge as is there is no need to contact us.



Approximately 40 people came and enjoyed our Annual Christmas dinner on Sunday, December 14th after worship. We would like to thank Dave Bausinger for our delicious ham dinner with all the fixings and to the Fellowship Committee for making all the arrangements and decorations for the dinner. After our meal we enjoyed the fellowship along with playing Bingo.



**ADD YOUR
VOICE!**

If you missed the Saints in Song rehearsal last Sunday, you could join us at 2 PM, tomorrow, Thursday, December 18th for a short rehearsal in the music room. We will also rehearse on Sunday, December 21 at 8:45 before the worship service.

There is a TIME CHANGE for the CHOIR. The choir will now rehearse on **Thursday's at 2:00 pm**. The Bell Choir will continue their rehearsal times at 6:30 pm.

