

FOCUS ON "FIRST"

Praise Service 9:00 a.m.

Church School 9:55 a.m.

Adoration Worship 10:45 a.m.

Become Part of God's Family at First UMC

Rev. Peggy Garrison, Pastor

Marcia Weygant, Director of Music

December 4 HAND BELL & ORGAN CONCERT

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

9:30 p.m. Hand bell Christmas Eve Music

10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service:

Welcoming Christ into our world



Christmas Day Worship

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

10:00 a.m. ONE JOINT SERVICE

CELEBRATE CHRIST'S BIRTH

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE

10:00 am ONE JOINT SERVICE TO

WELCOME IN THE NEW YEAR



**Pastor's
Message
for the
New Year**

December 2011

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Ring in the Season Organ and Handbell Concert

First United Methodist
225 Ludlow, Hamilton, OH

Sunday, December 4
3:00 p.m.

Featuring Sacred
and Secular Music

COME AND BRING A FRIEND



Free Will
Offering

Pastor's Page

Dear Friends:



I sit down to write this note to you a new woman, or at least a partly new woman. I cannot tell you how much of an improvement my new hip is, even at 10% healed. What a blessing modern medicine is. Thank you, thank you, thank you for your patience as I deal with these medical issues. It will be worth the effort.

Right before the hip surgery, I was getting very enfeebled. Everything was such an effort. If I had had to wait even a month longer, my spirits would have sagged. How could I cope?

I mention this not for my own issues, but to remind us that the feelings I had were similar to the way many of the people felt at the time of Jesus' birth. They had been promised a messiah, again and again; yet they were still waiting. Would God ever come through on the promise that was made? Were they still important to God, or had God abandoned them? They had to wait. This waiting is what we want to remember during the season of Advent. A waiting with an anticipation that something would happen.

Something did, as we all know. We celebrate the birth of Jesus, the promised one, the messiah to help us solidify our belief that God is indeed with us, every moment of every day. The fact that God came to live among us and share our experiences says that God knows our hurts and our sorrows and wants something different for us. Our task is to be open to rejoicing at this gift of Jesus.

I write this note on "Black Friday." I write it ashamed that we as a church have not made it clearer that Christmas is not about our receiving gifts - expensive gifts at discount prices, but about the one gift of God's child, Jesus. There are two new books out this season to help change the focus. One is by Mike Slaughter of the Ginghamburg UMC with the title, Christmas Is Not Your Birthday: Experience the Joy of Living and Giving like Jesus. The second is a study by Adam Hamilton titled, The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem. Both authors are trying to help the church refocus on Christmas being about God and not shopping.

I ran into Mike Slaughter's concept a few years ago. He suggests that instead of spending all the money that we do on Christmas gifts that we give an equal amount to world mission. Through this concept his congregation has raised millions of dollars that they have invested in the Sudan, teaching families how to farm and sending children to school.

Yes, this means sacrifice. For those of us who grew up not having much, Christmas was the time that we got much needed items. Today, Christmas is about finding the "right" gift which sometimes means an expensive gift or even a "non-gift" as I would call the giving of an Ohio lottery ticket as the "gift they want to have." That ad I find particularly offensive.

The point this month is to move beyond the hype to the hope. It is to remember the miraculous act that happened as God took on human form to live among us. I have had a taste of the miraculous this month, with my new hip. My miracle came about because of doctors. Can you imagine what more will be done for us as God acts on our behalf?

The congregation has many ways you can celebrate the Journey to Bethlehem. I invite you to worship with us, each Sunday of Advent, to join our Hand bell and Organ Concert on December 4th, to worship with us Christmas Eve as we experience the coming of the Light of Christ, and to worship with us on Christmas Day, remembering that it is God who is giving us a gift. Come and celebrate the birth of Christ. Or as the carol says, "Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King." See you at church.

Do a random act of kindness this Christmas season. Try doing one for someone you don't know. It is a good way to share God's love.

Pocket Change Sunday

The third Sunday of each month, we continue to support Mending Hearts with a special offering. Mending Hearts is a group sponsored by Companions on a Journey for grieving families. A number of our members are volunteers in this special and important ministry. The offering pays for the supper that members of the Mending Hearts group shares at each meeting. Remember, the third Sunday of the month to bring your extra change and put it in the heart offering box.

Prayer Concerns

Prayer Concerns:

Elizabeth Jones
Mildred Harper
Alan Haid
Billie Shiflett
Carolyn Jones

George & Nell Bassitt & Family
Linda Getz
Ilena Cornelius
Travis Kinch



Please remember the Jones family as they grieve the death of Charles. May they experience the peace that passes all understanding as they remember that Charles has gone home to God.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Community Lunch. This ministry happens every Saturdays of the month.
Missionaries, Peace Corp workers, and those who work for international peace.
Military families and national leaders

Those who live with war and social unrest

Those who continue to be without a job in Hamilton.

Un-named prayer requests for health and well-being of ourselves and family members.

Those who do not know the peace of Christ or Jesus as their Savior.

Do you have someone you would like to add to this list? Please call or email the office. 513-896-LOVE (8653) or firstumc@firstumc-ham.org

Just A Reminder

The increased use of Kroger cards has lead to our getting a check each month at the church. Thanks for remembering.

If you are going to buy gift cards for gifts this Christmas, do so at Kroger and use your card. First will get the benefit and you will get extra gas points. Both of us win.

Have you set up www.goodsearch.com as your search engine on your computer? If you do, you can designate First as the recipient of the rewards for using Good Search. I have been doing this for the past six months and have found no problems with using it. The church gets pennies each search, but it adds up.

Also, if you shop at Office Depot or Staples, you can give reward points to the church. When they ask if you have a reward card, just give the church's phone number. This is also true at GFS, but I would guess that many of you never make it to Gordon Food Services.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Each of the four Sundays of Advent we will light an Advent Wreath. We are looking for families or groups of people who would like to do the lighting each of the weeks. If you would like to help with this part of worship any of the Sundays between December 4 and December 25, please let the office know or write it on your Living Our Faith Cards.



More to Come

This year's Christmas offering will go toward our apportionments. Apportionments are our fair share of maintaining retired ministers on their medical plan, supporting the work of our Board of Global Ministries, which includes UMCOR's work, international missions and 2% goes toward the support of the general church. You will hear more about this offering in the Christmas letter.

Congratulations to the Community Lunch

This month there are five Saturdays and First has only to supply the food for one of the five. We have enlisted the help of four other congregations. Park Avenue United Methodist does the first Saturday every month. Zion Lutheran will provide the food for the second Saturday this month. We will do the third (December 17). Trinity Episcopal will do their regular fourth Saturday. Jacksonburg United Methodist has agreed to do the fifth Saturday this month.

This is a significant act of interchurch cooperation. Together we are serving the community which says that Christ is one even though we may have different worship practices or locations. I hope you give thanks to God this month for all the partnership that is occurring between churches.

Good Eggs



Thanks to those who helped with the clean-up day. This included Rusty Haid, Dick Haid, Dave Stephenson, Dee Harper, Jennifer Pflanzner, Teri Trent, Ruth Stanton, Karen Whalen and Scott Fuhrman.

Thanks to Jackie and bob Jewett who donated umbrellas to the church.

Thanks to Octavie Gunneson who donated the vacuum that we needed. John, our custodian loves it.

Thanks to everyone who helped on November 13 with the pork dinner and dessert auction. I understand the desserts were wonderful, John Trent did a really good job and everyone had fun. Sorry I was not there.

Thanks to the group who helped with the Hanging of the Greens, Kathy Conrad, Kay Sallee, Maribeth Metzler, Dee Harper, Rusty Haid, Lynn Kinkaid, Ruth Stanton, Carol Brandenburg and particularly Teri Trent who got the items ready for downstairs ahead of time. Thanks to Marcia Weygant who took care of the readers for the second service.

Thanks to all the women of Naomi Circle who continue to make and sell necklaces. Kathy, did you say we gave \$500 to the church this month? That is the sale of 100 necklaces.

Thanks to Ruby Crothers for the new Advent banners on our pulpit and lectern. They look great and thanks for the help with invitations to our hand bell, organ concert.

Thanks to everyone who helped while Rev Peggy was out of the office. Vicki did a great job again. She made sure that everything was in the right place for those who came in to preach. Vicki, we appreciate all the hard work and extra things you do for us in the office.

Rev. Peggy

Christmas Bags for Community Lunch Participants

We all enjoy the gifts that we receive at Christmas. What I noticed at Trunk or Treat is that the adults were grateful when we offered them an apple. We had left over tooth paste, so I began to think about a gift bag for the folks at Christmas. Dee has checked with Trinity and they want to help too. We are figuring on a grocery bag that will include toothpaste, an orange, a candy cane, Panera bread from Trinity, and toothbrushes also. I will check with Lindewald to see if they have leftover toilet paper and Park Avenue to see about body wash or shampoo. It would be nice to include some soap, etc. Watch the bulletin for how this idea develops into an achievable plan. We will need approximately 200 bags, some of which will be for children.

If you still have stuffed animals that you would like to donate, we could put one of those in each child's bag. I think it would be good if we could include a book for each child. We still have some candy that could be included.

To have the stuff on hand is only one aspect of the project. To get the bags ready is another. We are gathering on Tuesday, December 20th at 10 am to put together these gift bags. They are likely to be paper grocery bags, so if you would like to bring some ribbon or wrapping paper to make them more festive, please do.

If you have extra Christmas cards, it would be nice to include a card in each bag. Take yours and sign your first name and then your congregation. If you can think of a little prayer that you will say for the person (God will know who they are) then include it in your card. Drop off the cards at worship on Sunday or at the office.

The bags will be distributed as people leave on Saturday, December 24th. If you would like to be a part of giving out the bags, please let us know.

The gift of baby Jesus was a surprise. How nice that we might give a surprise to each and every person who comes to have lunch on the 24th.

Thank You!

I want to thank everyone for the graciousness with my surgeries. I just get healed with one and have to have a second one. It was most successful. I am currently healing. The doctor says that I am 10% healed, but I feel 100% better. In December I will return to work part-time, increasing my time as I feel able.

Thank you for all that you have done during this time of convalescence. I am grateful that you are praying for me. Since you are in the habit, I would appreciate that you would continue to pray for me, as your pastor. It is a simple way that each of you can undergird what happens at First. Thank you for caring for my family and for the church.

Do You Have Old Eyeglasses Gathering Dust?

So many of us have older versions of our eyeglasses gathering dust in a drawer. We have forgotten that we have them, almost. Newer versions come along and we hold onto the old, know that we need at least one older pair in case there is a problem with the current pair. I support this idea, but those older glasses need to go.

Ken and I were recently at the Cincinnati Eye Institute. They take older glasses and fit them to needs around the world. Here is a simple mission that costs you nothing and gets rid of clutter. Bring your older eye glasses to the church by Christmas and we will give them to the Cincinnati Eye Institute. What a wonderful Christmas gift to give.



Otterbein Lebanon's 18th Annual Renaissance Feaste

January 5 and 6, 2012

6:00 p.m. (doors open 5:30 p.m.)

Everyone is invited to the Otterbein Lebanon Retirement Community Campus, 585 N. St. Rt. 741, Lebanon. On these two evenings their multipurpose room is magically turned into a castle Great Hall. There will be performers in authentic 16th century costumes; music; and a renaissance feast of roast pork, red potatoes, winter vegetables, and salad – including the serving of flaming pudding. All seats are reserved. Tickets are \$15 per person and include dinner and entertainment. Call early for choice seating. Reservations will be taken starting December 5. The Renaissance “hot line” is 513-696-8575.

How Can Your Holiday Spending Benefit First UMC?

- Giving gift cards to someone for Christmas? Buy them at Kroger using your church registered Kroger gift card and Kroger gives the church 4%. Don't forget to also use your KrogerPlus card to get those double gas points! And until Dec. 11th you'll actually get 4 times the points!
- Eating out during the holiday season? Buy restaurant gift cards at Kroger with your church gift card and we get 4% of your purchase - and did we mention those double gas points? Or 4 times the points until Dec. 11th?
- Have some favorite stores where you do your Christmas shopping? Buy gift cards for those stores at Kroger with your church gift card, then use them to buy your Christmas gifts. The church gets their 4% - and hey, you get double gas points! (Or 4 times the points until Dec. 11th.)
- Making special holiday meals? Buy your supplies at Kroger with your church gift card.
- Searching for or buying gifts online? Register, search and purchase at IGive.com or Goodsearch.com and First will earn some money from their give back programs—at no extra cost to you.



Need that church registered Kroger gift card? Need help understanding how to use the card? Talk to Dee Harper.

Do You Have an Entertainment Book?

Do you have a new Entertainment Book? You will notice that there are 3 coupons in it for GFS. If you are not planning to use them (or even one of them), the community lunch could use them. You can drop them off to the office or contact Dee Harper or Ruth Stanton.

Cookies Needed!!



Cookies are needed again for the community lunch. Our program has grown to serving over 250 meals a Saturday and our cookies are going fast! If you are able to donate cookies, either home-made or store-bought, it would be greatly appreciated. Please place 2 cookies each in a Ziploc bag and be sure to mark the bag if the cookies contain nuts. By putting them in the Ziploc bags, we are able to freeze them ~ we can never have too many!

Why Size Matters

While we are not a large congregation, the insights in this article can inform our dialogue as we strive to be a vital congregation. Please read this article and pay particular attention to both the benefits and the problems with being a large congregation. Rev. Peggy.

by **Susan Beaumont**

What are the central essential characteristics that make this congregation unique? This is a question that I frequently pose to congregations who engage me as their consultant. Recently, leaders of a congregation that I worked with posed this question to their members as part of a series of listening circles. Somewhat disturbingly, a significant number of people responded to the question about central essential characteristics by replying with some version of, “Well, I guess what makes us unique is that we are big.” These statements about the size of the congregation were often made without any qualifiers about why big was important or what it helped the congregation accomplish. People simply thought that what made them unique was their size. Size was an end unto itself.

As we probed the responses a little further, we discovered that people meant many different things when they named size as an essential characteristic of the congregation. Some talked about the fact that the size of the congregation generated enough resources to ensure that the congregation could make an impact in its community. For others, size produced a capacity for excellence in worship and education that they valued. For still others, the size of the congregation was a measure of prestige. They valued being part of the “biggest and richest” congregation around. (Leaders expressed a collective “ouch” in response to that last interpretation.)

As you can imagine, this data produced some interesting dialogue among leaders. Is size an end unto itself—or a means to accomplish something else? If we cease to be a large and resource rich congregation, will we have failed in our mission? Should our size be one of the core values expressed by our congregation? What difference does it really make that we are considered “big” in the world of congregations? What does our size allow us to accomplish?

Our Attraction to Large

There are five major aspects that create a sense of appeal for the large church in this day and age:

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Why Size Matters (continued)

Capacity for Excellence

We live in a high expectation culture. Increasingly, people are looking for congregations with a threefold emphasis on relevance, quality, and choices: excellence in presenting the gospel in what is perceived as relevant terms; a reputation for quality worship, teaching, and training; and provision of a broad range of attractive choices in worship, learning, and involvement.

Effective Use of Technology

Culturally we have shifted from communication that is printed and spoken to communication that is visually supported with imagery, motion, humor, drama, and music. This shift is transforming the worship service from what has traditionally been a low-energy, verbal presentation style to higher energy, multimedia, and entertaining worship experiences. Overall, large congregations have greater resource capacity to purchase and use technology effectively, which contributes to their sense of cultural relevance.

Space for Anonymity and Intimacy

One of the reasons that larger congregations are growing at a faster rate than smaller congregations is because of their unique capacity for accommodating both intimacy and anonymity. The large church provides an arena in which a person seeking to be unknown can be present and participate in worship and education without compromising anonymity. Larger congregations can also meet the intimacy needs of individuals through small-group educational, service, and programming venues, where people can know and be known in deeply connective ways. People who are seeking engagement at opposite ends of the intimacy/anonymity continuum can sit comfortably side by side in the large church.

Presence of Diversity

In addition to being better able to serve diverse needs and appeal to different demographic groupings, the large congregation allows members and participants to engage diversity, in measured doses, as they feel comfortable. In a small congregation, when diversity shows up in the form of a visitor who presents some form of “otherness,” the congregation as a whole must encounter the difference if the visitor is to feel welcome. In the large church, however, people can find their way toward others with whom they identify, without the entire congregation having to negotiate difference all of the time. Congregants balance the tension between engaging differences when it feels safe and retreating to more homogeneous groupings when that feels right, in much the same way that they negotiate intimacy and anonymity.

Capacity to Make a Difference

“Think global, act local” has become a mantra in our culture. We are becoming increasingly aware of our own insignificance in the global scheme of things, and we crave ways to make a difference in our own lives and in the lives of others. Large congregations offer members and constituents the opportunity to participate in something that feels significant. People who struggle with a sense of insignificance in life may be drawn to a large congregation so that they can finally be part of something that makes an impact. People who are movers and shakers in their communities may similarly be drawn to these institutions, because they expect to invest themselves in places where their voice matters.

The Limitations of Large

With all of the natural advantages that the large church brings to bear on our culture, it would seem evident that the large congregation has become a poster child for the future of the church. However, the large

church also faces formidable challenges that may limit its capacity to serve the very culture to which it appeals.

Communication Problems

The larger a congregation grows, the more difficult it becomes to make sure that the right and left hands of the congregation are aware of one another and informed about mutual activity. Increased size means increased complexity, and the greater an organization's complexity the harder it is to ensure that everyone has access to the same information.

Resistance to Change

The large church is often compared metaphorically to an ocean liner. And, like the captain of the *Titanic* trying to avoid colliding with its iceberg, you can't start, stop, or turn a large church easily. The complexity of the large church means that it is not easily jumpstarted, it is not easily stopped when it does have momentum, and mid-stream course corrections are not accomplished without considerable effort. Because large congregations are not generally nimble, they are not well equipped to handle the changes that the shift from modernity to postmodernity is requiring.

Continual Staff and Leadership Transition

The effectiveness of the large church is dependent upon a high functioning, strategically aligned team of clergy and program and support staff. The stability of that team is critical. If the team is in conflict or turmoil, the congregation is likely to be in conflict and turmoil. However, the very nature of the staff team in the large church is that it is continually in a state of transition. Large church pastors bemoan the fact that there is always a position open on the team and always a search committee in process.

Undercapitalization

Pastors of large congregations are continually trying to figure out how to raise money to support the growth initiatives of the church without robbing the operating budget needed to sustain payroll and existing ministries. The large church naturally projects an image of abundance, and it is difficult to convince people that the church has any genuine need or that their financial contributions make a difference.

Lack of Alignment

As growth occurs, coordinating and aligning the ministries of the church becomes more challenging. When the staff team no longer fits comfortably around a single decision-making table, the church begins to lose its sense of strategic focus. Successful ministries begin competing with one another, not just for budget dollars, but for voice in shaping decision making. Highly talented staff members compete for limited resources. Lay leaders begin to feel that they've lost their place in the decision-making life of the church as the role of staff becomes more central. Keeping the entire structure aligned and focused is one of the greatest challenges in the large church and also a key to its effectiveness.

Regardless of what draws you into this dialogue, I invite you to examine your own presuppositions and assumptions about church size. I invite you to pause and reflect upon your own congregational background and the various ways in which your assumptions about the right-sized congregation have been shaped by your experience.

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What's Happening in December at First Church

Game Night
Cancelled for December

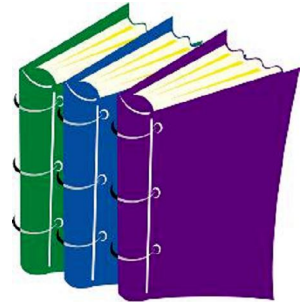
Pocket Change Sunday
December 18, 2011

UMW December Meeting

During worship services a special collection of pocket change (dollars, too) will be taken as an offering for Mending Hearts to help with the purchase of pizza.

Books First, A Great Time!

With all the activities for Christmas and Rev. Peggy's continued healing, we decided to take a short vacation. If you are looking for a book, you might try Michael Slaughter's Christmas Is Not Your Birthday: Experience the Joy of Living and Giving like Jesus. Maybe you would like Max Lucado's It's Not about Me: Rescue from the Life We Thought Would Make Us Happy. Both are available at Cokesbury.com on sale.



Books First

The January book has also been chosen. It is Walking Across Egypt by Clyde Edgerton. The "Atlanta Journal & Constitution" had this to say about the book "She has much business keeping a stray dog as she had walking across Egypt-which not so incidentally is the title of her favorite hymn. She's Mattie Rigsbee, an independent, strong-minded senior citizen, who at 78, might be slowing down just a bit. When young, delinquent Wesley Benfield drops in on her life, he is even less likely a companion than the stray dog. But, of course, the dog never tasted her mouth-watering pound cake....Wise witty, down-home and real, Walking Across Egypt is a book for everyone."

December No Group. Have a blessed Christmas
January 25 Walking Across Egypt by Clyde Edgerton

We meet at The Book Keeper, 516 Main Street at 7 pm.



The 4 F's (We love Faith, Fun, Fellowship & Food)

What a wonderful thing, to take times with friends to share a meal and laugh. This is what happens at 4F's. We have chosen the White House because the last time we went there we had an excellent lunch at affordable prices in a private room. Why not take a break, come and join the 4F's for lunch. Anyone in the church is welcome to come. It is not based on age. If you need a ride, let Vicki know in the church office and we will make sure you get one.

December 8 The White House (Nov. & Dec. lunch) 4940 Muhlhauser Rd. Hamilton

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For newsletter submissions, contact Stacey Morefield, newsletter editor, at edsjmorefield@gmail.com

Hand Bell and Organ Concert December 4

We have such a wonderful Hand Bell Choir, and Jubilation Choir that we want to share their music with the community. What better time to hear special music than during the Christmas season. On Sunday afternoon at 3 pm, we will host a concert featuring sacred and secular Christmas music. Our music director, Marcia Weygant, has planned a most enjoyable time. She promises music with the hand bells, the organ and even the hand bells and organ together.

We hope not only will you join us for this event, but that you will bring neighbors and friends so that we might have a packed house. Help us “ring in” the season on Sunday, December 4, at 3 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service

This year we will have only the late night Christmas Eve service. I was unsure about the endurance I would have by Christmas Eve and decided it was better to have one wonderful service.

As in previous years, the Jubilation Hand Bell Choir will begin the evening at 9:30 p.m. with special music. They will be joined by members of our praise band to prepare us for what comes next. At 10 p.m., the lights will go out and we will welcome the “Light of the World.” This service builds on light. Starting in complete darkness, we bring the light of Christ into the sanctuary. Singing familiar carols, the sanctuary continues to increase in light until full brightness. Then, lighting individual candles to represent the light of Christ in each of us, the lights will be extinguished, as we sing “Silent Night.” We leave singing “Joy to the World” as we go into the world to proclaim the Good News of Christ to the world.

If you have not attended one of these Christmas Eve services this is an excellent time to join us. We experience the sacredness of the season as we celebrate Christ’s birth. Come early so you can get a seat. The house is usually packed. If you are on oxygen we have an alternative to a lit candle so that you, too, can participate.



Christmas Day is on Sunday

Yes, this is true in 2011. I hope it will change your Christmas plans.

There is something special about having a worship service on Christmas Day. Instead of the day being about unwrapping presents, we get to celebrate the most important gift we have ever been given, Jesus Christ. To facilitate our worship together, there will be only one service at 10 a.m. We will gather in the sanctuary for a time of carols, reading of the sacred story and sharing the gift of God’s love with one another. We hope you will plan your day to include a time of worship with us at First UMC. Remember the time – 10 a.m.



Christmas Day Worship

New Year’s Day Celebration is on Sunday

When Christmas is on Sunday, so is New Year’s Day. There will also be one service on New Year’s Day at 10 am. We will welcome in the New Year with a informal praise service of covenant. Breakfast will begin at 9:30 with coffee, egg casseroles and pastries. You are invited to come and welcome in the New Year with prayer. What better way is there to begin a new year? Join us for breakfast and worship. Worship begins at 10 a.m.



December Birthdays

12/3 Robert Bernhardt
12/4 Nannie Baker
John Trent
George Trimyer
Marcia Weygant
12/6 Steve Bossert
12/14 Sally Damm
12/15 Nancy Hamilton
12/16 Genna Morefield
Alice Stephenson
12/17 Elizabeth Jones
12/18 Henry Floyd
12/27 Daniel Wurst
12/30 Becky Huff
12/31 Leslie Jewett

December Anniversaries

12/21 Randall & Mary Jo Anderson
12/24 Lex & Kay Campbell
Jack & Karen Whalen
12/27 Terry & Georgetta Spurlock
12/28 John & Teri Trent

December Worship Leaders

9 a.m. - Praise Service

12/4 - Alice Stephenson
12/11 - Kerry Bossert
12/18 - Jim Sebastian
12/25 - Larry Bell








December Worship Leaders

10:45 - Adoration Service

12/4 - Mary Alice Hensley
12/11 - Linda DiBenedetto
12/18 - Ruby Crothers
12/25 - John Harper



December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 COMMUNION 8:00 AM Breakfast 9:00 AM Praise 9:55 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Traditional Service 3:00 PM Organ & Bell Concert 5:00 PM UMMH Worship 	5 6:15 PM Men's Bowling J-Zone 7:00 PM Christmas Caroling @ Lindenwald 	6 11:45 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Jubilation Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	7 Noon 4F's Lunch @ White House 7:00 PM GA Meeting	8 8:30 AM Fisher's of Men 11:00-1:00 Community Lunch 8:00 PM NA Meeting	9 Rev. Peggy's Day Off 6:00 PM Zumba	10 8:30 AM Fisher's of Men 11:00-1:00 Community Lunch 8:00 PM NA Meeting
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Jan. 1-worship at 10:00 a.m.

