



# PINE Chips<sup>2.0</sup>

## United Methodist

### Of Church of the Pines



*Live Christ's Love*

*Nurture Outreach Worship*



At Church of the Pines, we offer everyone an opportunity to come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and to grow in a committed relationship with God.

We are Living Christ's Love NOW through Nurture, Outreach, and Worship.



*"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."  
- John 1:5*

**Sunday Worship - 10:00 a.m.**

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*Not only is the monthly Pine Chips 2.0 sent to our church community via email, but we also have weekly announcements and events emailed and posted online!*

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## Pastor's Pen



### Our Journey Continues

This time of year always makes me think of being a kid again. December seemed to be the slowest month. I couldn't wait for Christmas. I felt like I was sitting in car on a long trip asking – Are we there yet?!

Jesus, the light of the world has come into the world, yet there is still darkness. Jesus has risen as King of Kings, yet his Kingdom has not yet come. We are doing a lot of waiting; the journey keeps going on and on; and we wonder when we will arrive. It is helpful to remind ourselves of where we are going and what we are waiting for with our faith. This December is such a time for us here at Church of the Pines.

We are going to slow down and remember the Peace, Hope, and Joy that Jesus has already brought into our lives and world. We are also going to remember that we can Trust in God's promises, even if we are still waiting. Each week will be an opportunity in worship to receive these promises from Jesus once again and to anticipate receiving them in full in the days to come.

However, we know Christmas is a difficult time many people. The season is filled with stress and business. It is important for us to be mindful that for some people the Christmas season is a time of personal darkness and grief. And there are others who would love nothing more than to celebrate during Advent and Christmas, but cannot do so because they do not know if they will have enough food to feed their family, let alone have enough for presents and celebrations. Their food insecurity robs them of the peace, hope, and joy of this season.

I know there are some of us at Church of the Pines who have never experienced the stress and struggle of not having enough food, and others of us know the stress all too well. That is why each week during Advent this year we are donating food to the Lakeland Food Pantry. Each week will have a basket up in front of the sanctuary for donations of food items, as well as monetary donations. Let's try to fill the basket to overflowing each week!

We cannot take all this stress away, but we can try to take some of it away so that people in our community can also receive the promises of Jesus this Advent season. We are not there yet, our journey with Jesus continues, but there is light, peace, hope, and joy to share with all people. We need to be willing to do our part in sharing it this Advent and Christmas season.

Blessings.

Pastor Mark

## Leadership, Prayer Requests & Anniversaries

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*Please pray for:*

*Janet Beitz*

*Bev Scott*

*Dorothy Wright*

*Temba Nkomozpi,  
missionary*

To have your name included on this Prayer List, in the bulletin Prayer List, or on our Prayer Chain, please call the church office at 715-356-3041 or send an email to office@umchurchofthepines.org.



Rich & Nancy Klatt - December 29

***Blessings to you on your special day!***



Tuesday  
December 24th  
4:30 pm & 7:00 pm  
Choral Concert - 6:30 p.m.

### Christmas Cards



### Sunday, December 8th

Please stop in the Ministry Center after worship to sign Christmas cards that will be sent to folks who reside in nursing homes & assisted living residences, those who are ill or homebound, and those who have gone south for the winter.

## Birthdays, Altar Flowers & Hospitality Ministry

### Altar Flowers

Thank you to everyone who provided flowers for the Altar this past year. We are now taking requests for Altar flowers for next year. If you would like to reserve a Sunday on the 2020 calendar for flowers, please complete a flower form and return it to the church office. Request forms are located next to the Flower Calendar in the Pine Room.



### HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Please consider becoming involved in our Church of the Pines' Hospitality Ministry. As a member of this important ministry, we have the opportunity to organize Coffee Fellowships each Sunday morning after the worship service. The Coffee Fellowship sign-up sheet for 2020 is now available and can be found on the counter in the Ministry Center. Those who volunteer to host Sunday Coffee Fellowships provide some type of refreshments (coffee cake, cheese/crackers, fruit, breakfast breads, donuts, etc. — something simple); come in prior to the worship service to set up; serve; and clean up. Call the church office at 715-356-3041 if you would like to become involved with our Coffee Fellowship Hospitality Ministry.



If you are celebrating your birthday in December and your name is not listed below, please contact the church office so that we can update our records.

December 5	Chris Anderson
December 6	Josie Hinkens
December 6	Sue Shapiro
December 9	Holly Nash
December 15	Brant Loichinger
December 15	Florence Melka
December 23	Rick Rausch
December 26	Skip Tosch
December 29	Jean Bishop
December 29	Mary Peterson
December 30	Alexis Kroening

*Blessings to you on your special day!*

### WINTER Weather Policy

Cancellation of Sunday worship will be considered when there is ice and when there are severe storm warnings. If the weather situation requires cancellation, a decision will be made by 6:00 pm on Saturday evening.

As soon as cancellation has been determined, the following will occur: a voice message will be placed on the church telephone; worship stewards will be notified; local television and radio stations that allow church cancellations will be notified; a mass email will be sent via Mail Chimp to those on the list (this is the Weekly Update and Pine Chips newsletter list); and a mass phone call will be made to the church membership. If you have an email address and are not currently receiving the Weekly Updates each Friday, please either email the church office at [office@umchurchofthepines.org](mailto:office@umchurchofthepines.org) and request to be placed on this e-list or you can go to our church website at [www.umchurchofthepines.org](http://www.umchurchofthepines.org), click on "newsletters" and request to be placed on the e-mail list. If you have questions about this policy, please call the church office at 715-356-3041 or email [office@umchurchofthepines.org](mailto:office@umchurchofthepines.org).

## Madrigal Dinner



During the Renaissance period, it was traditional for members of the royal courts of Europe to gather for great feasts during the holiday season. The events usually included good food, good drink, singing of songs, the telling of the Christmas story as well as other stories, and general merriment. The Merry Carolers Troupe is a group of professional singers from Chicago that recreate this wonderful experience for you to share with your family.

United Methodist Church of the Pines  
is proud to host a  
**Madrigal Dinner featuring**

Val Bartlein & the Merry Carolers  
**Friday, December 13, 2019**

*Join us for this special evening of great music,  
great company, and great food*

*Social Hour at 6:00 pm with Dinner at 6:30 pm*

**\$40.00 Per Person**

Dinner includes Wassail & Sparkling NA Wine, Bread & Salad, Pork Loin with Cranberry Chutney Sauce, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, and Bread Pudding Dessert

Due to limited seating, reservations are required

**Event to be held at United Methodist Church of the Pines  
415 Chippewa Street, Minocqua**

Tickets can be purchased at United Methodist Church of the Pines' office  
or by mailing in your reservation (form available online)

For more information call 715-356-3041 or visit our website:  
<http://www.umchurchofthepines.org>



*Thank you to Norwood Pines for sponsoring and  
supporting this community event.*

## Lay Leader

### Joy to the World the Savior is born!



Let me share with you the Christmas story from Luke 2:1-20.

And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

"Glory to god in the highest,  
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

May the joy and peace of our Savior, Jesus Christ be with you all.

Gretchen Voigt, Lay Leader

## Blue Christmas Service & Stephen Ministry



### Blue Christmas Service

**Wednesday, December 18**

**Noon at United Methodist Church of the Pines and  
5:30 pm at St. Matthias Episcopal Church**

The Holiday season is hard for those whose hearts are hurting. You are not alone. Together with St. Matthias' Episcopal Church we will have a Blue Christmas service on Wednesday, December 18 at noon at United Methodist Church of the Pines, and at 5:30 pm at the St. Matthias' Episcopal Church. We hope you will find it meaningful to join us. We also encourage you to:

#### Take care of yourself

- Recognize the holidays won't be the same
- Decide what you really want to do and make changes in traditions if you feel more comfortable
- Get enough rest and exercise
- Express your feelings

#### Decide what you can handle

- Find your own comfort zone in holiday planning and what events you will attend
- Re-examine your priorities: do what you enjoy, try to delegate those things you would not

#### Manage your relationships with others

- Share plans and feelings with other family members
- Remember, laughter and joy are not disrespectful to the loved one you have lost
- Be careful not to isolate yourself

#### Remember your loved one

- Share stories
- Light a special candle in his/her honor
- Help someone else or volunteer at a food pantry, Salvation Army, or other charity that was important to your loved one
- Buy a special wreath or tree and decorate it with items representing things that were important to your loved one
- If you don't feel like having a Christmas tree, plan on buying a live tree in Spring in memory of your loved one and planting it somewhere special
- List the gifts your loved one taught you (humor, generosity, etc.) on cards; have family members and friends pick a card and relate what that gift meant to them



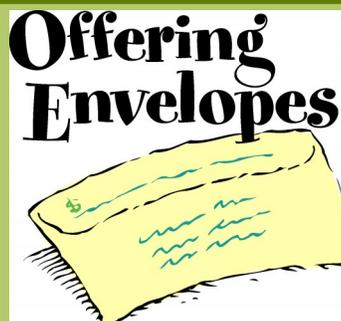
Stephen Ministers will be available at the Blue Christmas service and also after the service on Sunday Dec 1 to pray with you, if you would like.

If you or someone you know is having a difficult time this holiday season and would like a Stephen Minister to talk to, contact Stephen Leader: Holly Nash at 715-356-6861.

## Ministry Council

### Summary of Ministry Council Meeting

The Ministry Council met on November 19th with the following members present: Sue Claflin, Tom Frandy, Pastor Mark Gilbert, Merry Jorgensen, Dave Kozeluh, Eric Kroening, Sue Loeffler, Bob Nash, Perry Schuette, Bob Schuld, Gretchen Voigt, Jerry Weber. June Westphal and Sue Altschwager (guest). Each month, Council members make a list of church accomplishments, which included: a successful UMW Fall Rummage & Bake Sale; change out of all the fluorescent overhead lights throughout the church; navigating through a difficult time of the Rocking Horse closing with dignity; there has great progress with the church directory; there has been good progress in getting more surveys turned in; preparation is falling into place this year so nicely for the Madrigal Dinner; Sue Altschwager has done a good job of organizing the LOGOS program. Time was also spent identifying highlights from this past year: a successful Madrigal Dinner; the Paul Todd Concert; maintaining the inside and exterior of the church—a lot was accomplished; Fall Festival; setting up the database for making “robo” calls; went into the annual meeting with almost all church leadership positions filled; increased participation of volunteers; all the publicity the church is receiving and the increased positive community awareness of the church and its ministries; having Rocking Horse serve the community for 45 years; a sanctuary full of kids for Children’s Time; Having guests consistently returning for worship; the special General Conference that was held in February handed churches a decision related to human sexuality. We have done a good job of addressing the situation as positive as possible and have done a good job of communicating information to the congregation. There were 15 people in attendance at our 2019 Charge Conference. A church leadership retreat was held in October. Upon reviewing the three priority focus areas: Telling our Story (communication); Hospitality; and Strengthen Children and Family Ministries, we will continue to work on these areas in 2020. As related to Rocking Horse Dissolution, a task force consisting of Jerry Weber, Bob Schuld, Bob Nash and Perry Schuette will meet in December to organize a liquidation sale. A motion was made, and passed, stating that the proceeds from the liquidation of Rocking Horse furnishings and supplies will benefit the children in our community. There will be a Leadership Orientation (new and existing leaders of the church) on January 9th with a snow date of January 14th. At the completion of a discussion of the LOGOS program, a motion was made and passed to direct the Leadership Committee to develop a plan to assist our children’s ministry leaders. The exterior door locks were re-keyed on November 19th. A key distribution process has begun, which also includes a process for requesting a key, as well as checking keys in and out for short-term use. The following Ministry Council members, whose terms end at the end of December were thanked for their service: June Westphal, Bob Nash and Sue Altschwager. With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Pine Room.



If you arranged to receive offering envelope packets for 2020, they can be picked up in the Ministry beginning December 15th.

## United Methodist Women

**Use your Thank Offering box.** Put in a dime for each advent candle up by the church altar.

**Thank you** to all who baked, bought and worked to make our Fall Pie Sale a success!

**Celebrating 150 years of UMW.** Christmas through the years—In 1964 Aunt Holly appeared at the Christmas bazaar with her apron of many pockets filled with small gifts for children. The Christmas Breakfast was started that year. In 1967 the ladies from St. Patrick's Church and Our Lady Queen of the Universe were invited to join us at our Christmas Breakfast. Many of those ladies from the other churches came and sang at the cantatas our church had every year. In 1971 we had a Christmas bake and bazaar sale. In 1974 the Christmas Bake Sale and Bazaar was held at 70 West Mall. 1979 was the year Shirley Ahlborn suggested a "Cookie Walk" to be held along with the Christmas Bazaar and in 1981 the Christmas Bazaar was changed to the Cookie Walk. In 1989 Midwest Living magazine came to the Cookie Walk to take pictures for their December 1990 Christmas issue.

### **UMW Circle Meetings**

**Dawn Circle** will meet on Wednesday, December 11 at 9:30 am at the home of Pat Schuld, 7336 Ridgeview Court in Timber Ridge.

**Deborah Circle** will meet for Christmas caroling at 6:30 pm at One Penny Place on Thursday, December 5. Please bring cookies for the residents and a cookie exchange. Anyone who likes to sing is welcome to join us!

**Esther Circle** meets at the Holiday Cafe at 12 noon on Wednesday, December 4.

**Lydia Circle** will meet at Perkins on Thursday, December 12 at 9:30 am.

**Martha Circle** will meet Thursday, December 5 at 1 pm at the home of Helen Wentz.

**Ruth Circle** meets Wednesday, December 11 at 2510 in Wausau. Call Sue Shapiro for details at 414-416-5102.

## Cookie Walk & Craft Show and LOGOS Christmas Program



### Cookie Walk & Craft Show

**Saturday, December 7**

**9:30 - 11:00 a.m.**

at Church o the Pines

415 Chippewa Street in downtown Minocqua

Sponsored by United Methodist Women

**Cookies: \$9.00/lb.**

#### **Opportunities to volunteer:**

**Cookie Bake Day** - Monday, December 2 from 9 am until 3 pm

**Make Crafts** - Tuesday, December 3 from 10 am until 3 pm

**Cookie Walk Set-up** - Friday, December 6 from 5 pm until 7 pm

**Cookie Walk** - Saturday, December 7 from 8:30 - 11 am

(Help is also needed for clean up)

## THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

LOGOS Christmas Program

Sunday, December 15th

10 AM worship service



The Joy of Christmas celebrates the amazing joy found in Jesus. It helps us understand the joy of Christ is not only the greatest gift we could ever receive, but the greatest gift to share with the world.

## UMW Christmas Tea, Keenagers & Odd Couples

An invitation from United Methodist Women

### *Christmas Tea*

*Tuesday, December 10th at 2 p.m.*

This event is social, a time for fellowship and sharing in the joys of Christmas. The Ascension Lutheran Bell Choir will provide entertainment and the UMW will provide dessert, coffee and tea.

RSVP by December 8th to Jeanne Van Order at 715-356-5706 or Sarah Stewart at sarahstewart2322@icloud.com



### Keenagers

**Wednesday, December 18**  
**12:00 pm - POTLUCK**

Program: Origins of some of our favorite Christmas carols.

Bring a dish to pass.

Hosts: Jeanne Van Order  
& Sue Shapiro



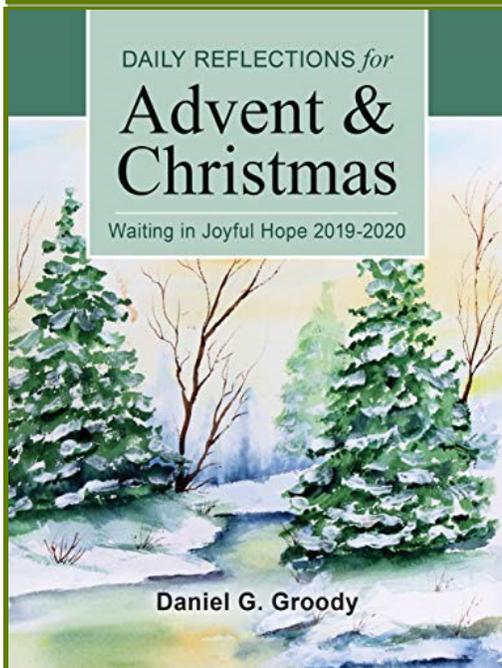
### ODD COUPLES

Odd Couples will not meet in December.

Hosts for January will be Sue Damske and Jerry Weber.

Thanks to everyone for a great 2019!

## Advent Devotional & Mission Highlights



### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS DEVOTIONAL BOOK

Prepare spiritually for the coming of Christ with this popular and inviting annual guide. During the especially busy Advent and Christmas seasons, this book offers brief, down-to-earth reflections that bring prayer and Scripture into everyday life in a thought-provoking and lasting way. Through Fr. Daniel Groody's fresh and meaningful reflections, readers will grow in their understanding of the word of God. This book will help busy people achieve their goal of enriching their prayer life during the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Pocket-size and large-print books available from the church office for a donation of \$2.00 per book.

## Mission Highlights

### Caritas

St. Mathias Episcopal Church's major service mission, Caritas distributes funds to those in urgent and immediate need of assistance. Caritas is the Latin work meaning charity, the Christian concept of spiritual and brotherly love for all people. The many ways of assisting clients is evolving. Some of the assistance offered includes: medications, duplicate drivers licenses, work boots/clothing, and household items, furniture and auto repair. Caritas may assist with utility bills or gasoline purchase. These particular needs are evaluated on a case by case basis and always a client must be present for an interview. Clients agree that Caritas provides more than money and referrals. They listen, offer compassion, problem solving, and more importantly, they offer hope to those who are in desperate need.

[www.stmathiasminocqua.com](http://www.stmathiasminocqua.com)

### Northwoods Alliance for Temporary Housing (NATH)

NATH is committed to ending and preventing homeless-needs to families and individuals who are homeless, within an atmosphere of encouragement, respect, dignity and hope, while nurturing awareness of homelessness by partnering with Northwoods resource agencies and by educating the communities in our service. NATH's service area includes Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida, and Vilas Counties. NATH and Frederick Place have established cooperative working relationships with community partners.

[www.nathnorthwoods.com](http://www.nathnorthwoods.com)

# Finance Report - October 2019

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE PINES FINANCE REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2019

	<u>October Actual</u>	<u>Year Actual</u>	<u>Incr (Decr) Versus Year Budget</u>
<b><u>Income</u></b>			
Church *	15,129	192,099	13,110
Rocking Horse	14,702	204,314	(18,142)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>29,831</b>	<b>396,413</b>	<b>( 5,032)</b>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>			
Rocking Horse	18,570	207,661	( 9,300)
Pastor **	7,729	83,003	1,901
Worship	216	7,851	( 4,372)
Nurture	1,184	4,028	( 888)
Outreach	( 1,825)	1,340	( 1,893)
Finance & Administration	4,565	50,402	( 429)
Facilities Operation & Maintenance	4,235	36,085	1,018
Capital Improvements Fund	0	0	0
Youth Fund	0	0	0
Missions Fund ***	0	6,251	( 1,386)
Reserve Fund	463	1,753	583
Conference Apportionment ****	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>35,137</b>	<b>398,374</b>	<b>(14,766)</b>
<b>Net Cash Excess (Deficiency)</b>	<b>( 5,306)</b>	<b>( 1,961)</b>	<b>9,734</b>
<b>Total Available Funds 10-31-19</b>		<b>203,210</b>	

\* Church Income needs to average 17,000 per month to cover budgeted Church Expenditures

\*\* Includes Salary, Benefits, Expenses

\*\*\* Includes Special Sundays

\*\*\*\* 2019 Assessment is 37,236

Net cash deficiency (income minus expenditures) for 10 months is 1,961 which is 9,734 better than the approved operating budget. This favorable result was primarily due to a higher investment return of 11,327 in the Morgan Stanley Reserve Fund plus a 1,910 profit on the Todd concert.

# Finance - Internal Control Policy

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE PINES INTERNAL CONTROL POLICY

The Finance Committee is obligated to establish written financial policies to document the internal controls of the church. These internal controls are either specified by the Book of Discipline, as interpreted by the Finance Committee, Wisconsin Annual Conference guidelines, or generally accepted accounting principles.

### Authorization Procedures

- The church budget shall be approved by the Ministry Council on recommendation of the Finance Committee. Financial results should be compared to the budget on a monthly basis and presented to the Ministry Council.
- Expenditures should be made only for approved purchases. A delegation of authority shall be given to the Church Administrator for this purpose.
- Payroll checks or electronic payroll transactions should only be initiated for pay that has been authorized by time reports or approved salaries.
- Individual compensation changes should only be made after they have been authorized by the Ministry Council.
- Transfers of cash between accounts and cash investments should only be performed by the Finance Committee.
- Annually, the Ministry Council should approve the signatories on all church accounts.

### Segregation of Duties

- All operating checking accounts should be under control of the Treasurer. Investment accounts should be under control of the Finance Committee and activity accounted for by the Treasurer.
- Checks should be signed by an authorized signatory other than the person who approved the expenditure.
- Bank account reconciliations should be performed monthly by the Treasurer and reviewed by the Finance Chairperson at least quarterly.
- Two unrelated people should count the weekly church offering following a written counting procedure.
- Counters should be rotated regularly.
- After the church offering has been deposited, the Treasurer should compare the summary report to the bank deposit receipt and to the amount that eventually is recorded on the bank statement by the bank.

### Physically Securing Assets

- Keep the church offering securely locked and out of sight at all times between its collection and deposit into the bank. Promptly deposit funds received.
- Locate the financial computer system in a place that is secure and not visible to casual traffic.
- Use password protected software programs.
- Limit the distribution of keys and maintain a log of who has keys to the church.

### Addendums

Delegation of Authority-Church Administrator  
Counting Procedure



# December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 First Sunday of Advent 10:00a Worship/ Communion/ Children's Church 11:00a Coffee Fellowship	2 9:00a - 3:00p Cookie Bake Day 12:00p Madrigal Dinner Meeting 6:00pm Trustees 7:00p SPRC	3 10:00a - 3:00p Craft-making	4 12:00p Esther Circle 3:50 - 6:15p LOGOS	5 1:00p Martha Circle 6:00p Choir Rehearsal 6:30p Deborah Circle	6 5:00p Cookie Walk Set Up	7 9:30 - 11:00a Cookie Walk
8 Second Sunday of Advent 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 10:00a Worship/ Children's Church 11:00a Coffee Fellowship 4:00p Piano/ Violin Recital	9 1:00p Prayer Shawl Ministry	10 10:00a Worship at Milestone 2:00p Christmas Tea	11 9:30a Dawn Circle 12:00p Ruth Circle 3:50-6:15p LOGOS	12 9:30a Lydia Circle 6:00p Choir Rehearsal	13 6:00p Madrigal Dinner Social 6:30p Madrigal Dinner	14
15 Third Sunday of Advent 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 10:00a Sunday Worship/ Children's Church 11:00a Coffee Fellowship	16	17 7:00p Ministry Council	18 12:00p Blue Christmas Service 12:00p Keenagers 3:50-6:15p LOGOS 5:30p Blue Christmas Service	19 5:00p Stephen Ministry Christmas Party 6:00p Choir Rehearsal	20	21
22 Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 10:00a Sunday Worship/ Children's Church 11:00a Coffee Fellowship 12:00-1:30p Choir Rehearsal	23	24 4:30p Christmas Eve Worship Service 6:00p Choir Rehearsal 6:30p Choral Concert 7:00p Christmas Eve Worship Service	25 Church office is closed	26	27	28
29 10:00a Sunday Worship/ UM Student Day/ Children's Church 11:00a Coffee Fellowship	30	31				

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