



# Chapel Chimes

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## *Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared*

Dear Friends:

Our newsletter editor, Deb Cull, has been very patient with me! I've been dragging my feet in writing what is probably my last newsletter article as your pastor. (That is a hard sentence for me to write and then see in print and I suppose - I hope, that is, for selfish reasons - also hard for you to read). Nevertheless, this is where we find ourselves: trying to be faithful to God's call, deeply grateful that we have had these 13 years in ministry together and confident that God has good things in store for us all.

Two months ago, I could not have known with any certainty that this would be our last Christmas together. Now that God is sending us in different directions, all those other travelers in the Bible come into focus in a new light.



Throughout the Christmas story people are on the move: Mary went with haste to visit Elizabeth. The Shepherds went with haste to check out what the angels had told them. The Magi travelled a great distance because they were sure that the star was a sign from God. Warned in a dream, Joseph took Mary and baby Jesus and made

haste to get away from Herod's murderous paranoia.

The rest of us hardly deserve a footnote compared with the real "movers" and shakers of history, but yes, we are on the move too. Louisville, Kentucky, is my and Nancy's destination. The Chapel Lane community is also moving in new directions in your life and ministry together. Your Session will rise to the challenge, as will all of you, to chart new paths of service and to remain open to the leading of God's Spirit through each succeeding day.

The Committee on Ministry of our Presbytery has already been hard at work to provide care and support and to instill confidence that you can, and will, emerge from this as a strong and stable congregation.

Hopefully, an interim pastor will be engaged soon to provide steady pastoral leadership during these upcoming months as you assess where you have been (where we have been together), where God may be calling you to go, and what kind of gifts and skills your new pastor will need to assist and equip you for the journey ahead.

Nancy and I and our children know that we have been blessed to

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have received your love and to call you our friends. We will always treasure the memory of our time together and hope that our paths will cross in the future, although not again as pastor and parishioner. Call us your friends in Christ and we will do the same.

We thank God that we were brought together for what has been for us, and hopefully for you as well, a very rich and rewarding season of our lives.

God bless us, everyone!

Pastor David

## Worship with us in December



Chapel Lane offers three opportunities for worship each week – all with very different formats. The Sunday 8:30 a.m. service offers a less formal atmosphere in which to worship and recharge for the coming week. Enjoy a service rich in Presbyterian tradition and music Sundays at 10:45. Join us Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. for a mid-week “boost” in a contemporary, informal setting.

In December we will have special services on December 20 and on Christmas Eve as noted below.

Lectionary Readings	8:30 a.m. Worship	10:45 a.m. Worship
<b>Dec 6: Second Sunday of Advent</b> Mal. 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Phil. 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6	Worship Leader: Carol Brown Ushers/Greeters:	Worship Leader: Lois Schmidt Ushers/Greeters: Joyce Osborne, Deb Steward/Roger & Sarah Hahn
<b>Dec 13: Third Sunday of Advent</b> <i>Childrens' Christmas Pageant</i> Zeph. 3:14-20; Isa. 12:2-6; Phil. 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18	One service at 10:45	Worship Leader: Joyce Osborne Ushers/Greeters: Bob & Kate Mass Mike & Cathy Starch
<b>Dec 20: Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> Mic. 5:2-5a; Luke 1:47-55 or Ps. 80:1-7 Heb. 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)	Worship Leader: Ushers/Greeters:	Worship Leader: Paul Schmidt Ushers/Greeters:
<b>Dec 20: Carols by Candlelight</b>	7:00 p.m. Ushers/Greeters: Barry Moyer, Carl VanderWoude, Doug Frame, John Ostergren	
<b>Dec 24: Christmas Eve Services</b> Isa. 9:2-7; Ps. 96; Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14(15-20)	5:00 p.m. Ushers/Greeters: Al & Tami Sowle/Brett & Sarah Wildfong	
	7:00 p.m. Ushers/Greeters: Vickie Irving/Joyce Osborne Roger & Jenny Hahn	
	10:00 p.m. Worship Leader: Francis Martin Ushers/Greeters: The Starch Family	
<b>December 27: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas</b> 1 Sam.2:18-20, 26; Ps. 148; Col. 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52	One service at 10:45	Worship Leader: Sally Ann Sutton Ushers/Greeters: Joyce & Deb Steward/Vickie & Travis Irving

**Chancel Committee:** Alice Wiltse

**Steward of the Month:** Lance Cook

### Seasonal Worship Schedule Changes

*Please note the following changes in our worship schedule during the month of December.*

On **Dec. 13** we will have only one worship service at 10:45 for the presentation of the Christmas Pageant. We will also hold our annual meeting to elect elders, deacons and members to the Nominating Committee immediately after worship on that day. We will also have only one worship service on **Dec. 27** at 10:45.

**Wednesday worship** will continue at 7:00 p.m. and will include communion and prayers for wholeness and healing on Dec. 2. Wednesday worship will not be held on Dec. 30.



**(All services will include candle lighting)**

We will have three services on Christmas Eve. Everyone is welcome to attend any or all of them!

**5:00 p.m. Family Service** — an informal, family-friendly worship service with Pastor Young delivering a Christmas Message for children. Music will be provided by the Children’s vocal and chime choirs.

**7:00 p.m. Festival of Lessons and Carols**— a service featuring traditional readings from scripture with familiar carols and more! Come and listen to the story of salvation as it unfolds in scripture and song with music provided by the Chapel Lane Choirs and Musicians.

**10:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service** — a service of Holy Communion with a Christmas message from Pastor Young and a variety of musical offerings with instruments and singing. We hope to see you on Christmas Eve!

**Christmas Concert “Carols by Candlelight”**

Hopefully your Family Christmas Traditions will include attending our Annual “Carols by Candlelight” Christmas Concert on **December 20 at 7:00 p.m.** This concert will feature all of the sights & sounds of Christmas as all of the Chapel Lane choirs participate in this festive evening. Please be our guest and attend the reception immediately following the concert and invite your friends and neighbors!

**Chancel Committee**

Do you have a few free hours one month a year and would like to do something for Chapel Lane? If so, join the Chancel Committee. Your responsibilities would be preparing the elements for Communion, placing them on the Communion table before the service, cleaning things up after the service and doing a few other very simple but important tasks. There is training and support for these duties. If you are interested, please call Alice Wiltse, 631-271 or e-mail [wiltsealice@att.net](mailto:wiltsealice@att.net). Thank you for considering this ministry.

**Annual Meeting to Elect Elders and Deacons**

The congregation of Chapel Lane will hold its annual meeting for the purpose of electing Elders, Deacons, and members-at-large to the Nominating Committee, immediately following the 10:45 worship service on Sunday, Dec. 13. The meeting will include the congregation acting upon the request of Rev. David Young to dissolve the pastoral relationship with Chapel Lane, effective January 17, 2010, and conducting other business as may be required.

By order of the session,  
Sara Miller, Clerk

**Allergies and Scents**

Many of us enjoy wearing special fragrances and never is it more true than during the holiday season.



Unfortunately, that fragrance we love may literally be leaving those near us gasping for air. During this holiday season and always, let’s be considerate of those with severe allergies to perfumes and scents and attend services fragrance-free as often as possible. Those with allergies will breathe a sigh of relief. Thank you.

## Summary of November Session Meeting

The Session met on November 10 at 7:00 p.m., was recessed at 9:20 p.m., and reconvened on November 15, 2009 at 1:35 p.m. in the Chapel Lane parlor. In addition to receiving the regular monthly reports from the clerk, pastor, finance and other boards, the session highlights are as follows:

- *Reported* that the Annual Presbytery Review of Session Minutes and Church records took place on October 24, 2009 at Bay City Westminster Presbyterian Church, and that the books were approved without exception.
- *Reported* that the baptism of Deegan Douglas Robert Brandle, son of Jason and Kelly Huggard Brandle, took place at Chapel Lane on October 25, 2009, with the Rev. David Young officiating.
- *Approved* the change of date of the December stated session meeting from December 8 to December 15.
- *Approved* that the annual elder/Deacon consultation take place at the December 15 stated session meeting.
- *Authorized* that the marriage of Kathy Anderson and Sid Allen take place at Chapel Lane on January 8, 2010, with the Rev. David Young officiating.
- *Called* for a Special Congregational Meeting to take place on Sunday, December 13, following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Elders, Deacons, and Nominating Committee members-at-large; to approve the request for dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. David Young and Chapel Lane Presbyterian church; and to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (P.N.C.).

- *Approved* the appointment of the following session members to serve as the Interim Pastor Selection Team: Steve Humphrey (chair), Leon Crossman, Joan Frame, and Harry White. (Session is responsible for selection of an Interim Pastor.)
- *Approved* that David Young's last day to preach will be January 17, 2010. Plans will be made for his final service and an open house.
- *Approved* that the Nominating Committee will select the nominees to serve on the P.N.C., and that there be no fewer than seven members nominated to serve.
- *Approved* a preliminary 2010 budget for Chapel Lane.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 4:45 p.m. on November 15. The next stated session meeting will be **December 15, 2009.**

Suz Miller  
Clerk of Session

**Session meeting date change.** The stated monthly meeting of the Session in December will be held on the 15 at 7:00 p.m. Included in the meeting will be the annual consultation with the Board of Deacons.

### Lake Huron Presbytery Meeting

The presbytery will meet at the First Presbyterian Church of Caro, on Tuesday, December 1, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Along with its regular business the presbytery will have a worship service, including communion. Pastor Young will be preaching and will also be installing the new moderator, Rev. Melissa DeRosia and vice-moderator, Liz Long, of Beaverton, as his final official duty as the outgoing moderator

### Voice Recital

Molly Young will be presenting her senior recital at Western Michigan University on **Friday, Dec. 4 at 8:15 p.m.**

## Welcome to our New Members!



On October 25<sup>th</sup>, Reformation Sunday, Chapel Lane welcomed some new members. Hopefully you will get to know them well - - and soon!

Jim and Kim Cross  
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Sanford, MI 48657  
[Jcross39@hotmail.com](mailto:Jcross39@hotmail.com)  
[kacross@tds.net](mailto:kacross@tds.net)

Welcome  
Our New  
Members

Welcome to Jim and Kim and their children: David, Julie, and Olivia. Jim is the President of Blue Sky Capital which is a Capital Structure and Advisory Firm in NYC. Kim is a stay home mom. Jim's interests include boating, hunting and fishing and tennis. Kim shares Jim's interest in boating along with travel and kids' activities. They live in Sanford and their sponsors are Duncan and Leslie Stuart.

Barbara Pettersson  
6513 Towerline  
Hope, MI 48628

Welcome to Barbara. She is a retired Assistant Financial Director. Her interests and hobbies include sewing, cooking and Bridge. She says she was "lured to the Midland area by her daughter." They share a home in Hope. Barbara's sponsors are Bill and Marge Ewing.

Larry Pryce  
615 Shorefront Circle  
Midland, MI 48640  
[priceless@charter.net](mailto:priceless@charter.net)

Welcome to Larry. He is a retired English teacher from Pinconning High School. Larry's interests include attending theater, music (especially jazz) and collecting Coca Cola. He says he "used to know how to paint scenery!" Larry's sponsor is Ernie Caldwell.

Jason and Freedom Scott  
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Midland, MI 48642  
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[fgscott@att.net](mailto:fgscott@att.net)

Welcome to Jason and Freedom and their daughter Isabella. They have been in Midland for 2 years. Jason is an engineer at Dow. Freedom is a stay home mom whose background includes having taught middle school science. Her hobbies and interests include cooking and volunteering, reading and having fun with family. Jason's interests include woodworking, skiing, hiking, playing Poker and college football. Their sponsors are Sarah and Brett Wildfong.

# Deacons Doings

## Highlights of the October Meeting of the Board of Deacons

The Board of Deacons met in the home of Betty Martin on Tuesday evening, October 27, 2009. The meeting was preceded by a dinner. Pastor Sigita was our guest.

1. Financial activity since the September meeting included the following:
  - 4Q Emergency Food Pantry Network: \$375
  - 4Q Midland Area Homes: \$250
  - 2-Coins-a-Meal for April, May, June and July: \$490.11
  - Pastor's Emergency Fund: \$1,900
  - Annual missionary support for Bob Martin in Alaska: \$750
  - Annual missionary support for Alice Winters in Colombia: \$750
  - "Late" Pentecost Offering: \$10
  - Congregational Care: \$190
  - The Open Door of Midland: \$250
2. The 4Q Emergency Relief of \$500 was designated for Samoa and American Samoa.
3. The Christmas Eve offering was designated for the Pastor's Emergency Fund.
4. The Deacons' proposed budget for 2010 will be considered during setup for the Share Fair.
5. Cookies for the Thanksgiving Baskets, a program of the food pantry network, may be delivered to Aldersgate United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 22.
6. The Share Fair on November 22 will include an opportunity to support the orphanage in Lithuania that Pastor Sigita's congregation supports. Pastor Sigita worked in the orphanage for four years. She will be asked to prepare an informational insert for a November worship guide.



The meeting concluded with dessert. The next meeting will be held December 15, 2009.  
Sally Ann Sutton, Board of Deacons



An offering will be collected and dedicated during the three Christmas Eve worship services. This offering has been designated by the Board of Deacons for the Pastor's Emergency Fund of our church.

This fund is used to assist people in our community who are having difficulty paying bills for rent, heat (Consumer's Energy and propane suppliers), phone, water, vehicle repair and gas, Dial-A-Ride tickets, and medical prescriptions.

Pastor David and Joyce screen each request because an individual can be helped only every six months and the

maximum amount of assistance is \$50 per request. The need is very great (and is increasing) because of the economic conditions in Michigan. The budgeted amount of \$1,250 per quarter is depleted, typically, in the first month of each quarter. The Board of Deacons is so grateful for the generosity of the folks in our church family who supplement this fund throughout the year; many of the donations are anonymous. These donations allow our assistance to continue for an extended time. Thank ... and thank you again and again!

Sally Ann Sutton  
Board of Deacons

A big **Happy Birthday** to those who will celebrate their birthday in December!

- 5 Pearl Horton
- 7 Jessie Powell
- 8 Rich Hibner
- 9 Milea King
- 9 Curtis Kesler
- 9 Jim Szymanski
- 10 Christine Down
- 12 Jennifer Hynds
- 13 Juliana Asambang
- 15 Ingrid Schwartz
- 16 Thea Helmreich
- 17 Jacob Kristal
- 19 Karen White
- 22 Nancy Ott
- 22 Ann Dull
- 22 Jack Hutcheson
- 26 Julian Longlet
- 27 Tanshie Achoh
- 31 Joshua Cull

Contact the church office if you notice any errors to this list or you would like your name added.



## 2009 Peacemaking Offering

*Justice and peace shall kiss each other. Psalm 85:10*

Thank you for all who contributed to the Peacemaking Offering collected by the Board of Deacons. From a total of \$1,363; \$340.75 was sent to Safe and Sound Child Protection and Advocacy (local) and \$1222.25 was sent to Presbytery of Lake Huron for distribution.

Remember: Peacemaking takes place all year. What can we do? We can recognize and speak the truth, love others and ensure justice for all, especially those who usually experience injustice. And always, always, always... we can pray for peace!

Peace be with you,  
Carol Brown

On Tuesday, December 8, Chapel Lane will be hosting a blood drive for Michigan Blood. This is a new program where several churches team up to provide the donors and one church provides the facility. Watch for sign-up sheets in the foyer and please consider giving the gift of life this holiday season!



## Interim Pastor Search Committee Named

On Tuesday, November 10, 2009, The Session of Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church met with two members of the Presbytery of Lake Huron - Committee on Ministry, C.J. Merriman, and Steve Asher. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the overall pastor search process. The Committee on Ministry will play an integral part in the pastor search process, acting as liaison between the Presbytery and Chapel Lane.

The first step in this process will be to provide the church with an interim pastor. As per Presbytery protocol, Session approved a temporary committee to oversee this action. Session nominated elders Steve Humphrey (chair), Leon Crossman, Joan Frame, and Harry White to act on the Interim Pastor Search Committee (IPSC). The IPSC will partner with Presbytery liaison Steve Asher through the course of this process.

Steve Humphrey  
Pastor Search Committee

## Volunteer at the Blood Bank

The Michigan Blood Bank is in need of volunteers. Those from Chapel Lane who are serving as volunteers are: Clyde Babcock, Carol Jacobs, Nancy Ott, Alice Wiltse, and Nancy Frederixon. If you have any questions, ask one of the above about their volunteer work. Be sure to sign-up for the December 8 blood drive at Chapel Lane and see what we do.

## Income and Expenses through October

We continue to remain quite close to our annual income and expense targets. Income is again being helped with larger than planned loose offering. We also gained somewhat in payment against pledges. Available funds have remained near \$45,000 for most of the year, which reflects good payment against pledge. Another comparison at this time of year is actual income compared with actual expense (102%).

	October	Actual (thru Oct)	Plan (thru Oct)	% of Plan
Pledge Income	\$21,866	\$205,014	\$217,238	94%
Loose Offering	\$ 1,768	\$ 18,489	\$ 14,583	127%
Other Income	\$ 1,600	\$ 9,477	\$ 6,323	150%
Total Income	\$25,234	\$232,980	\$238,144	98%
Total Expense	\$21,799	\$227,479	\$233,663	97%



### Stewardship Drive – Growing a Faith that Must be Shared

Our stewardship drive theme this year has been Chapel Lane’s vision – Growing a faith that Must be Shared. During the fall we have heard from our Church Boards about many opportunities we have to grow our personal faith and how that is shared with ourselves and throughout the community and beyond. It is our pledge of support that enables these many ministries to do God’s work here at Chapel Lane.

Consecration of our gifts and pledges was held Nov. 15 with an update of campaign results announced Nov. 22 at the Thanksgiving dinner. If you missed the service on Nov 15 and would like to be part of this year’s stewardship campaign please know that we would love to hear from you.

Pledges can be received at any time. Also, if anyone does not have a pledge card, they are available in the Kiosk in the Foyer under the Membership and Growth section, or you can stop by the office and request one.

Completed cards may be turned in to the Office, placed in the offering plate on Sunday morning (envelopes are available in the Kiosk) or mailed directly to our Financial Secretary, Erlene Carmody. Her address is 2007 Wilmington, Midland, MI 48642.

If you do not wish to complete a commitment card, but would like to have envelopes for your use of if you have other questions about how we handle giving here at Chapel Lane please contact Erlene.

Thank you to everyone for your pledge and we ask for your prayers and guidance on the use of these gifts so we can

### Grow a Faith that Must be Shared

For the Session, Leon Crossman

## Christian Education Happenings

### Christmas Pageant Mission Project



Once again, the children are undertaking a mission project to go along with the Christmas pageant. As we prepare for Christ's birth, we would like to help families in our community celebrate their children's birthdays. The Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network collects birthday kits for families in need. The children will be collecting birthday

kits on Sunday, December 13 as they present this year's Christmas pageant. Kits should include:

- a boxed cake mix
  - a can of frosting
  - a box of small birthday candles
  - a package of party favors (can be found at the dollar store, or the stationery dept. of Kroger, Meijer, Wal-Mart, K-Mart)
- Kits may also include birthday napkins and/or plates, but this is optional. Donations for the Birthday Kit drive may include parts of the kits or entire kits. There will be a box to collect these donations in the gathering area on Sunday, December 13. If you wish to donate, but will not be at church that morning, contact Chrissy Westbury for other arrangements.

### Youth Fellowship – 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades

*Make note of these upcoming events*



#### December 5 Christmas Tree Hunt

*1:00 - Starting at the church*

We will head out to a local tree farm to choose a live tree for the church gathering space. Then, we'll head back to church, decorate the tree, and have some hot chocolate and some fun!

#### December 18

Youth Christmas Party for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade at the Stuart's. Watch for more details coming soon!



Contact Chrissy Westbury or Al Collins with any questions about Youth Fellowship activities.



**Mark your calendars now!**

Chapel Lane will present the Church School Christmas Pageant, on **Sunday, December 13**. This year's pageant will be *Light of the World* by Mark Patterson. Parts are available for children grades 3-6. There are speaking and non-speaking roles. Rehearsals will be during the Sunday school hour on December 6 and 13; and on December 12 from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. This rehearsal will be followed by a pizza lunch.

Any child who wishes to have a speaking part must be at all three rehearsals, or discuss alternate arrangements with the director ahead of time. The pageant will be directed by Chrissy Westbury, with musical direction and accompaniment provided by Karen Graef. Contact Chrissy Westbury at 839-0198 or [cwestbury1@yahoo.com](mailto:cwestbury1@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

## Sunday Christian Education Hour



There's a Class for You!

All classes meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Contact Chrissy Westbury, Director of Christian Education, for more information on any of the following classes. All are welcome!

### Meeting in the Activity Room

Bible Explorers (Preschool and Kindergarten Sunday School Class)  
The R.O.C.K. Rotational Sunday School for 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade

### Meeting in The Youth Room

Confirmation Class for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades

### Adult Classes

#### Adult Forum

Adult Forum, facilitated by Susan Hillman, meets in the Parlor. They are currently discussing Christian responses to health care reform. The topics covered in this class vary according to the interests of the participants.

#### Library Forum

The Library Forum is a more traditional Bible study using curriculum from *The Present Word*. They meet in the Library.

#### Wednesday Night Bible Study

The Wednesday Night Bible Study, which meets Wednesdays at 8:00 P.M. continues to meet after the Wednesday evening service. All are welcome!

#### Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday afternoon study group will meet during December at its regular time of 1:00. We will not meet on Dec. 24 or 31. We are studying the Book of Genesis. Feel free to jump in any time!



### Holiday Schedule

There will be no Sunday morning Christian Education classes on December 27 due to the holidays.



## Presbyterian Women Study Circles

Be a part of Presbyterian Women's Bible Study. It is a time for study, fellowship, and friendship. We invite you to come to one of our Bible Study Circles with the hope of RE – CREATING your Spiritual Life. Our 2009 – 2010 Bible Study is: *JOSHUA: A JOURNEY OF FAITH*. Lesson books (\$6.00 each) are available on the Presbyterian Women's table in the foyer.

The **Monday Evening Circle** will meet on Monday, December 7 at 7:30 at the home of June Churchman – 7430 Rock Hollow Lane. The study is Chapter 3 *Entry Into the Land*, from our study book. This is a very interesting study and we invite other women to join us. It is a wonderful time for fellowship and study. If you would like to know more about this study or would like to come, contact Winona Willing, 631-2858...or just come.

The **Wednesday Afternoon Circle** will meet on December 16 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the home of Betty Martin at 4209 Berkshire Court. Sue Lane will lead the fourth lesson in the study of Joshua. New members are always welcome. Please R.S.V.P to Betty at 832-5719. Questions may be directed to Sally Ann Sutton at 835-2428.

### Check it Out!



*Kermit the Frog* had a song called "It's Not Easy Being Green." That's when *green* was just a color. Now *green* is a "lifestyle!" Being *green* today means living in a manner that conserves and preserves our God-given resources. "Sustainability" has become a watchword.

It's true that human beings have destroyed much of the earth with their carelessness. New awareness is giving the environment a second chance.





A new book recently added to our church library promotes being *green* from a Biblical standpoint, with an introduction by Desmond Tutu and essays by other prominent writers. Check out *The Green Bible (NRSV)* on the display below the library bulletin board. All scriptural references to the earth are printed in green!

Sue Lane, Librarian

An illustration of three Christmas stockings hanging from a string. The left stocking is red with green trim and contains a teddy bear, a small red car, and a green gift. The middle stocking is green with white trim and contains a blue gift and a white gift. The right stocking is pink with white trim and contains a brown teddy bear and a blue gift. Above the stockings, the text "Adopt-A-Family" is written in a decorative, cursive font.

This year, the youth group will be adopting a local family of 7, including mom and kids ages 14 months to 17 years. There will be a poster in the Youth Section of the kiosk with our family's wish list. You may also want to consider a monetary donation to help provide their Christmas dinner. Let's help this family have a Christmas to remember!

## December Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29 First Sunday of Advent</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> <u>Worship</u> <b>9:30 AM</b> <u>Christian Education</u> <b>10:45 AM</b> <u>Worship</u>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> <u>Presbytery Meeting</u> <b>7:00 PM</b> <u>Bd of Worship</u> <b>7:00 PM</b> <u>Membership &amp; Growth</u>	<b>2</b> <b>12:30 PM</b> <u>Staff Meeting</u> <b>5:00 PM</b> <u>Bd of Stewards</u> <b>7:00 PM</b> <u>Worship</u> <b>8:00 PM</b> <u>Bible Study</u>	<b>3</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> <u>Bible Study</u> <b>4:00 PM</b> <u>Children's Choir</u> <b>5:45 PM</b> <u>Adult Bells</u> <b>7:00 PM</b> <u>Chancel Choir</u>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <u>Suzuki</u> <b>1:00 PM</b> <u>Youth Fellowship Christmas Tree Hunt</u>
<b>6 Second Sunday of Advent</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> <u>Worship</u> <b>9:30 AM</b> <u>Confirmation Class</u> <b>10:45 AM</b> <u>Worship</u> <b>11:30 AM</b> <u>4H</u> <b>12:15 PM</b> <u>Youth Choir &amp; Bells</u> <b>2:00 PM</b> <u>Boy Scouts Court of Honor</u>	<b>7</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> <u>High School/Young Adult Study</u>	<b>8</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> <u>Quilters Squared</u> <b>7:00 PM</b> <u>Computer Club</u>	<b>9</b> <u>Newsletter Deadline</u> <b>12:45 PM</b> <u>Quilting Bees</u> <b>1:00 PM</b> <u>Staff Meeting</u> <b>7:00 PM</b> <u>Worship</u> <b>8:00 PM</b> <u>Bible Study</u>	<b>10</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> <u>Bible Study</u> <b>4:00 PM</b> <u>Children's Choir</u> <b>5:45 PM</b> <u>Adult Bells</u> <b>7:00 PM</b> <u>Chancel Choir</u>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <u>Suzuki</u> <b>10:00 AM</b> <u>Pageant Rehearsal</u> <b>1:30 PM</b> <u>Heather DeGroot</u>
<b>13 Third Sunday of Advent</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> <u>Confirmation Class</u> <b>10:45 AM</b> <u>Christmas Pageant</u> <b>12:00 PM</b> <u>Annual Meeting</u> <b>12:15 PM</b> <u>Youth Choir &amp; Bells</u>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <u>Quilters Squared</u> <b>7:00 PM</b> <u>Bd of Deacons</u> <b>7:00 PM</b> <u>Session</u>	<b>16</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> <u>Staff Meeting</u> <b>7:00 PM</b> <u>Worship</u> <b>8:00 PM</b> <u>Bible Study</u>	<b>17</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> <u>Bible Study</u> <b>4:00 PM</b> <u>Children's Choir</u> <b>5:45 PM</b> <u>Adult Bells</u> <b>7:00 PM</b> <u>Chancel Choir</u>	<b>18</b> <u>Youth Christmas Party</u>	<b>19</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <u>Concert Rehearsal</u>
<b>20</b> <i>Christmas Music</i>  <b>8:30 AM</b> <u>Worship</u> <b>9:30 AM</b> <u>Confirmation Class</u> <b>10:45 AM</b> <u>Worship</u> <b>12:15 PM</b> <u>Youth Choir &amp; Bells</u> <b>7:00 PM</b> <u>Carols by Candlelight</u>	<b>21</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> <u>High School/Young Adult Study</u>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> <u>Staff Meeting</u> <b>7:00 PM</b> <u>Worship</u> <b>8:00 PM</b> <u>Bible Study</u>	<b>24</b>  <b>5:00 PM</b> <u>Children's Christmas Eve Service</u> <b>7:00 PM</b> <u>Christmas Eve Worship Service</u> <b>10:00 PM</b> <u>Christmas Eve Worship service</u>	<b>25 Christmas</b>  Office Closed	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <u>No Sunday School classes today</u> <b>10:45 AM</b> <u>Worship</u>	<b>28</b> <u>Office Closed</u>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <u>Joyce on vacation</u>	<b>1</b>  Office Closed	<b>2</b>