



Sunday, Dec. 3 the church and the Samaritan's Closet Ministry will come together for a Sunday meal @ 12 noon in the Family Center. This will be a potluck meal with the church furnishing drinks, meat, and tableware.

The Samaritan's Closet will be open for tours.

Merry Christmas!



Notes from the Pastor:

ADVENT or CHRISTMAS or Both

What is Advent? What is Christmas all about? Can we be a "Christian Church" and celebrate Advent? Or do we celebrate Christmas? Or can it be both? This holiday season, my hope and prayer is that you can understand and realize what is really important.

Advent is a season observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The term "advent" is from the Latin word meaning "coming." Advent is all about the "Coming of Jesus Christ" to this world. What an incredible reason to celebrate this holiday season.

Christmas is the day that we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Some may argue the timing of the western world's practice of this special day, but putting that aside, focusing on the actual event of Jesus Christ being born into this world, gives us an incredible reason to celebrate.

I am so excited this year to celebrate BOTH, Advent and Christmas. I hope that you will join us as we prepare our hearts and lives for the coming of the Christ child this Christmas/ Advent season. What is important? It is important to know that Jesus came to this earth for you and for me! I cannot wait to celebrate with you this very important reality.

Merry Christmas - - Pastor B. J.

DECEMBER EVENTS

Ladies Ornament Exchange Friday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Center; bring a wrapped \$5 ornament, snacks, and a guest.


The children's Christmas program will be Sunday evening December 10th at 6:30 p.m.

"Come and Go" Parsonage Open House - Saturday, Dec. 16 from 6-8 p.m. Everyone is welcome; finger foods will be served .

The Sanctuary Choir cantata is Sunday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. with prelude music starting at 6:00 p.m. performed by church children who are taking music lessons. Children wanting to participate by playing a Christmas song need to tell Cleve or Susanne Curry to get on the schedule

New Year's Eve Celebration Sunday, Dec. 31 at 8:00 p.m. There will be no PM service but there will be a time of a devotional/prayer, games, and snacks in the Family Center to celebrate the new year.

DECEMBER 2017

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- 3 All church dinner
- 8 Ladies Ornament Exchange
- 10 Children's Christmas play
- 16 Parsonage Christmas Open House
- 17 Sanctuary Choir Cantata
- 24 No evening service
- 25 Christmas Day
- 27 No Wednesday night service
- 31 New Year Eve celebration in Family Center

JANUARY 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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- 9 Prime Time luncheon
- 11 Church Board Meeting
- 13 Quiz Meet - Pittsfield Nazarene church

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3 Jim Davidsmeyer
- 8 Sallie Bowers
Matthew Booth
- 12 Darcy Westfall
- 13 Patty Cawthon
Joshua Collard
- 15 Roxy Cawthon
- 16 Lauren DeVries
Rusty Westfall
- 18 Carolyn Carroll
- 22 Benny Butler
Doris Browning
- 24 Ean Thelander
- 25 Debbie Rush
Doris Webel
- 26 Marcus Davis
- 28 Lexie McClain
- 31 Jon Kroeze

BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries

- 3 Dennis & Evelyn Workman
- 15 Chad & Brandi Ruzich
- 24 Gerald & Sally Bennett

Nursery Helpers

SUNDAY Nursery

- 03 AM Sallie Bowers & Mikyla Collard
- PM Janeen Freesmeyer & Katie Davis
- 10 AM Vicki Grammer
- PM Children's Christmas program
- 17 AM Emily Guthrie & Ashlyn Collard
- PM Eric & Leigh Anna Boivin
- 24 AM Vicki Grammer
- PM No evening service
- 31 AM Chad & Brandi Ruzich
- PM No service

WEDNESDAY Nursery

- 06 Susanne Curry & Sharon Clarkson
- 13 Della Rush & Donna Davidsmeyer
- 20 Don & Annelle Kirk
- 27 No Wednesday service