



The Messenger

A PUBLICATION OF McCABE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 2011

Volume 29 Issue 10

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, December 3**
Home for Christmas
Dinner Theater, 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, December 4**
Home for Christmas
Dinner Theater, 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, December 4**
Church Conference
1:00 p.m.
- Sunday, December 11**
Children's Christmas
Program
10:00 a.m. Service
- Saturday, December 24**
Christmas Eve Worship
3:30, 5:30, 10:30 p.m.
- Sunday, December 25**
Christmas Day Worship
10:00 a.m.
- Monday, December 26**
Office Closed

Thought for the Day...

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.
- Sherry Anderson

Where are you going this Christmas? We invite you to step off the consumer highway and join us on *The Journey*.

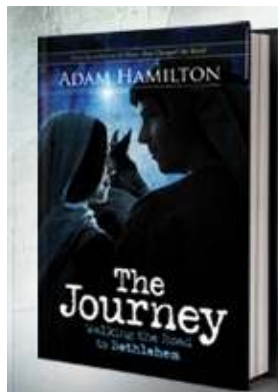
You are invited to participate in *The Journey, Walking the Road to Bethlehem*; on Wednesday evenings from November 30th to December 21st. This is a wonderful chance to take a video tour of the road Mary and Joseph walked on their way to the stable where the baby Jesus was born. We will continue our "Journey" throughout the week by participating in a seasonal devotional called: *A Season of Reflections*. A third option is to purchase the book: **The Journey**; which costs \$12.00. We have copies of the devotional and the book in the office.

Pastor Adam Hamilton will be our tour guide. Adam and a team of videographers traveled to Israel last year to create this video based study. We will join him for 10-15 minutes each week and then continue with our discussion. Our topics will include: Mary of Nazareth and Joseph of Bethlehem (week one), Mary's visit to Elizabeth (week two), From Nazareth to Bethlehem (week three), and The Manger (week four).

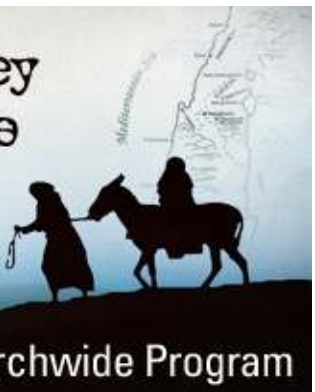
This year's advent sermon series is about the characters surrounding the Christmas event. Join us to learn about the Angels (November 26 & 27), Joseph (December 3 & 4), The Virgin Mary (December 11 & 12), The Shepherds (December 18 & 19), the Astrologers (January 1 & 2). Who are these characters and how do they bring us closer to the Christ Child?

Join us on the Journey, from Advent to Christmas.

Pastor Ray



Take a Journey this Christmas
with Adam Hamilton



Complete Churchwide Program



In our thoughts & prayers

The family & friends of Wilma Johnson who died on November 4, 2011.

Ty & Sheila Rostvedt and family on the death of Sheila's cousin,

Heidi Helland, of Fergus Falls, MN, on November 13, 2011.

New Member Class

If you are interested in becoming a member of McCabe, our next New Member Orientation will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.

Congratulations to:



Adam & Krisi Reich on the birth of their son, Griffin Adam Reich on October 31, 2011. Griffin is the grandson of Tim & Lynda Brosz.

Precepts Bible Study

Precepts Bible Study will begin the book of Joshua on Thursday, February 3, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested, call Marilyn Strutz, 255-0596

McCabe is Looking for a Small Ensemble Music Coordinator

We are looking for someone who has the following skills:

- ◆ Music Background
- ◆ Organizational Skills
- ◆ Good with People

If you would like to apply or have questions, please contact the church office at 255-1160.

Welcome Bags for the Homeless

"Whenever you helped any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me."

Matthew 25:40



Save from travels or purchase personal-sized toiletries for Welcome Bags that provide new arrivals at local shelters with basic personal care necessities.

Acolyte Coordinator

We are looking for one or several persons who would be willing to work with our children in grades 4 - 6 in the Acolyte program. Call the church office, 255-1160, if interested.

Every day over 375 people are homeless in the Bismarck - Mandan area. Items most needed are:

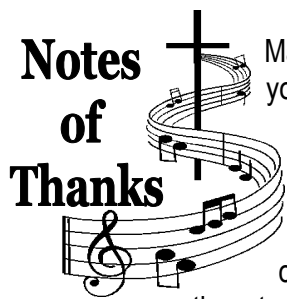
- | | | |
|------------|-------------|--------|
| Toothbrush | Toothpaste | Lotion |
| Deodorant | Comb | Soap |
| Shampoo | Conditioner | |

2012 Disciplines

The 2012 **Disciplines**, a book of daily devotions, is now available to purchase in the church office. The cost is \$12.50/book.

Messenger Deadline

The deadline for the February 2012 Messenger is **Monday, January 16, 2011.**



Many thanks to those who turned in your Central Market receipts. Remember to have the "We Care" stamp put on them! McCabe youth receive 1% of the total collected. In four months, McCabe youth received \$200.00. It's an easy way for them to raise \$600.00 per year.

Thank you to the Rusty Staples members for bringing so many wonderful gifts to the last meeting for the Christmas Shoe boxes. There were enough items to fill eight shoe boxes!

My gosh, how do I thank a whole church for making our Annual Bazaar such a success. But it took all of us to do so. For one thing, I had the best Co-chairperson - June Palensky. She was right by my side every day. We are so lucky to have the most efficient and capable Circles any church has ever had. All I had to do is ask the right lady to take charge of an area and it was magically done. I could never thank you all by name or I would leave someone. Thanks to all the parishners who donated plants, crafts, books, items for the rummage sale and great baked goods. Thanks to each of you who came for lunch or to buy things. A big thank you to the husbands who helped us clean up in the Fellowship Hall and deliver all our left over treasures to a charity. Each and everyone of you is so very appreciated and I am so grateful. Gerry Ann Small, Bazaar Chairperson

Thank you to all who helped with the preparation for the **Hanging of the Greens Service**. There is a lot of work that goes into making it a meaningful beginning to our Advent season. A very special thank you to Earl Wentz, Connie Kotchman, Norma Anfinson, Carrol Burchinal, Jerry Suko, Lee & Marsha Krotseng, Barb Mehlhoff, Wanda Klipfel, and Brad Burchinal who came in on Saturday and helped prepare. Thank you also to Joy Hofstad and Tom Carlson who saw to it that what we needed was out and ready for us.

Thank you to Brian and Thea Peterson for their gift of words as they narrated for us. To Dave Hagler who ran the lighting for us and to "Rings of Glory" for their beautiful piece on the bells, to the Interpretive Worship Choir and to the Sunday School classes that helped to carry out the pageantry of the service.

We are prepared...we await the birth of our Savior.

Thank you for hosting Carrie's Kids Prayer Tree. Please extend our appreciation to the parishioners for all the thoughts and prayers directed towards the homeless in our community. Sandy Marbock

Thank you to Dave Hagler and Karen Nicholson for presenting the skit, "Yes, But" at worship services on November 5 & 6.

Remembrance Service

Medcenter One's Candlelight Infant Remembrance Service will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 6, 2011, in the Outpatient Services Center. This is a time of remembering the littlest ones, who died before or after birth, with ornaments on the Medcenter One Christmas Tree. For an ornament call 323-6086 or visit: medcenterone.com/gardenofpeace.

Open Door Blessing Trees

During Advent the Missions Work Area will have two trees designated for raising funds for the Open Door Community Center. Help us decorate the Blessing Trees by donating \$5 for a red ornament, \$10 for a silver ornament, and \$15 or more for a gold ornament.

The children and the programs of Open Door are so vital in today's world. We are asking you to help support the programs of the Open Door through your generous gifts so that their mission may continue to reach out to children. What a glorious way to share in the joy of the birth of Jesus.

If you would like to give your gift in the name of a friend or family member, please indicate on your check. We will list all of the designated contributions in the January issue of *The Messenger*.





Thank You: We are so grateful for everyone who helped with our Bazaar. The staff at McCabe including Tom, Joy and Jan do so much ahead of time

to help us get organized. The men who help sell lunch tickets, work at the Rummage sale check out and carry-out plus the McCabe members who baked and donated are greatly appreciated. And of course, the ladies headed by our dauntless Chairperson Gerry Small did a fantastic job!

Directory: Our 2012 United Methodist Women directory has been prepared by Edna Boardman. Copies are available at Circle meeting and at the church office. There have been some changes to our schedule, so please get your copy and check it out. We thank Edna for her dedication to this publication.

Red Jackets: UMW members will be acting as greeters and ushers for services for the month of January. So, get your red jacket (shirt, sweater or blouse) ready and let us know when you can help. We are doing this in place of UMW Sunday.

Tithe: The McCabe UMW unit will tithe 10% of our 2011 income from the Bazaar, Pledges, knife and coffee sales to McCabe to be used to reduce the mortgage on our church. This helps us fulfill part of our mission here at home.

Building Better Moms: Our Pastors have asked us to help begin a program of this type at McCabe. We will provide one leader from our group and there will be another leader from the congregation.

Website: The communications task force has been hard at work developing a new website for McCabe. One of the features will be a page and attachments for each organization or area of McCabe. We will be working on our UMW page, so if you have a content suggestion please let me know.

Mission: The funds that the United Methodist Women raise at the Bazaar and throughout the year are used to help women, children and youth here at home and throughout our world.

Join Us: Please consider joining us at one of our meetings listed on the calendar. All women are welcome.

“Home for Christmas”

Dinner Theater
McCabe’s Fellowship Hall

December 3, 2011
6:00 p.m.
&
December 4, 2011
5:00 p.m.



NO Aluminum Can Recycling

McCabe will no longer collect aluminum cans for recycling. You may continue to recycle by taking them to designated collection bins in Bismarck. Thank you!

Alternate Winter Addresses

Before you move to a warmer climate during winter months, please let the church office know of your travel plans. First class mail is forwarded; but other items are returned to us for a fee. Please call the church office and share your winter address as well as the dates you anticipate living at that location. Thank you!

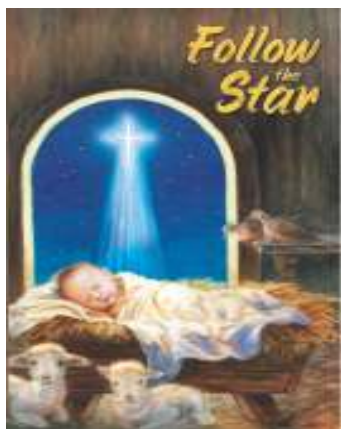


Reminder !

The monthly Messenger along with a calendar of events is on line at www.mccabeumc.com. You can also get a printed or audio copy of each week’s sermon and your daily devotional material on the church website including the much loved Upper Room.



Christian Ed Notebook



Children's Christmas Program

Sunday,
December 11, 2011

10:00 a.m.
Worship Service

What's Happening?

In December classes will hear the stories of the Angel Gabriel visiting Mary and Joseph to announce God's son. Then the stories of Jesus being born in Bethlehem and the visits by shepherds and Wise Men.

December 4 Pastor Rick will be visiting classes 2&3's through 1st Grade.

December 11 The Children's Christmas Program will be during 10:00 a.m. worship service. There will not be 10:00 Sunday School.

December 18 Classes will participate in a special event, The Hills of Bethlehem and Happy Birthday, Jesus, celebration.

Advent Bible School

Wednesday, December 7, 14, & 21, 2011

4 Year Olds - 3rd Grade

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Rooms E-3, 4, 5

One hour packed with music, puppets, crafts, games, and special worship. Get ready for Jesus. On the last night make goodies for home-bound.

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

Worship - 10:00 a.m.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

New Year's Day

Sunday, January 1, 2012

Regular worship times

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Christian Education Committee

Are you a person that likes to make a difference in someones life? If you are, the Christian Education Work Area is looking for more members to help: assist in Church School preparations, teacher training, Vacation Bible School, seasonal activities, Veggie Tales Movies and more. We would have a place for you! There are many opportunities for you to help. Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. (with the exception of November, December, June and July) Please contact a CE member after services for more information or call Kerrie Schlecht 255-4688. Members are: Kerrie Schlecht, Chair; Kory Hagler, Secretary; Amy Sorge, Marvia Boettcher and Rhonda Nelson.



**Presentations of
Bibles to Third Grade
Students
and
Bible storybooks to
First Grade
Students**

**Sunday, January 8, 2012
10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

McCabe Youth

Well, it's been a whole year. I have officially been the Youth Director at McCabe for a year now. I can truly say I'm glad to be here. I was just thinking the other day about how much we've done over the past year, and I'm excited about the future.

I am currently reading through a book entitled, *Ministry Mutiny* by Greg Stier. It is a fictional story of a youth leader named Ty (as ironic as that is, even more so is how the whole book has been about things that I needed to hear.) Ty meets a seasoned youth director named Tony and strikes up a friendship that leads to Tony explaining to Ty various ministry strategies and principles that he's learned over the years. The latest chapter I read was all about the importance of parents being the spiritual guides for their youth. It was a call for parents to stop handing off their duties of being spiritual leaders to their church's youth ministry. I would like to quote Tony from the book, page 116:

"When Jodie and I had Shane, I started really thinking about my responsibility, not as a youth leader, but as a father. I started viewing parenthood through different eyes. As I watched the kids in my youth group, I came to realize that they weren't stupid. They knew their parents were handing their spiritual development off to me. Sure, many of these parents felt good that their children were getting some spiritual training, but I know that their kids saw the duplicity of it all. They told me. Many of them viewed their own parents as flat-out hypocrites. They saw their disconnected dads and their unengaged moms go to church on Sunday mornings and sing about something that they weren't really living at home. I think that many of these same parents pawned off their kids to me because they knew, if they tried to start leading their teens spiritually, their kids would point out their hypocrisy in nothing flat."

Those are some tough words, yet I'm afraid many parents are guilty of this. Tony goes on to say that the parents that actively seek to guide their children's spiritual development are the exception, not the rule. The wide array of students who abandon their Christian faith when they get to college is no secret. It is a result of students who never had true faith in the first place.

Although my son, Toby, is pretty small, I never want to become the parent who fails to realize the dangers and temptations that the world will throw at him. I want to be willing to sacrifice myself to instruct and show my children what it really means to live like a follower of Christ. Youth group was never meant to be a drop-off night care for our children so that we don't have to do the hard work of teaching them biblical truth. It is meant to compliment what children are already being trained in at home. As great as a youth leader's impact can be, it's nothing compared to the impact a parent has.

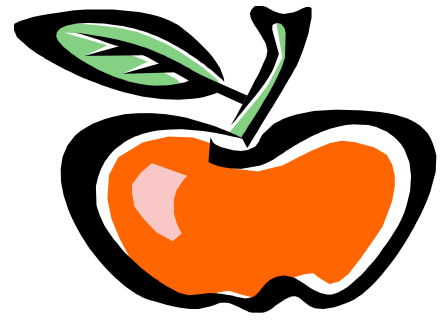
I want to thank all the parents who have relentlessly brought and picked up their children from church every week. I want to also thank the parents who have been helping out in various ways, and urging their children to attend our weekly gatherings. I couldn't do what I do without you. May Christ shine through you greatly so that all those around you may be drawn to His infinite worth. In Christ,

Ty Rostvedt
Youth Director



Go to McCabe Church on Facebook to see pictures of recent events.

Wholly Healthy



Greetings McCabe friends:

We are well on our way to Bethlehem! We have traveled 518 miles in our first week which takes us a little outside Eau Claire, WI. Good job everyone! On our walk to Jerusalem last spring we walked only 286 miles in the first week so we have really picked up our pace. I know that there are many of you out there moving and grooving so please turn your miles into me by e-mail, jmorgan@mccabeumc.com or jot them down and put them in the Walk to Bethlehem envelope at the display in the Great Hall. Please turn the miles in by Sunday so I can total them up and post our progress. I have all the confidence in the world that this fabulous family of McCabe will arrive in Bethlehem by Christmas.

As we make this journey to Bethlehem, let us keep our focus on the manger scene. In this simple setting an awesome gift came to all of us. A gift of light and life, hope, love and grace. I believe this was a gift meant to be shared with everyone we meet each day. As we contemplate the gifts we will give this Christmas let us remember to share the very special gift of this amazing love.

Perhaps we can reflect on these scriptures as we journey to Bethlehem.

Week 1: Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Week 2: Do everything in love. 1 Corinthians 16: 14

Week 3: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel, which means, God with us. Matthew 1:23

Week 4: Welcome one another, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:7

Week 5: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Hebrews 12:2

Week 6: Do not be afraid, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. Luke 2:10-11

May your journey to Bethlehem be reflective and peace-filled.

The last day for Faithfully Fit exercise class will be Thursday, December 15. We will resume after the holidays on Monday, January 9. Come on and join us for some fun-filled fitness. Another great way to accumulate miles toward our walk to Bethlehem!

We can take a nice stroll through our beautiful church to accumulate miles as well. If we begin at my office and walk down the music wing hallway, walk each aisle in the sanctuary and continue on to the south exit door by the office and repeat this ten times that will equal one mile. A nice, warm, beautiful and peaceful alternative for indoor walking. This may be done during regular business hours M-F, 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

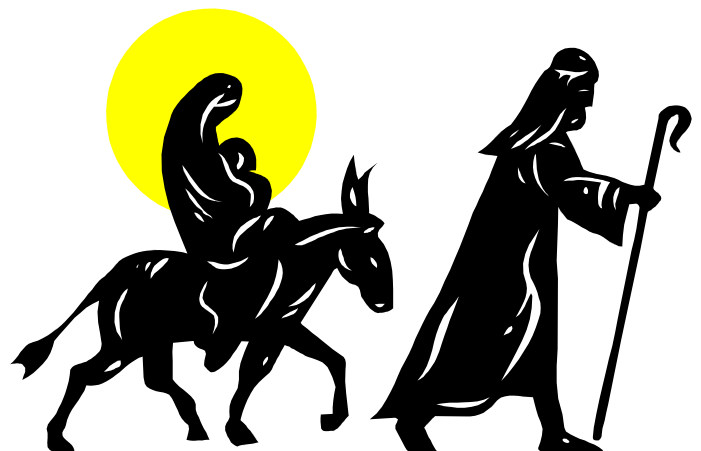
May you all enjoy a blessed, peaceful Christmas and a New Year filled with hope and love.

God bless,

Nurse Jane

P.S. "Dear Santa, Do you know that Jesus is the real reason for Christmas? Not to be mean, but he is".

Rosanne, age 11



Christmas Eve Worship Services

Saturday, December 24, 2011

Come celebrate the real reason for Christmas with us at:

3:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

10:30 p.m.



NOTICE:

Any items for The Messenger need to be turned into the church office no later than **Tuesday, January 17, 2011.**

McCabe UMC
1030 N. 6th St.
Bismarck, ND 58501
(701) 255.1160

Pastors
Rick Fossum
Ray Baker

Office Hours
Monday – Friday
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Worship
Saturdays
5:00 p.m.

Sundays
8:00, 10:00, &
11:15 a.m.

Church School
Sundays 9:00 &
10:00 a.m.
(Sept.–May)

Fax
(701) 223.1324

E-mail
mccabeumc
@mccabeumc.com

Website
www.mccabeumc.com

Facebook
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/McCabe-Church/330953958825>

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Bismarck, ND
58501
Permit No. 232

Postmaster: Change Service Requested

McCabe United Methodist Church
1030 North Sixth Street
Bismarck, ND 58501



December 2011

Sunday

Monday

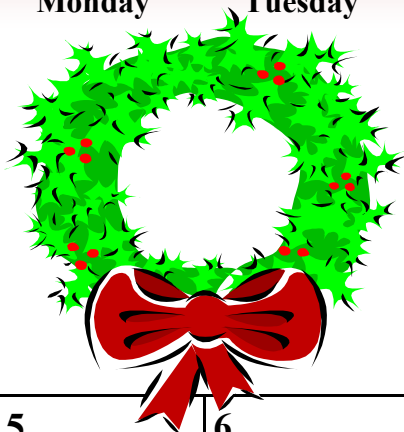
Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



					<p>1 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Faithfully Fit</p> <p>7:00 pm Adult Dominos</p>	<p>2 7:00 am Men's Breakfast at N. Perkins 10:00 am Prayer & Meditation</p>	<p>3 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>5:00 pm Worship 6:00 pm Praise Band Practice 6:00 pm Dinner Theater</p>
<p>4 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Youth Choir 11:15 am Worship 1:00 pm Church Conference 5:00 pm Dinner Theater 7:00 FLY 7:30 pm Basketball</p>	<p>5 10:00 am Faithfully Fit 11am-1pm Parish Nurse Hours 3:30 pm SAY Yes 7:30 pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>6 7:00 am Sojourners 9:00 am Tuesday Workshop 3:30 pm SAY Yes 5:30 pm Young Adult Group 6:30 pm Program Task Force 7:00 pm Open Gym</p>	<p>7 10:00 am UMW Executive Meeting 5:00 pm TGIW Meal 5:15 pm Rings of Glory 6:00 pm The Journey 6:00 pm Advent Bible School 6:30 pm UMYF 7:00 pm Rusty Staples 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>8 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Faithfully Fit 12:00 pm UMW Unit Meeting 6:30 pm Contemporary Worship Task Force 7:00 pm Foundation Bd.</p>	<p>9 10:00 am Prayer & Meditation</p>	<p>10 9:00 am Children's Program Rehearsal</p> <p>5:00 pm Worship 6:00 pm Praise Band Practice</p>	
<p>11 Children's Christmas Program 10:00 a.m. 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Youth Choir 11:15 am Worship 2:00 pm ND Dec. Paint. 7:00 A Leap of Faith Dance Open House 7:00 pm FLY 7:30 pm Basketball</p>	<p>12 10:00 am Faithfully Fit 11am-1pm Parish Nurse Hours 3:30 pm SAY Yes 7:30 pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>13 7:00 am Sojourners 9:00 am Tuesday Workshop 3:30 pm SAY Yes 5:30 pm Young Adult Group 5:30 pm Worship Planning Team 7:00 pm Open Gym</p>	<p>14 5:00 pm TGIW Meal 5:15 pm Rings of Glory 6:00 pm The Journey 6:00 pm Advent Bible School 6:30 pm UMYF 7:00 pm Foundation Funding & Gifts 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>15 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 9:30 am Esther Circle - Skuza's 10:00 am Faithfully Fit 7:00 pm Adult Dominos</p>	<p>16 7:00 am Men's Breakfast at N. Perkins 10:00 am Prayer & Meditation</p>	<p>17 5:00 pm Worship 6:00 pm Praise Band Practice</p> <p style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Youth Lock-In for grades 7-12 8:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m.</p>	
<p>18 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Youth Choir 11:15 am Worship 7:00 pm FLY 7:30 pm Basketball</p>	<p>19 11am-1pm Parish Nurse Hours 3:30 pm SAY Yes 7:30 pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>20 7:00 am Sojourners 9:00 am Tuesday Workshop 3:30 pm SAY Yes 5:30 pm Young Adult Group 7:00 pm Open Gym</p>	<p>21 5:00 pm TGIW Meal 5:15 pm Rings of Glory 6:00 pm The Journey 6:00 pm Advent Bible School 6:30 pm UMYF 7:00 pm Rusty Staples 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>22 6:30 am Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>23 10:00 am Prayer & Meditation</p>	<p>24 CHRISTMAS EVE 3:30 pm Worship 5:30 pm Worship 10:30 pm Worship</p>	
<p>25 CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00 am Worship</p> 	<p>26 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>27 7:00 am Sojourners 9:00 am Tuesday Workshop 5:30 pm Young Adult Group 7:00 pm Open Gym</p>	<p>28 NO TGIW Meal 5:15 pm Rings of Glory 6:30 pm UMYF 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>29 6:30 am Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>30 10:00 am Prayer & Meditation</p> <p>Wedding</p>	<p>31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 5:00 pm Worship</p> 