

THE MESSENGER



To live so that others will become disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



What Kind of Christmas?

The season of Advent is upon us and Christmas day is growing near. 2019 has been a year in the life of this church filled with many occasions of personal and collective reflection. It has been a busy year filled with this church sharing with others in tangible ways the love and grace of Jesus Christ. Now, as we approach Christmas, I think it is the time for each of us to ask ourselves what kind of Christmas do we intend to celebrate.

We have many different small groups this year studying, *Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience*. Throughout the study we are focused on the peace, hope, love, and joy that comes from a relationship with Jesus Christ. The study uses the famous John Wesley sermon from 1741, "The Almost Christian" as a guide for living an "altogether Christmas" as an "altogether Christian." In his sermon, "The Almost Christian," John Wesley challenges us all to become "altogether a Christian" first by fully loving God. The second attribute of being "altogether a Christian" is to fully love others. Finally, the "altogether Christian" will have full trust and confidence in God.

Wesley's closing words in his sermon, "The Almost Christian" are still relevant today. He wrote, "May we

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all thus experience what it is to be, not almost only; but altogether Christians; being justified freely by his grace, through the redemption that is in Jesus; knowing we have peace with God through Jesus Christ; rejoicing in hope of the glory of God; and having the love of God shed abroad in our hearts, by the Holy Ghost given unto us!" Wesley reminds us that when we seek to be an "altogether Christian" we come to fully know the peace, the hope, the joy, and the love of God that comes from a deep relationship with Jesus Christ.

We live in a world that is filled with the superficial. Wesley calls us to a deeper relationship with God. There is no better time to begin cultivating that deeper,

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“altogether” type of relationship with God than during this season when we prepare for the birth of God’s own son, Jesus the Christ.

As with so many things in life, we have a choice on the kind of Advent and Christmas we will celebrate. We can choose to focus on the superficial: the decorations, the parties, the shopping, and the gifts. Or, we can choose to truly focus our hearts and minds on Jesus. To assist with gaining that focus, each day during Advent Westlake UMC will post on our church Facebook page a question for spiritual self-reflection and examination. These questions come from the *Almost Christmas* study. I invite you to prayerfully consider each of these questions throughout the season of Advent.

Living each day focused on becoming an “altogether Christian” can be transformational. It can truly lead to a peace, hope, joy, and love like none other.

Prayerfully yours,

Mollie

Blue Christmas Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 | 4:00 PM

Christmas isn't always an easy season for everyone, especially if you've experienced loss in the past year.

The Blue Christmas service is dedicated to offering a space for contemplation and remembrance in a season of busy-ness.

ALL ARE WELCOME.



AV MINISTRY HELP NEEDED.

We have an immediate need for help in both the 10 am and 11:28 services. The 10 am service requires two operators: one for video streaming and one for audio/ projector. We will provide necessary training and supervision. The only requirements are a passion to serve and commitment. **Contact Bob Myers 216-701-2064 or rdmyers2@sbcglobal.net for further information.**

Save the Date!

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24

SUBURBAN CAMPUS:

1pm - Traditional candlelight with special music
4pm - Family with children's nativity and candlelight
9pm - Traditional candlelight with choir and communion

SIMPSON METRO WEST:

4pm - Nehemiah Mission
6pm - Traditional candlelight with communion

New this year!

LIVE NATIVITY CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PRODUCTION

Friday, December 20 at 6:30 & 8pm

The camels are coming and we are preparing for our first outdoor live nativity Christmas production! Many hands are needed so we can welcome the community to experience the birth of Jesus.

Signup in the lobby or at this link

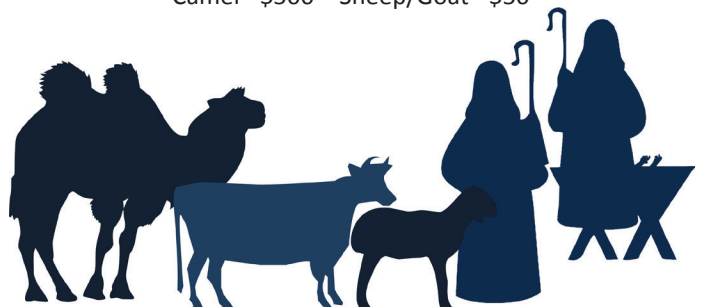
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to donate Christmas cookies, be an usher, greeter or hospitality host and help set up & tear down the event.

Please take a flyer to invite your friends and neighbors who don't have a church home to hear the Christmas story.

SPONSOR A NATIVITY ANIMAL

Camel - \$500 • Sheep/Goat - \$50



Music Notes

WUMC GOES CAROLING!!

Sunday, December 15th

Looking for a way to bring greater meaning to the season? Do you love this time of year and the songs that you hear?

Join us as we as a church go caroling on the afternoon of December 15th. We will meet at the church and break into several large groups to visit retirement communities, the home-bound, and other locations. We will gather back at the church for food and fellowship afterwards.

If you have not had the opportunity to participate in this act of ministry, give it a try this year. You will be able to make such a difference in this peoples' lives - they are truly moved when carolers come to call. It is low commitment, low stress opportunity to spread the love of Christ in this season.

We will have plenty of singers - no need to worry if you do not normally break into song in public!

For more information, please contact Director of Music Ministries Christopher Neely in between worship services or via email at music@westlakeumc.org.



CHRISTMAS Cantata

Sunday, December 22nd

Don't forget to make plans to attend the 10:00 am worship service at Suburban campus for this year's Christmas Cantata. This year, the choir will present *And There Was Light* by Joseph M. Martin. Featuring beautifully written original material woven together with traditional carols, this cantata is a truly special telling of the Christmas story and not to be missed.

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US ON

Christmas Eve

TUESDAY, DEC. 24, 2019



- 1 pm Traditional Candlelight Service with Special Music
Suburban Campus (27650 Center Ridge Rd. Westlake OH)
- 4 pm Family with Children's Nativity & Candlelight
Suburban Campus (27650 Center Ridge Rd. Westlake OH)
- 4 pm Sing and Hear the Story
Nehemiah Mission (6515 Bridge Ave, Cleveland)
- 6 pm Traditional Candlelight with Communion
Simpson Metro West Campus (8519 Clark Ave, Cleveland)
- 9 pm Traditional Candlelight with Choir & Communion
Suburban Campus (27650 Center Ridge Rd. Westlake OH)

Mission Opportunities & Updates

CAMBODIAN KROMA AND SILK SCARF SALE IN DECEMBER

We will be selling kromas and silk scarves on Sundays in December. Suggested prices are \$10 for kromas and \$20 for silk scarves. These make wonderful Christmas presents and 100% of the proceeds fund our continuing Cambodia mission work.

TWICE BLESSED FREE STORE

6515 Bridge Ave, Cleveland



DECEMBER MISSION EVENT

Saturday, December 14th

We are serving at Twice Blessed Free Store from 9:00 to 1:00. December is a busy month for Twice Blessed and your help is especially needed. We will be helping shoppers, sorting, restocking, checking in and out customers. No experience needed!

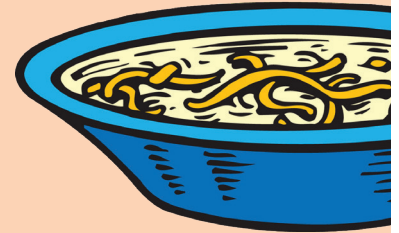
Sign up on the main bulletin board and mark if you want to carpool.

DONATIONS:

Please put your seasonal (i.e. winter) clothing, household goods in wooden box in Fellowship Hall. *Especially needed, diapers, feminine hygiene products, personal care items (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo). If you have a big donation or the box is full, you can take it to Rocky River UMC, 19414 Detroit Rd during office hours (use back entrance) or Mondays 10:00-1:00 at Nehemiah Mission, 6515 Bridge Ave. Cleveland.

Bread on Bridge

We will again be providing canned or dry soup on Christmas Eve at Bread on Bridge. This will help provide a meal when there isn't a service on 12/31. Please put your non-perishable soup donations in the bin in the lobby labeled BREAD ON BRIDGE by Sunday 12/22.



ADVENT MISSION PROJECT

Looking for an Advent Mission project for your Christ Care group or other group? The Weds. Afternoon Christ Care group has sponsored Garfield Elementary School in Lorain for years. They currently have an urgent need for school uniform pants (sizes 12, 14, 16- black, khaki, gray, navy- NO denim, athletic pants) and shirts (size 12, 14 - youth L and XL- solid white, blue, gray, black, long or short sleeves, collared polo shirts with buttons or turtleneck), boys underwear size 6-10. Lists can be found on main bulletin board. Please put donations in bin labeled Christ Care Advent Mission.

Mark your Calendar

We will be hosting another **Rise Against Hunger (formerly STOP Hunger Now)** on Saturday, February 1st. We will begin taking donations in January to raise the \$6,800 needed to package and send over 20,000 meals! Sign-up to volunteer to package will also be in January. Set-up and clean up help also needed! Limited to 100 people. Families welcome.

WEST SIDE COMMUNITY HOUSE

December "meal" will be a holiday celebration on Saturday, Dec. 14th.

We are collecting cookies for the party. Please leave cookies in the box marked WSCH in the lobby by December 11th.



DO YOU HAVE A HEART FOR MISSIONS?

Consider being a part of the Missions Team. New ideas are welcome! We meet the First Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. (12/5).



Mission Opportunities & Updates (cont.)

CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKING

Wednesday, December 11

9-11:30 am at Suburban Campus



Join in a festive morning of baking & decorating Christmas cookies for those needing a little cheer this holiday season. All bakers are invited. Meet in the church kitchen and fellowship hall.

Please RSVP your

attendance and let us know what you can bring at

<https://signup.com/go/rKMZTzH>

Childcare can be arranged for infants and kids up to age 6. Reserve your childcare spot by emailing Ellie Peiffer at faithformation@westlakeumc.org

Donations of cookie tins are appreciated!

SMW FOOD PANTRY



Simpson Metro West Food Pantry for the community is on Monday, December 23 from

9:00-11:00am. Help is needed to unload the Food Bank delivery on Thursday, December 19th from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Bags are packed on Friday at 9:00.

Food donations from the Suburban Campus can be placed in the blue wagon in the lobby.

We will continue to collect large reusable shopping bags for the food pantry. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Compassion & Congregational Care

HEALTH AND WELLNESS TEAM



As our wellness journey continues at WUMC, the Health and Wellness Team is planning monthly opportunities for our congregation to experience ways to incorporate healthy options into our lives. Watch for monthly wellness programs in future communications with topics like *proper use of medications and their disposal, cultivating self-awareness and mindfulness practices, local resources to connect with as we age, youth drug and alcohol concerns, easy to enter walking groups*. Please contact gretty.myers@gmail.com with your ideas!

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER TIME & COMMUNION With Prayer Partners

SUNDAYS 9 – 9:30 AM

OR 11 – 11:30 AM

AT THE SUBURBAN CAMPUS

Stephen Ministers are available every Sunday morning in Room 207 (new location) from 9 – 9:30 a.m. and also 11 – 11:30 a.m. to offer a quiet, reflective time for individual prayer and communion. We also have sets of prayer beads available for you during this time.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



DO EVERYTHING IN LOVE

1 CORINTHIANS 16:14

Church Family Focus

ALTAR FLOWERS

AT THE SUBURBAN CAMPUS

Many thanks to those who help to beautify our Altar with the purchase of flowers. Altar flowers honor, celebrate or remember a special person or event.



THANK YOU TO OUR DECEMBER ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS:

December 1 - Skip & Jean Gianfagna – *In Loving Memory of our Fathers, Bob Merritt & Jim Gianfagna*

December 8 - Don & Barb Parker – *In Honor of Our Choir*

December 15 - Bill & Carole Heppner – *In Celebration of Our Anniversary*

The Marshall & Dietrich Families – *In Honor of Cathie Dietrich's Birthday - Love, Ron Dietrich, Jim, Laurie, Anna, Sam and Franny Marshall*

December 22 - William & Kay Martin – *In Celebration of Our 40th Wedding Anniversary*

December 29 - Gary & Jayne Linch – *In Celebration of Our Wedding Anniversary*

Coffee Time Fellowship

AT THE SUBURBAN CAMPUS

Connect with old and new church friends on the East lawn after the 10am service and before 11:28! If inclement weather, coffee hour will be held in Fellowship Hall.



OUR COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP IS NOT FREE

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING GROUPS FOR HOSTING IN DECEMBER:

December 1 - The Kubancik Family – *In Celebration of Our Youth*

December 8 - Suzanne D'Ettorre

December 15 - Bill & Carole Heppner – *In Celebration of Our Anniversary*

December 22 - William & Kay Martin – *In Celebration of Our 40th Wedding Anniversary*

December 29 - Carole & Russ Miller – *In Celebration of Our WUMC Family*

Small Groups & Spiritual Growth

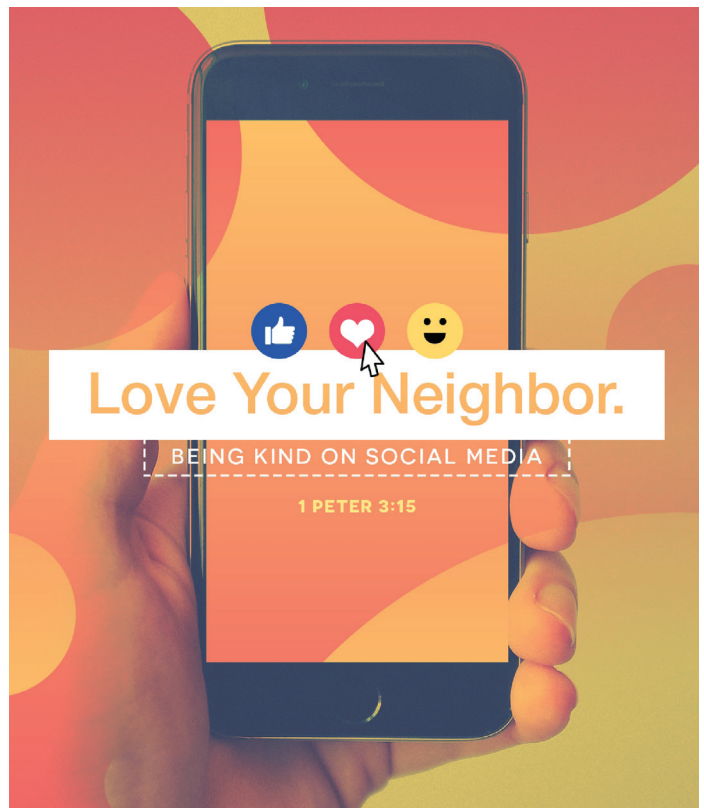
Spiritual PARENTING GROUP

SUNDAYS AT 9AM IN ROOM 107

Parents, grandparents and caregivers are welcome to join this group as they continue this DVD study on Spiritual Parenting. Author Michele Anthony helps us move from attempting to control our children's behavior to creating family environments where kids can know God and be changed by God.

Questions, contact Ellie Peiffer at faithformation@westlakeumc.org

Our Mission:
TO LIVE SO THAT OTHERS WILL WANT TO BE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS.



Kid's Ministry News

MISSION: POSSIBLE

In November, Mission Possible families made the dessert and table decorations for the Suburban Campus Community Meal to help serve others.



December Reverse Advent CALENDAR COLLECTION

This Advent we encourage families to count down the days to Christmas by adding a canned or boxed food staple each day to a collection. Bring your items to church on Christmas Eve to donate to our food pantry in the city. This is a great way for your family to be mindful of preparing for the birth of the newborn King of Kings who pours his life out for us. We will be accepting your food items through Jan 5 or you can donate to the food pantry of your choice!

MISSION: POSSIBLE

UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS

DECEMBER: REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Fill a box daily with food items from a list. Bring your box to church on Christmas Eve to be donated to the Simpson Metro West Food Pantry (or food pantry of your choice)



JANUARY: RECYCLE/UPCYCLE PROJECT- GOOD STEWARDS OF THE EARTH

Friday, Jan. 10 @ 6pm



FEBRUARY: VALENTINE BAKE SALE

Upper Elementary Mission Fundraiser
Sunday, February 9



MARCH: LORAIN FOOD BANK

Volunteer at the Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio on Saturday, March 7th from 10am-noon.



MAY: CHANGE THE WORLD CHURCH PROJECT

Saturday, May 16th
Event and Time TBD



Reverse Advent Calendar

Each day add an item to a box. On Christmas Eve, bring the box to church to be donated to the Simpson Metro West Food Pantry, or a food pantry of your choice.

- December 1- Box of Cereal
- December 2- Peanut Butter
- December 3- Crackers
- December 4- Boxed Potatoes
- December 5- Macaroni and Cheese
- December 6- Canned Fruit
- December 7- Canned Tomatoes
- December 8- Canned Tuna
- December 9- Granola Bars
- December 10- Spaghetti Sauce
- December 11- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- December 12- Bottle of Vegetable Oil
- December 13- Canned Beans
- December 14- Box of Crackers
- December 15- Package of Rice
- December 16- Package of Oatmeal
- December 17- Package Pasta
- December 18- Plastic Jar of Applesauce
- December 19- Chicken Noodle Soup
- December 20- Tomato Soup
- December 21- Can Corn
- December 22- Can Mixed Vegetables
- December 23- Can Carrots
- December 24- Can Green Beans

WHAT ARE THE KIDS LEARNING ABOUT IN SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS MONTH?

DECEMBER 1

Swords Into Plowshares - Peace

DECEMBER 8

Jews & Gentiles - Together

DECEMBER 15

John Questions for Jesus - Messiah

DECEMBER 22

An Angel Visits Joseph - Emmanuel

DECEMBER 29

No Sunday School. PreK children are welcome in the nursery.

Sunday, December 29th all school aged children K – 6 grade are invited to worship in the sanctuary with their families for lessons & carols.

Our Nursery, Preschool & Special Needs classes will meet as usual.

Youth News

NEXT MISSION TRIP PLANNING MEETING

Our next mission trip planning meeting is December 8 | 5:30 pm to 7:30pm at North Olmsted UMC (4600 Dover Center Rd). We will continue to plan for the mission trip scheduled for July 12 to July 18. The location is TBD but will be, based on the votes at last month's meeting, somewhere rural and to the west.

HELP WITH LUMINARIES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

SET-UP: We need help setting out luminaries for Christmas Eve. The youth helping set up will get the luminaries from the youth room and place them along the drive either before or during the 4p.m. service on Christmas Eve. You'll need to turn them on and put them in place.

CLEAN-UP: We need youth to help clean-up the luminaries after the 9pm service. Luminaries will need to be turned off and brought into the youth room after worship is finished.

Can you help? Please sign up to help with this beautiful tradition at <http://bit.ly/WUMLuminaries>.

SIGN UP FOR TEXT MESSAGES TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT YOUTH GROUP!

For [SC Youth Group](#) updates, text @youthwumc to the number 81010.

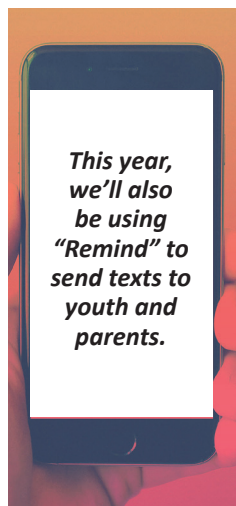
For [SMW Youth Group](#) updates, text @smwyouth to the number 81010

For [Donuts and Discussions](#) updates, text @donutswum to the number 81010.

For [Confirmation](#) updates, text @confirmwum to the number 81010.

Both parents and youth should sign up for these texting tools.

We will still use email for longer updates and you can sign up for emails by going to <http://bit.ly/WUMYFEmail>



YOU'RE INVITED

SC YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 15
5:30 to 7:30 PM

Celebrate Christmas with your church family! We'll decorate cookies, share a meal, exchange gifts and complete a mission project.

Here's what you need to bring:

- Between \$5 and \$10 for our mission project
- A dish to share (with ingredient list/recipe)
- A gift for our gift exchange (\$8-12 value)

Suburban Campus December Youth Group Schedule

December 1 - No Youth Group (Thanksgiving Holiday)

December 8 - 5:30 – 7:30pm Mission Trip Planning Meeting - at North Olmsted UMC (4600 Dover Center Rd.)

December 15 - 5:30 – 7:30pm Youth Group - Christmas Party

January 12 - Youth Group restarts after the New Year

SMW Campus December Youth Group Schedule

December 4 - 5:30 pm - Wednesday Night Bible Study

December 8 - 5:30 – 7:30pm Mission Trip Planning Meeting - at North Olmsted UMC (4600 Dover Center Rd.)

December 11 - 5:30 pm - Wednesday Night Bible Study

December 18 - 5:30 pm - Wednesday Night Bible Study

January 8 - 5:30 pm - Wednesday Night Bible Study
Restarts after new year

Kid's Ministry & Youth News

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE SIGNUP:

Please sign your child up to participate as an acolyte in the 10am Sunday worship at the Suburban Campus. Acolytes should report to the narthex at 9:55am to robe and receive any special instructions for the day from the Usher Team.

Sign up via link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4DA8A72DA6F85-acolyte>

PROVIDE DINNER FOR SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH GROUP!

Sunday Evenings from 6-6:45 pm, we will have dinner and worship. The worship time will lead into separate discussion time for middle and high school students. We need your help!

Parents, sign ups for the first half of 2019 are now up, so please sign up to prepare the meal at <https://signup.com/go/bkAqvcG>.

SUBURBAN CAMPUS 10AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

NURSERY INFANTS THROUGH AGE 3
Kids begin & end in the nursery room 202

PREK & KINDERGARTEN
Ages 4, 5 & K
Kids begin & end in classroom 201

LOWER ELEMENTARY
Grades 1, 2, & 3
Begin in worship, pick up in Room 102-103

UPPER ELEMENTARY
Grades 4, 5 & 6
Begin in worship, pick up in room 106-107

SPECIAL NEEDS
Children begin & end in room 203

**11:28AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
BEGINS & ENDS IN WORSHIP**



Merry
Christmas
To You & Yours

Financial Information

Instead of an envelope with a check or cash on Sunday, there are two other ways you can make contributions to the General Operating Fund for Westlake UMC:



DIRECT DEPOSIT: Scheduled automatic transfers from your checking account to the WUMC account. Please contact Stacey Johnson, Finance Manager for the form needed at finance@westlakeumc.org



ONLINE GIVING: Use your credit card via our website at westlakeumc.org. In the lower left corner of the home page you will see a button for Online Giving — near “Live Streaming” — You do not have to login to contribute, but can create profile if desired. This can be a one-time contribution or regularly scheduled contributions.

FINANCE UPDATE

Dear Congregation,

Due to the many changes that have occurred in the finance manager’s position during the last 6 months, the monthly financial reports have been delayed. These changes were a result of difficulties that occurred in each of the individual finance manager’s personal lives. The finance committee will send the monthly financial reports to the congregation as soon as the CPA that has been recently hired finishes them. You can be assured that at no time were the funds of the church in jeopardy. My apologies for the delay. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know at 440-346-0081.

Peace,

Duane

Finance committee chairperson

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**YOU CAN JOIN WESTLAKE UMC AT THE 10:00AM SERVICE
WITH **LIVE STREAMING**** FROM OUR SUBURBAN CAMPUS.**



Traveling? Can’t make it to church on a Sunday morning? Worship with us via our website: westlakeumc.org for the 10:00 service. You will see the link to the broadcast in the lower left corner of the home screen. You are also invited to register your attendance, send prayer requests, and/or make contributions online.

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December 2019

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Mon







Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1  First Sunday of Advent 9am Confirmation Class (100) 9am Faithlinks (Library) 4pm Advent Study (207) 4:30pm Comm Meal (SMW)	2 12:30pm ChristCare-EP (205) 7pm ChristCare- G/J/L (205) 7pm Leadership (207)	3 5pm Choristers (Sanctuary) 5:30pm Bread on Bridge Meal/Worship (Nehemiah)	4 11am Advent Study (SMW) 1:30pm Arthritis Exercise (103) 5:30pm Youth/Grp SMW 6pm Blue Bus (SMW) 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal	5 9am Bible Study (207) 12pm UMW Luncheon (FH) 3:30pm G. Scouts-Rachael (FH) 5:30pm Marijuana Anon(100) 6pm Mission Team (207) 7pm Choir Rehearsal	6 7am Men's Breakfast (Sammi's Deli) 12-9pm WECPTA (Cookies W/Santa) 5:30pm 3MB - (SMW)	7 12 P.M.-7:30 P.M. PRIVATE RECITALS AYON SCHOOL OF MUSIC 6:30pm AA (SMW)
8 9am Confirmation Class (100) 9am Faithlinks (Library) 1pm Chorister's Concert (Sanctuary) 4pm Advent Study (207) 5:30pm Youth Mission Plan	9 12:30pm ChristCare-EP (205) 12:30pm Games 'N Such (FH) 5:45 pm Trustees (207) 7 pm Stephen Ministry (100/7) 7pm ChristCare- G/J/L (205)	10 4:30pm G. Scouts-Rachael (FH/ Kitchen) 5:30pm Bread on Bridge Meal/Worship (Nehemiah) Messenger Deadline	11 9am Cookie Baking (SC) 11am Advent Study (SMW) 1:30pm Arthritis Exercise (103) 2pm ChristCare- JMc (205) 5:30pm Youth Christmas Party SMW 6pm Blue Bus (SMW) 7:30pm 11:28 Rehearsal	12 9am Bible Study (207) 5:30pm Marijuana Anon(100) 7pm Choir Rehearsal	13 Cleaning Floors 7am Men's Breakfast (Sammi's Deli) 3:30-6:30pm Theater Grp (FH) 5:30pm 3MB - (SMW)	14 6:30pm AA (SMW)
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22 9am Confirmation Class (100) 9am Faithlinks (Library) 10:00 a.m. Christmas Cantata 	23 9am Food Pantry (SMW) 7pm ChristCare- G/J/L (205)	24  Christmas Eve Traditional 1:00 pm Nehemiah Mission 4:00 pm Family W/ Band 4:00 pm Traditional 6:00 pm SMW Traditional W/ Communion 9:00 pm	25  Blessed Christmas Church Office Closed	26 5:30pm Marijuana Anon(100) Church Office Closed	27 7am Men's Breakfast (Sammi's Deli) 3:30-6:30pm Theater Grp (FH) 5:30pm 3MB - (SMW)	28 6:30pm AA (SMW)
29 9am Confirmation Class (100)	30 7pm ChristCare- G/J/L (205)	31 New Year's Eve 				

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Coming Up

- 12/8 Next Mission Trip Planning Meeting (p. 8)
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