

The
Newsletter
of the
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Traditional Worship	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	10:10 a.m.
Contemporary Worship	11:15 a.m.

Summer Worship Hours:

Right Start	8:04 a.m.
Summer Worship	9:30 a.m.

STEEPLE NEWS

November 18, 2007

“Ringing Forth the Good News”

Vol. 16; No. 23

“Constant Change and a Changeless Constant”

These days I’m learning more and more that the only real constant in life is change. This has probably always been true, but change seems to occur far more frequently and more dramatically than we would choose for it to take place. Just when you feel everything’s in place, something gets moved around, and the neat laid-out design has to be re-arranged. Maybe that’s why the Scriptures remind us that the only way to truly live is by faith.

For the past several weeks, I’ve lived with this uneasy feeling that having one of the best church staffs for which any pastor could ever ask was too good to be true. It’s a joy giving leadership to such a great team of coworkers. Yet I’ve known for some time that General Motors was thinking about a job transfer for Ross Speiran that would necessitate relocation. Monday morning, that became official. Effective in January, Ross will be assigned to the Lordstown Plant located in eastern Ohio, near the city of Youngstown. He will be making a weekly commute for the first half of the year; then Laura, Rebecca and Eric will join him at the close of this current school year.

Early in January of 2002, when the Speiran family was transitioning to Saline because of Visteon, Laura called and we met. She asked if we had any openings on staff. I told her we were looking for office personnel. The first thing out of her mouth was, “You don’t want me there.” That fall however, Laura agreed to come on staff as our Parish Visitor. Each year we added more responsibilities and more hours to her job description until she was fulltime.

In conversation with Rev. Chuck Nash, the pastor of the church in Sandusky, Ohio where Laura served on staff, he gave such a glowing referral, assuring me that Laura was the right person to be with us. He also said that day, “Don’t let Laura off the hook; she has enormous gifts for ministry.” Throughout the past five years, she has gracefully unpacked those gifts, willingly sharing them with us. Then after some time of deep soul searching, Laura said to me, “It’s time that I do what God called me to do years ago, while still in high school,” and she began the process of moving toward being commissioned as a Deacon in the United Methodist Church.

Talk about someone putting her whole heart and mind into completing the academic requirement at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary and fulfilling all the prerequisites set by the Conference Board of Ministry. Carrying the hefty load of congregational care for our church, being wife and mother, yet she fulfilled all of her requirements with flying colors. And it is her plan to continue on her path toward ordination in our conference, which is possible even though she will, in all likelihood, be serving a congregation in the East Ohio Conference.

As Minister of Congregational Care, Laura has touched hundreds of lives and families. Her caring compassion has rubbed off on us and has challenged us constantly to be moving outward, bringing the love of God to people from Saline to our sister church in Liberia. God blessed us with Laura; now will bless others in a new ministry setting. For we know that the “Changeless Constant One” will remain that, both for us and for her. – Pastor Jim



Thanksgiving Dinner Invitation

If you have not yet made plans for the upcoming holiday, you are invited to join us here at the church on Thanksgiving Day from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. for a Thanksgiving Dinner. We will provide turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and a vegetable; you are invited to bring a dish to pass to compliment the meal. We do need reservations, so if you are planning on coming please sign up at the Opportunity Wall. If you know someone in the community that would appreciate an invitation, please extend it to them, and bring them along.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CORNERSTONE

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever!” Amen 2 Peter 3:18

R.O.C.K. in LOGOS Families

Mark your calendars now – registration for the winter session will begin in December.

Registration deadlines for:

- returning families – January 2nd
- new families – January 8th at the parent meeting from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

For questions please contact Debbie Walls at 214-0055.



Sunday, November 18th is the next bake sale. The proceeds from this month's sale go to the Gulf Coast Mission Trip.

As always, we start working in the kitchen at 7:30 a.m. We can use volunteers to help make the cinnamon rolls and put out the baked goods.

Our theme is Thanksgiving so we can use lots and lots of baked goods! This is always a big sale for us as long as we have the baked goods to sell. Pies are particularly popular this time of year. For more information contact Marsha Gilbert 944-2024.

Online Giving Is Now Available



Technology has given us new ways of giving, and many of you have expressed an interest in online giving. We are pleased to now be able to offer you this tool from our church website, <http://www.fumc-saline.org/OnlineGiving.html>

This page will take you to a Vanco Services secure site where you can process your donation, or make a payment for a registration fee for an upcoming Children's program or a Youth event.

Getting Started

Online Giving is the process where you authorize your bank to deduct a specified amount from your account for a single contribution. You may also use your checking account, savings account, or debit/credit card. This service can be used as frequently as desired.

General Fund: Used to cover programs, apportionments, and operating expenses such as utilities, staff salaries, supplies, curriculum, equipment, cleaning, etc. It is also used to make mortgage payments. Your regular giving and pledges go to this fund.

Building Fund: All monies collected for this purpose go directly to payoff the principle of the building fund loan. All Building Fund pledges go to this fund.

Other: This can be a contribution to a special event or ministry. Or this can be used to make a payment such as registration for a Youth event or R.O.C.K. in Logos. A phone number is required, and please complete the memo line directly next to the amount.

More options: We continue to offer electronic funds transfer contributions for those that want to fill out the paperwork once and have the convenience of automatic weekly or monthly giving. A form will be mailed to you at your request, or if you make a note on your 2008 pledge card.

Please contact our Financial Secretary, Pam Heffelbower, with any concerns, suggestions, or questions. Pam can be reached at 734-429-4730 extension 42, or e-mailed at: pam@fumc-saline.org.

Special Choir Notice

There will be a special cantata rehearsal on Tuesday, November 20 from 7-8:15 p.m. The Praise Team will not be practicing on Wednesday, November 21.

National Adoption Day/Month 2007

November is National Adoption Awareness month. On Saturday, November 17, National Adoption Day 2007, courts and communities across the nation will come together to finalize thousands of adoptions of children from foster care and to celebrate all families who adopt. Between 2000 and 2006, more than 17,000 children were joined together with their forever families as part of National Adoption Day activities. Every year, more than 100,000 children in foster care are available for adoption. The average child waits for an adoptive family for more than 3 years, and many spend more than five years waiting for permanent, loving homes. The average age of children waiting for an adoptive family is 8-1/2. Each year, more than 24,000 children reach the age of 18 without ever finding a forever family.

Please join me throughout November, and particularly on November 17th, in praying for the judges, attorneys, case-workers, and foster- and adoptive-families that touch the lives of these children. Pray that God will grant them wisdom, strength, and energy as they work to find a "forever family" for every child. Thank you. For more information, please go to www.nationaladoptionday.org, or www.davethomasfoundation.org, or contact Mary Beth Bredernitz at 944-0541.



Could your Christmas Wreath use a makeover?

Try a fresh live wreath this season!

The Gulf Coast Mission Team is selling wreaths, cedar garland, grave blankets, and grave pillows. Wreaths are available in Balsam, Fraser, and Noble Fir. They will arrive decorated with a pre-made bow of your color choice, berries, and natural pinecones. The prices are great and they would make great gifts! Pick up an order form Sunday morning in the narthex or during the week in the church office. The last day to place an order is Sunday, November 18th. Items can be picked up at the church on Friday, November 30th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. or on Sunday, December 2nd, between services. Your support of this mission team is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Potluck

One of the highlights of the UMW calendar is just around the corner! The UMW Christmas Potluck will be held Tuesday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will spend the evening enjoying friends, fabulous food and singing our favorite Christmas carols! In addition, Pastor Tuttle will conduct the installation of UMW officers for the upcoming year. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Also, we will be collecting Christmas gifts for the residents of Whitehall Nursing Home. Please bring a wrapped Christmas gift with a removable label indicating the nature of the gift. This will assist the staff in sorting and selecting gifts for the residents. (Gift suggestions for Whitehall are listed in the Narthex at the Opportunity Wall.) Childcare will be available. For further information, please contact Kay Richmond at 944-6234.

Hannah Circle

Hannah Circle will be celebrating the season by having a Christmas Brunch and Ornament Exchange at the home of Linda Klepaczyk on Monday, December 3rd at 9:30 a.m. Please bring a dish to pass and an ornament for the exchange. Childcare will be available at the church beginning at 9:15 a.m. If you have questions or need directions, please call Linda at 429-0441.



Following an action at the church conference we are requesting permission from the District Superintendent to have a vote on a single item during the worship services on December 2. The purpose of this vote is to amend the current wording on the policy written for the Endowment Committee, which requires us to approve this amendment with a vote of 10% of the current membership of 952 people. We thank you for your cooperation with this addition to worship on December 2.

CHESS PARTNER WANTED



Looking For a Chess Partner? We have one for you! A resident at Brecon would like someone to play chess with. Call Mary Lou, the receptionist at Brecon, at 429-1155 if you are interested.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The choir teams have started rehearsing for the Christmas Cantata that will be held December 16. If you would like be part of this group they are rehearsing on Wednesday nights from 7:15– 8:00 and on Thursday nights from 7:45–8:30.

INFUSION YOUTH NEWS

Junior High

Dinner and Drama (at RNL)—All 7th and 8th graders are invited to Dinner and Drama every Wednesday from 5:30–7:00 p.m. We eat dinner together as a group in Room F and then prepare and practice as a drama team. Come join us this Wednesday!

Junior High Youth Group—Sunday Nights you will find us playing games, checking out God's Word, chatting about living for God, eating snacks, and having a ton of fun! Come join us every Sunday night from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in the junior high room.

November 18th – Pop in for a night of things that Pop!?!

November 25th – Join us for a Thanksgiving Pizza Feast!

December Highlight - Join us for Youth Group on Sunday, December 16th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. for Christmas Caroling followed by a Christmas Celebration Together!

1st Year Confirmation Class—Students meet on Wednesday in the Junior High Room from 7:00–8:00 p.m.

2nd Year Confirmation Class – Students meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Junior High Room from 7:00–8:00 p.m.



There will be no Dinner and Drama or Confirmation Class, Wednesday, November 21st.

Senior High

Wild Worship Wednesday (W3)—It's a night of connecting with friends and connecting with God made for senior high youth. Join us every Wednesday in the youth room from 8:00–9:30 p.m.

Life Together Groups (LT Groups)—Every Sunday from 4:00–6:00 p.m. we will be connecting to God and one another through small group Bible study—Come join us! If you are in an LT group please check with Emily to make sure you are signed up to bring a meal. We always end our time together with a yummy meal prepared by the families of those participating in an LT group.

Mountain T.O.P. Mission Trip – If you are currently in 9th–12th grade and would like an opportunity to serve God and love others this summer please pick up an information packet about our Mountain T.O.P. summer mission trip happening July 19th – 27th. The deadline for registration, including your \$75 deposit, is December 12th. Please talk to Emily Krach with any questions and to get an information packet today!!

December Highlight – Join us on Saturday, December 15th from 6–10 p.m. for Christmas Caroling and a Christmas Celebration Together! No prior singing experience required; hearts full of joy ready to share with others needed!



Thanksgiving Holiday

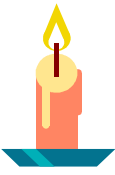
Please note that the Church Office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday and Friday, November 22nd and 23rd.

BLUE HOUSE COLLECTION

All items placed in the Blue House will be donated to Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti. The following is a list of suggested items to donate: large and small diapers, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, peanut butter, jelly, canned meat, cereal, shampoo, toilet paper, and bar soap. If you have any questions contact Jan Turosky at 944-1429.



What is the Longest Night Service?



Each December, we hold a special worship service during the Christmas holiday season for people who are struggling through a challenging time. It is meant to be a time and a space to rest in God.

When you don't feel like celebrating because of the recent death of a loved one, or illness, or job loss, or any other difficult issue, it may help to come and worship in a quiet, meditative way. We offer the opportunity to light candles, either in remembrance, or as a symbol of hope. This is meant to be a community service—everyone is welcome and there is no offering collected. This year's Longest Night Service will be held on Tuesday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please invite neighbors or friends who may benefit, or consider coming yourself. If you have questions please contact Deacon Laura Speiran in the church office.



HAVE YOU EVER FLUFFED AN ANGEL?

(Don't laugh!) We have all sorts of jobs for you! Maybe you have noticed...the Christmas decorations are

already in the stores and that reminds us...The "**First Sunday of Advent**" is *December 2nd* and we need your help getting our church ready for this special Advent Season. Since we have just a few days to get this big job done, it goes much faster with many hands. There are several times to choose from to help. No special skills are required; we will train you!

Sometimes we just need a person to help serve at the "Hanging of the Greens Dinner", a strong back to help carry things, or a tall person who isn't afraid of heights...or even a shorter person will do! Come, bring a friend and join the fun!

Sunday, November 25: (after second service)

~ We need many strong hands to bring the decorations down from the attic.

~ We need delicate hands to start unpacking the decorations.

Monday, November 26

~ 9:00 a.m.: We need people to "fluff" Christmas Tree branches & angels, untangle lights, etc.

~ 11:00 a.m.: We need people to assemble the Narthex Tree.

Tuesday, November 27

~ 5:00 p.m. 'til ???: HANGING OF THE GREENS!

~ 5:30 p.m.: An "On-Going" special Greens Dinner... Show up when you can!

PRAYING WITH BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT:

MOVING THROUGH ADVENT

As we begin to get caught up in the busyness of the holidays, it is good to stop for a while and reflect on the season we are preparing to celebrate. All are invited to relax, unwind and experience a new dimension in personal prayer using your body, mind and spirit to pray with scripture, guided meditation and music of the season. Bring a journal for some quiet reflection. Basic movements will be taught which can be done by anyone, regardless of experience or physical limitation.

Date: December 1

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$40.00 (includes lunch)

Leader: Janene Ternes—(PrayerInMotionJT@aol.com)

Location: Manresa Jesuit Retreat House

1390 Quarton Rd., Bloomfield Hills

Registration: 248-644-4933 or www.manresa-sj.org



Thank You to all who participated in Operation: Fill-A-Back Pack for Tapestries of Life Ministries. The back packs were donated to our church and were filled with supplies by members of our congregation. We then shipped them to TLM headquarters. There TLM staff members distributed them to the local Mexican school children. With our combined efforts, we were able to ship over 220 filled back packs!

There is a Thank You card from TLM posted on the Mexico Mission Team bulletin board near the fellowship hall.

COLLEGE STUDENTS!

WE WANT YOUR ADDRESSES!

Are you away at school? Is one

of your children away at school?

Are you just leaving to go away

to school? Are you still in the

area and going to school? We

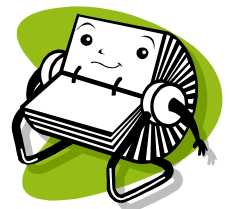
would like to keep in touch with you! Please give

your address to the church office in care of Rev.

Laura Speiran. Include your email address and

whether you would like to receive the church

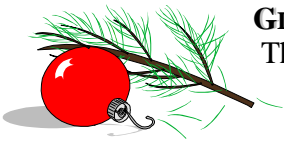
newsletter either electronically or by snail mail.





Join the Parade

The Saline Holiday Parade is Saturday, December 1st at 5:00 p.m. Our Senior High Youth and our preschool are both building floats for this event. The choir will be singing from a trailer and there will be a covered wagon with bales of straw so people can sit and ride to take part in this celebration. In honor of our 175th anniversary as the Saline United Methodist Church everyone is invited to walk in the parade. If you would like to be a participant in this parade, please meet in the parking lot of the Lutheran Church which is directly across the street from the fire hall, at 4:30 p.m. The festivities won't end with the parade! Come to the church afterwards for cookies, cocoa, coffee and tea, provided by the UMW. We will gather in room O/P. We look forward to a wonderful evening of fellowship!



GIFT OF HOPE

The UMW is again offering the Gift of Hope channel of giving this Christmas season. Proceeds will benefit the following missions: Operation Christmas Child, Hurricane Katrina Relief, Heifer International. Make a donation via Gift of Hope to benefit one of the above charities and receive a Christmas ornament and a card (with a description of the charity) to give to that special someone "who has everything," or to say a Christmas "thank you" to teachers and others. It is a gift in mission that gives twice—once to the person you give it to, and again to the mission that receives the donation. Look for the Gift of Hope Christmas Tree and display in the Narthex December 2nd through December 23rd. Contact Nicole Lampman at 429-7547 or Amy Whitton at 429-1210 with questions



SCRAPBOOKS!

Do you have envelopes, drawers or even boxes filled with pictures and keepsakes waiting to be organized? Have you been meaning to get those pictures into albums but just haven't had time? Or have you started a scrapbook but never found the time to finish it? Come join us on Saturday, December 1 from 1:00–6:00 p.m. in Room F for a chance to get those pictures organized. Contact Cheryl Schlaff at (734)417-3951 or cheryl@fumc-saline.org to get all the details.

PRAYING WITH BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT: MOVING THROUGH LOSS

Life is full of losses and letting go. Whether we have experienced the loss of loved ones, health, employment, abilities as we age or the myriad of other losses we sustain in daily life, our Christian faith calls us to healing and acceptance. Using scripture, guided meditation, journaling, music and body movement, we will learn to interpret our losses in the context of the death, resurrection and ascension of Christ. Basic movements will be taught which can be done by anyone, regardless of experience or physical limitation.

Date: November 17

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$22.00 (includes lunch)

Leader: Janene Ternes (Spiritual Director and Founder of Prayer in Motion)

Location: Christ Church Grosse Point

Registration: Christ Church—313-885-4841, Ext. 114

Or www.christchurchgp.org/spirituality.html

New Member Class in January

Our winter New Member Class will be held on Saturday, January 26th, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. It will meet in the Fellowship Hall and will include lunch. Those class participants who choose to join will do so on Sunday, January 27th at the 11:15 worship service. All adults who are not currently members are invited and encouraged to attend, even long-time United Methodists! This is a large congregation, and we want you to be a part of a small group in order to meet people and learn about what goes on here. Topics to be included are: what it means to be a Christian, church history, Wesley theology, and ministries of Saline First United Methodist. Please sign up at the Opportunity Wall, or speak with Deacon Laura Speiran. Childcare is available, if needed. If you are interested in joining the church, but are unavailable in January, a spring class will be held in a one-day format on Saturday, April 12th, 2008.

J.O.Y. Fellowship

This is a group for those 55 and older. Come for lunch, fun and fellowship! You are invited to make a \$5.00 donation for the lunch, but it is not required. Our next get-together is December 20, 2007. Join us for our Christmas Season gathering! Please sign up at the Opportunity Wall or call the church office. Please contact Rev. Laura Speiran if you have questions, or if you have any dietary concerns.

Stewardship Nuggets for Families and Children Thanksgiving Every Day

By Linda Holland

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

— *Philippians 4:6, NRSV*

"Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me; to those who go the right way I will show the salvation of God."

— *Psalms 50:23, NRSV*

Most of us consider Thanksgiving Day as an opportunity to visit with family, watch parades and football games, and eat a traditional meal that includes turkey and pumpkin pie. We tend to have fond memories of this holiday. As Christians, we must remember that each day is a *thanksgiving day*. We are blessed with God's abundant love every day.

Create a thanksgiving box with your family during the first few days of November. Ask your children to decorate the outside of a shoebox with typical Thanksgiving symbols: turkeys, pilgrims, and so on. Keep this box in a conspicuous place, such as your kitchen table or the coffee table in the den. Each day during family time, ask family members to reflect on their day by recalling one aspect of the day for which they are thankful. Family members may write this one recollection on a slip of paper. Family members then share what they have written with the family and place the slips of paper in the thanksgiving box. Close your time together with a family prayer, and thank God specifically for those recollections.

On Thanksgiving Day, open the box with your family and review these slips of paper. Count your blessings!

Questions for Discussion

- For what are you most thankful?
- Is being thankful a choice or just a feeling?
- Do you remember any stories from the Bible about thankful people?
- How will you continue to give thanks to God each day?

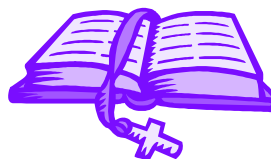
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OUR SYMPATHIES TO ~ Mike Johnson & family on the passing of his mother, Lynn Hopkins; Sarah Bond on the loss of her son; Dorothea Green on the loss of her son, David Green; Gavin Crawford & family on the loss of his grandfather, David Lowe; Gary Acree & family on the loss of his mother, Margaret Acree; the Hinsman family on the passing of Fred's mother; the Cody family on the passing of Wayne Cody; Annette Parker on the loss of her dad, Harry Crist; Mary Greg on the loss of her mother.

PRAISE/CELEBRATIONS ~ For all of God's blessings; Nathan Miller's graduation from Boot Camp; that Clayton Macy is fine following a car accident; Peggy Klapper's rapid recovery; for another successful quilt auction; our Medical Mission Team — Joni Coxton, Kathy Kirkland and Chuck Gehrke; for Phil Knapp's good test results; Alexis Cano doing well with her cochlear implant; for all the men and women of the U.S. military; Erik Anderson's safe return home from Iraq; for Toni and Erin Ellicott's new home; for Kim Setzer's new job; for Annella Aurand's continued recovery; for the safe return home from Iraq of Lois Royal's grandson Sam.



PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Cecil Townley, Dennis, the Kryzenick family, Chris Robbins, the family of Rita Although, Frank Riggs, Beulah Morton, Doris Brown, Ame Datson Schaeffges, Dorothy, Neil Penney, Josie Lederman, Tom Erickson, the Conley family, Hugh, Lou Pintarelli, Roger Ott, Bobbe Hinsman & family, Paul Adamkowski, McKenna Ducca, the Rice family, Kim Setzer, Gail McKaye, Cassie, Alola Graves, Dustan Colyer, Scott Macomber, Jim Beal, Rachel Quay, Kaylee's teacher, Ronda, Steven Sietz, Thom Hyslop, Rev. Jim Cann, Art Rae, Samantha Sherson, Patricia Harris, Amy's grandpa, Meg, Ed Doub, Marcia Ticknor, Brian Oaks, those affected by the California fires, those with health issues, those touched by adoption, friends struggling with mental illness, this church / a house of prayer

MILITARY PERSONNEL AND

FAMILIES ~ J.T. St. Denis; Bennett Phipps, brother of Rachel Wislocki; Timothy Frisbee, son of Pam & Gene Frisbee; Nick Gilveli; Kevin Raymond, son of Susan Raymond; Bobby Singh, son-in-law of Paulette & Mike Suchy; Dan Erlwein; Sam Spicer; Erik Maddock, son of Don & Andrea Maddock; Doug W. Beard, son of Doug & Wanda Beard; Mark & Brad Nadig, sons of Carroll & Sandy Nadig; Nathaniel Held, son of Keith & Patsy Held; Jeff & Ryan Housner; Aaron Friese; Sergeant Eric Coppernoll; John & Ryan Engel; Russ Bodine, son-in-law of Martha and Robert Seward; Erik Anderson; Edgar Groom, son-in-law of Beulah Morton; Joseph Miller; Dave Hayes; Nathan Miller, son of Jeff & Susan Miller; Benjamin Cripe, Derek Burge, Justin Burge.



CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 18 – DECEMBER 1, 2007

18 Sunday 9:00a Traditional Service 10:10a Sunday School 11:15a Contemporary Service 4:00p Mission Mtg 4:00p LT Group at Emily's 5:00p Disciple I 6:00p Jesus in the Gospels 6:30p Jr. High Youth Group BAKE SALE	19 Monday 10:00a Shawl Ministry 6:00p Girl Scouts 1309 6:00p Adult Ministries 6:30p Girl Scouts 2019 6:45p Piano Recital 7:00p Community Care	20 Tuesday 7:30a Stephen Ministry 9:15a WISE AM 4:45p Music Together 7:00p WISE PM 7:00p Cantata Rehearsal	21 Wednesday 9:00p RNL Christmas Rehearsal 9:15a Music Together 9:30a Neighborhood Bible Study 12:30p Quilting 7:00p Evangelism 8:00p WWW	22 Thursday 10:00a Brecon Service 1:00p Thanksgiving Dinner OFFICE CLOSED	23 Friday OFFICE CLOSED	24 Saturday
25 Sunday 9:00a Traditional Service 10:10a Sunday School 11:15a Contemporary Service 12:15p Christmas Decorating 4:00p LT Groups at Emily's 5:00p Disciple I 6:00p Jesus in the Gospels 6:30p Jr. High Youth Group	26 Monday 9:00a Christmas Decorating 10:00a Shawl Ministry 7:00p Church Council	27 Tuesday 9:15a WISE AM 4:45p Music Together 5:00p Christmas Decorating 6:00p Vision Forward Mtg 6:30p Friendship Ministry 6:30p HOMMIES 7:00p WISE PM 8:00p Youth Support Team	28 Wednesday 9:15a Music Together 9:30a Neighborhood Bible Study 12:30p Quilting 3:00p ROCK in LOGOS 5:30p Jr. High Dinner & Drama 6:30p Praise Team 6:45p Cub Scouts #9 7:00p 1 st year Confirmation 7:00p UMW Executive 8:00p WWW	29 Thursday 9:15a Music Together 9:30a Prayer Ministry 12:30p Disciple IV 6:15p Orchestra 6:30p Music Together 6:30p Stephen Ministry 7:00p Choir 7:00p Cub Scouts #1 7:00p Cub Scouts #5 7:30p Bells	30 Friday 12:30p RNL Coordinators 7:00p Confirmation Mentors	1 Saturday 1:00p Scrapbooking 5:00p HOMMIES Christmas Party Post Parade Gathering

The next Steeple News deadline is **Monday, November 26th** at noon. Volunteers are needed to assemble the newsletter **Thursday, November 29th** in Room F at 8:30 a.m. The deadline for the **November 25th** bulletin is **Monday, November 19th** at noon.

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 Darlene Heffelbower, Patti Hogue

Greeters:

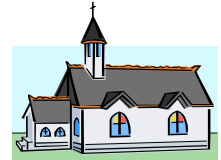
Frank & Kathy Smole
 Sally Schmall & Family

Welcome Center

Sue Herrick
 Betty Charles

Worship Attendance:

Nov 4 – 493
 Nov 11 – 484



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