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Notes for the Journey

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RIVER BRASS CONCERT

The River Brass Band will present a concert this Saturday, December 16 at 7:00pm at the Performing Arts Center at OCC. Remember, our own Pastor Steve is a member of the band!

Come out on Saturday and enjoy a great evening of relaxing music.

Thoughts

We are blessed to have such a great church family. This past Sunday our children presented a wonderful Christmas program, reminding us of the story of the birth of Jesus.

This week, please be here to support our youth as they lead our worship service. From the Call to Worship to the Closing Song, they will be involved.

The Holiday Concert Band will be back in action; there will be a beautiful dance number and more. See you there.

Poinsettias in Memory of Loved Ones

Harold Troyerby Ruth Troyer

Louise & Jack Clodfelter and

Paul Zuberby Howard and Michele Clodfelter

Wayne Slunaker and

Rev. Nick & Mary Martin by Phyllis Slunaker

Don Harfingby J.T., Amy, Jacob & Kiley Taylor

I.D. Baker, Edith Baker and

Elsie Bakerby Dennis & Joyce Wilson

Forrest & Mabel Wilson and

Esther Lou Wilsonby Dennis & Joyce Wilson

Bill & Beulah Poland, Rush & Jo Parnell and

Emily Davisby Rex & Millie Parnell

Darold and Vivian Snyder and

Bob Snyder by Larry & Kay Conour

Earl & Margaret Varner by David & Earlene Spillman

John Means by Nancy Means

Jim & Mary Ann Wingert by The Wingert Family

Bernie Franklinby Geri Franklin,

Pam & Bill Taylor, Sandy & Doug Franklin

Kids' Klub

After hearing the news of the need for jackets and shoes for children in Progresso, Mexico, from Mike Thomann at our last meeting, the kids have been collect items for the children.

- ◆ gently used light-weight jackets
- ◆ sweat shirts
- ◆ children's shoes

If you have any items to donate, the Kids would love for you to join them in collecting during December.

Mike and Ruth will deliver the gifts in January when they travel to Texas.

Lectionary Scripture

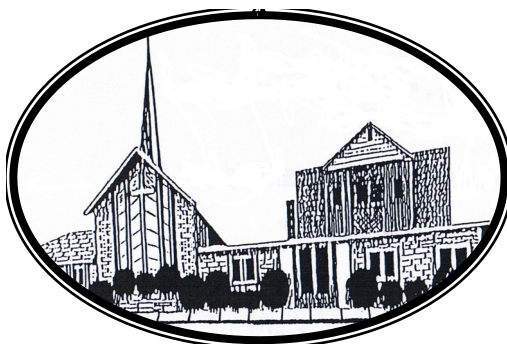
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Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8



Mission

*A community of believers
endeavoring to live and love
as Jesus taught.
Come—Experience
Community!*

Church Calendar

<u>Sunday, December 17</u>	
Morning Worship	9:30am
Youth Leading Worship	
Concert Band Playing	
Sunday School	10:40am
Kids' Klub	6:00pm
Student Ministry Group	6:00pm
Adult Ministry	6:00pm
<u>Monday, December 18</u>	
Narcotics Anonymous	7:00pm
<u>Tuesday, December 19</u>	
Elijah Men's Group	6:30pm
<u>Wednesday, December 20</u>	
Christmas Get-Together at the Wilson's	1:30pm—?
Shekinah Sunday School Class	
<u>Friday, December 22</u>	
Narcotics Anonymous	7:00pm

Statistics for December 10

Morning Service	140
Offering (weekly need—\$4,050)	\$ 3,992.10
UMC-Kay Stotts Godoy, Michael & Maria	
Long, Mark & Lena, Russ & Sherrie	
Cole (goal \$8,000) YTD	\$ 5,457.00
UMC-Home Missions (goal \$6,118) YTD	\$ 5,127.00

Prayer Needs

Galen Campbell—recent surgery
 Mae Goodman—health
 Bob Fore—health (Mike's father)
 Dan Grove—health
 John Archer—health
 Unspoken needs
 Please continue to pray for needs previously listed



Happy Birthday



Monica GroveDecember 17
 Kevin WestallDecember 17
 Patty MillerDecember 17
 Zachary ShouldersDecember 17
 Haley Marie WoodsDecember 18
 Robert SmithDecember 18
 Jonah KramerDecember 18
 Ruth Ellen BarnettDecember 18
 Dave ShouldersDecember 19
 Millie ParnellDecember 20
 Dena BisseyDecember 20
 Gary TottenDecember 23

Christmas Special Schedule

- ◆ Sunday, December 17 — Youth helping lead worship
 Holiday Concert Band
- ◆ Sunday, December 24 — Christmas Worship in morning service (no Sunday School)
 Christmas treat bags
 6:00pm — Candles, Carols and Communion

Christmas Outreach Meal

This week on Thursday, December 21, work will begin on the preparation of the annual Christmas Outreach Meal at Immanuel United Methodist Church.

On Saturday, December 23 the meal will be delivered to those in the area who may not have a Christmas dinner. Please call the IUMC at 395-8618 if you or someone you know would like a meal delivered.

If you can provide a cake for dessert, please bring it on Friday, December 22. Thanks for your help and donations.

Happy Anniversary



Ed & Marilyn Wright December 19
 Max & Ann Miller December 21
 Pastor Steve & Liesl Wingert December 23

Special Christmas Eve Service Candles, Carols and Communion

Our annual special "Candles, Carols and Communion" service will be held at 6:00pm on Christmas Eve in the sanctuary.

There will be Special Music, singing Christmas Carols, Communion and an inspiring Candle Light service.

We hope everyone will be able to attend.



Financial Note

We are so thankful for the faithful giving of each of you. As we approach the end of the calendar year, we want you to be aware that while all bills are paid, our regular budget giving has been less than expenses for the year.

As the year comes to a close, please prayerfully consider what you could do to assist us in making up this shortfall and getting back on track. Thank you again for all you do to help us provide ministry in Richland County.