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Notes for the Journey

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Special Christmas Eve Service Candles, Carols and Communion

A 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.



* * Weekend Food Backpacks * *

We will be assembling weekend food backpacks for area school children on Thursday, January 5 at 4:00pm. Call the church office to let us know if you can help.

Thought of the Week

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

My prayer for all of us this Christmas season is that each of us may experience anew our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Poinsettias in Memory of Loved Ones

Bernie Franklin..... by Doug & Sandy Franklin
and Pam & Bill Taylor
Don Harding..... by Amy, J.T., Jacob & Kiley Taylor
Dave Boernke..... by Pat Boernke
Richard Hoskinson..... by Donna Hoskinson & Family
Harold Troyer..... by Ruth Troyer & Family
Morris Luster..... by Patty Luster
I.D., Edith, Elsie Baker..... by Dennis & Joyce Wilson
Forrest, Mabel, Esther Lou Wilson..... by Dennis & Joyce Wilson
Bill & Beulah Poland, Rush & Joe Parnell and
Emily Davis..... by Rex & Millie Parnell
Jim & Mary Ann Wingert..... by Steve & Liesl Wingert & Family
John Means..... by Nancy Means
Ernest Royse..... by Alma Royse
Lanie Dicky & Emily Royse..... by Alma Royse & Family

Thank You

I want to thank those who have answered the call to volunteer to help with children, youth, bus drivers and other ministries of our church. You don't know how much you are appreciated.

We are though, still in need of a few others to help in these areas. Please consider offering a bit of your time to assist with the ministry of our church.



Lectionary Scripture

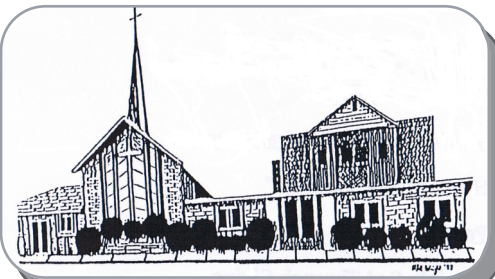
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Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalms 98

Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)

John 1:1-14



Mission

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

Church Calendar

Merry Christmas

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Worship Celebration 9:30am

No other services Sunday

Monday—Saturday

Men's Coffee

Wednesday, December 28

No Ladies' Bible Study in the Library this week

We will meet again on January 4

Friday, December 30

Narcotics Anonymous 7:00pm

New Year's Day

On New Year's Day, we will have our regular 9:30am Worship Service but no Sunday School or other activities that day.

Statistics for December 18

Morning Service	125
Offering (weekly need—\$4,050)	\$ 4,191.03
UMC-Kay Stotts Godoy, Michael & Maria	
Long, Mark & Lena, Russ & Sherrie	
Cole (goal \$8,000) YTD	\$ 6,873.00
UMC-Home Missions (goal \$6,118)	
YTD	\$ 4,903.00

Prayer Needs

- Andrew McCormick—health
- Liam Mitchell—health
- Family of Wallace Dollask (Nancy Margraff's father)
- Family of Bruce Clark (Heather Turley's brother)
- Becky Payne—health
- Please continue to pray for needs previously listed



Happy Birthday



- Brandon Murphy..... December 25
- Jackson Kramer..... December 27
- Amber Totten..... December 28
- Bret Ernst..... December 28
- Roy Miller..... December 28
- Megan Taylor..... December 30
- Sophie Combs..... December 31

Christmas Outreach Meal

Preparation work is currently in progress at the Immanuel United Methodist Church for the Christmas Outreach Meal.

If you can help out, they would welcome your assistance. Delivery of the meals will be Saturday morning, December 24.

Miss A Sunday?

If you are unable to be here on any Sunday, remember an audio recording of each week's sermon is posted on our church website each Wednesday along with that week's newsletter.

Log on to www.olneyfmc.org —the church's website.

2017 Tithing Envelopes Available

Your 2017 tithing envelopes are available on the table in the foyer. You can pick up yours today.

If you have never had a set of envelopes before, but would like a set, please take one of the blank sets, locate the number on the box and place your name next to the corresponding number on the sign-up sheet.

The envelopes are a good reminder to contribute to the work of God's kingdom on a regular basis. Also using the envelopes enables the church to issue you a year-end statement of giving that can be used when you file your Federal income taxes.

Sportsman's Banquet

The Annual Sportsman's Banquet is scheduled for Saturday evening, January 21. Watch here for more information on time and tickets.

Elijah Men's Group

Tuesday, January 3 at 6:30pm at the Parsonage is the time and place for the next Elijah Men's Group meeting. All men are invited to join us.

Special Advent Calendar

Saturday, December 24—Candles, Carols and Communion, 6:00pm

Sunday, December 25—Christmas Worship 9:30am

