

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December

Week of December 18, 2016

Family Promise WORSHIP 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM Sunday School For All Ages 9:15 AM	Family Promise 19 Women's Fellowship Bunko 6:30 PM	Family Promise 20 Acts 29 7:00 PM	Family Promise 21 Handbells 7:00 PM	Family Promise Men's Study 7:00 AM 22 Chancel Choir 6:45 PM	Family Promise 23 Office Closed	Christmas Eve Worship Children & Family 5:00 PM Choral & Preaching 7:00 Communion 11:00
Merry Christmas! No Sunday School WORSHIP 10:15 AM Only	Office Closed 25	26	27	Men's Study 7:00 AM 29	Office Closed 30	New Year's Eve 31

Office Hours Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Friday 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Looking Ahead

Sunday, December 25, 2016

Greeters: 10:15 a.m. - Papa & Regina Annor and Family
PC Operator: 10:15 a.m. - Lee Ann Blackmer
Sound: Tim Fingeroos

Prayer Request

- *Dorothy Wisniewski* - New Permanent Address is Sheboygan Senior Community Room 421 3505 County Road Y Sheboygan, WI 53083
- *Bob Houghton* - Recently at the Lutheran Home for respite. Located at 76th and North in Milwaukee.
- *Gratitude* - For the "Joy!" Christmas Cantata The day's highlight amid a snowstorm.

Church News

PC and Sound Operators — We are looking to get a few more folks to run Sound and the PC on Sundays. If this is something you are interested in learning about, please sign up in Fellowship Hall on the kiosk. We will hold a training session and you will be shadowed until you are comfortable.

Christmas Day - 10:15 am Service



If you are like many, there is simply no way to sing all the fabulous hymns and carols associated with Christmas. Inevitably, too many are left on the editing floor. The very occasional occurrence of a Sunday Christmas Day gives us the opportunity to leave no carol unused (well, nearly all). This Sunday service will contain many carols and hymns as Steve Hufnal leads us at the organ bench. Good Christians All Rejoice, The First Noel and other songs will complement your family activities. It is also very much a "come as you are" service. Steve will show us a few flourishes of his own in special music, highlighting the joy of the day. Pastor Dave will offer a short, whimsical message entitled, "Dressed Up." You will definitely want to see his holiday madness and attire!

January 1 - 10:15 John Wesley Covenant Communion Ushers in New Year



Every New Year people make "New Year's resolutions." They resolve to think, live, relate ... differently. Since the late 1700's no service has captured this sentiment as richly in words, liturgy and an extremely thoughtful holy communion experience as "John Wesley's Covenant Communion Service." You will be struck by the moving nature of the words as we surrender our lives to God anew. Special music will be provided by Shirley Westphal (vocals) and Nate Gruber (saxophone) and Johanna Schilling (piano). This is certainly a service that many have talked about as a highlight of their yearly worship experiences. Don't miss this helpful way to begin anew!

Church News

Men's Study Group — This month the Thursday morning men's group began discussing Christianity and its relationship to the four major world religions. The background for these discussions is Adam Hamilton's short book "Christianity and the World Religions" which addresses how God works in other faiths, the reasons for the existence of different religions, and how Christians might view other faiths. Following this, the men will take up "Worlds at War" by Anthony Pagden. Using this book we will examine the clash between the cultures of east and west and between Christianity and Islam. Join us at 7 AM Thursday mornings at PJ Pipers. Breakfast is optional but fellowship and lively discussion are essential.

No Sunday School — There will be no Sunday School on December 25 and January 1.

Cribbage Club — Save the date: Jan. 8, 11:30 a.m. in the Wesley Room. Bring a healthy snack to share; soda & coffee provided.

Outreach

Coin Drive — September 1 - December 31. Our funds will go to meet Harbor House Crisis Shelter's greatest needs.

Pecans — Our Schermer Pecans are available for purchase after both services for \$10.00 a bag. We have plain pecans, perfect for your holiday cooking and celebrations. Milk chocolate, dark chocolate, and caramel clusters also make excellent gifts. Profits to support disaster relief in Haiti.

Food Drive — Northcott Neighborhood House, 6th & Wright in Milwaukee, will receive our food collection during December. We can have a wonderful impact on this area of Milwaukee at Christmas with our food ministry. The gift of food is always welcomed!

Annual Mitten/Hat/Scarf Tree — Decorate the tree in Fellowship Hall through December 25 with new hats, mittens, and scarves. These items will provide warmth to the community that Northcott House serves, and also to Jordan Roup's Special Ed class at Metcalfe School. Your gifts are greatly appreciated - share warmth this holiday season!

Youth Ministries

Sunday School Offering — This year's Sunday School Offering is going to support Heifer International. Heifer International empowers families to turn hunger and poverty into hope and prosperity.



Jordan Roup's Special Education Class at Metcalfe School

Please see the Charitable Gift Guide link on our website (cedarburgcumc.org) for a complete list of needed items. The list is also available on the Metcalfe School donation trunk in the church entrance. **The deadline is today, December 18.** Thank you for your support!



The Christmas Offering will be evenly split between the Grace Children's Hospital and Pediatric Clinic in Haiti, and the Stains Memorial Children's Homes in South India. Grace Children's Hospital and Pediatric Clinic cares for children and families suffering from TB, HIV/AIDS, chronic illness, and the aftermath of earthquakes and hurricanes. Stains Memorial Children's Homes offer care, provisions, and educational opportunities to orphans and semi-orphans in several locations throughout South India.



On this sacred night accented by candles, a sea of poinsettias, favorite songs, powerful emotions, family members by your side and beautiful music ... it is truly the most wonderful night of the year! Wonderfully these pieces together point us to the miracle of God's love come in a person, Jesus the newborn King! We offer three distinctively different Christmas Eve services for this purpose. Join us for the service that appeals most to you or the time best for your Christmas celebration.

5:00 p.m. Young Children and Family Service

This year, Pastor Dave launches a new angle in talking about and experiencing the wonder of Christmas. Based on the traditional story, "The Tale of Three Trees" our children will experience why this night is so very special. This service is abbreviated to about 45 minutes to accommodate young children. Praise Lab will lead us in special music and a small children's choir sings. Together we will raise safe battery operated candles as we sing "Silent Night."

7:00 p.m. Choral, Preaching and Candlelight Service

The most traditional of our Christmas Eve services. Special music by the Bell Choir, a Christmas Choir, and Johanna Schilling. Pastor Dave's Pastor Dave shares a charming yet provocative message entitled, "The Ugliness of Christmas." and candlelit "Silent Night." Arrive early for the ten minute Bell Choir prelude.

11:00 p.m. Communion Candlelight Service

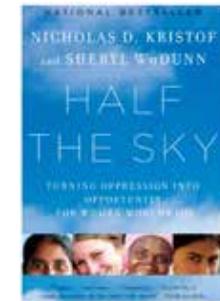
A musically saturated Christmas service with our Music Team providing numerous vocal and instrumental pieces and the organ melodies of Steve Hufnal. We sing all the beloved Christmas carols, and gather around the Lord's table to receive Holy Communion.

Women's Fellowship BUNKO Tomorrow, December 19 6:30 p.m. • CUMC



Invite a friend, bring a snack or appetizer to share and \$2 to cover the cost of prizes. For all ladies of the church...an easy to learn dice game! We all had a great time in October...let's keep the dice rolling!

Women's Book Discussion Group



The next book is "Half the Sky, Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide". Our discussion will be Wednesday, Jan. 11th at CUMC in the Conference Room. Following "Half the Sky" will be "Practice Over

Perfect", by Shauna Niequist. Keep in mind that you don't have to complete the books to join in the discussions. Please contact me at dblackmers@aol.com or 262.375.0762 if you have questions.



"Down to Earth" - the Hopes & Fears of All the Years

» Have you grasped the miracle that took place in Jesus' birth?

» Respond during Advent with down-to-earth love, humility, lifestyle and obedience.

» Community Room • 9:15 a.m.