

55+ FELLOWSHIP will meet this evening at 5:30 pm in the Journey's Inn room for a Christmas get-together. Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre's, dips, smokies, cheeses and/or more holiday foods. We will enjoy good food and holiday cheer, sing a few songs and share memories of Christmas' past. We will share our blessings by donating to the Glen-Ed Pantry. Please bring something to be given to children who are in need of a fun and happy Christmas morning. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age.

'EMOJI CHRISTMAS' will be presented by our Sunday School and Kid's Night Out children next Sunday at 10:00 am. Please note that we will have just one worship service this coming Sunday.

SNACKS WITH SANTA—Following worship next Sunday, you will be invited to the Fellowship Hall where the children can speak with Santa and Mrs. Claus. You are welcome to bring your camera. Please let us know if you can bring a finger food for this event by signing up on the sheet in the Hospitality Room.

ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN—The Church of God in Christ Congregational Youth Department is holding a fundraiser this afternoon at the Edwardsville Moose Lodge, 7371 Marine Road from 11 am until 3 pm. You can enjoy a full fried chicken dinner, all you can eat. Cost is \$9.00 for adults, and \$4.00 for children age 5-12. We are happy to support this congregation!

ANGEL TREE GIFTS should be returned by next Sunday, December 17 so that they can be delivered by Christmas. Thank you for participating in this outreach program!

HELP PUT THE 'MERRY' IN MERRY CHRISTMAS! We are accepting donations of new, unwrapped Christmas gifts for boys and girls for donating to the Glen-Ed Food Pantry until next Sunday, December 17.

UMW CHRISTMAS BASKETS will be prepared this Thursday beginning at 9 am. Help is needed to pack these baskets and deliver them to our members who are 80+ years of age. Speak to Joann Schaake if you have any questions.

ARE YOU AN ANIMAL LOVER? Emily Spitze is collecting donations for Spencer Kennel in O'Fallon, which rescues both cats and dogs. They can use food, treats, toys, bleach, detergent, blankets, towels, monetary donations or gift cards. Emily can pick up your items if needed, just let her know. Thanks!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT TODAY—St. Cecelia's Church, 155 North Main Street in Glen Carbon, will be hosting a Christmas Concert this afternoon at 2:00 pm. There will be full group, solos, duets and small groups performing, followed by refreshments of cookies and cupcakes.

ONLINE CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS...remember that if you shop on Amazon.com you can gift Immanuel by going to our website, www.immanuelonmain.org, and clicking on the Amazon Associates shopping link located on the home page. If you complete your transaction using this link, Immanuel will receive a percentage of your purchases.

HONORING GOD WITH OUR GIFTS—2018 Stewardship Commitment Cards can be picked up this morning from the narthex or Hospitality Room. Please return them before the end of the year. Be sure to let the church office know if you plan to change your method of giving in 2018. If you have used boxed contribution envelopes in the past but no longer want to use them, or if you haven't used them and now want to use them, let us know right away. Envelopes will be assigned and set out soon. Also, if you now give electronically and want to change the amount that is automatically deducted from your account, speak to Anita so we can change your paperwork. We now have the Give+ App so that you can give from the convenience of your smart phone. We remain sincerely appreciative of your presence and recognize ministry isn't possible without your gifts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

Sunday, December 10

- 8:45 am Contemporary Joint Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Education/ Youth Devo/Coffee Fellowship
- 10:45 am Traditional Worship with Christmas Cantata
- 4:00 pm Yoga in Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 pm 55+ Fellowship

Monday, December 11

Secretary Out of Office

- 10:00 am TOPS—Journey's Inn Room
- 6:15 pm Ageless Grace
- 7:00 pm Praise Team
- 7:15 pm AA
- 9:45 pm Panera Pick-Up—May

Tuesday, December 12

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 6:00 pm Finance Committee
- 6:30 pm Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, December 13

- 2:15 pm Head Start Reading—Buhrmester
- 8:00 pm Contemplative Worship in Sanctuary

Thursday, December 14

- 9:00 am UMW Christmas Basket Assembly
- 5:15 pm Hall in Use—Head Start
- ++January Newsletter Articles Due++*

Friday, December 15

- 11:00 am Free Lunch Friday Christmas Feast to 1:00 pm
- 6:30 pm Hall in Use—Bridge Club

Saturday, December 16

- 11:00 am Youth to Restore Décor until 1 pm
- 6:00 pm Restore Décor Christmas Open House until 9 pm

Sunday, December 17

3rd Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 am Sunday School/Adult Education/ Youth Devo/Coffee Fellowship
- 10:00 am **One Worship Service** with Children's Christmas Program
- 11:00 am Snacks with Santa, Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 pm Yoga in Fellowship Hall

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We seek to be God's people in attitude and action as we:

Experience and Share God's grace joyfully, Live and Teach God's

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**December 10, 2017
2nd Sunday of Advent**

You are invited to join us in this mission ...

Reverend Jackie K. Havis-Shear
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Today's Worship Leaders:

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| Greeters: (8:45 am) | Ms. Paige Brase |
| | Ms. Emily Spitze |
| Greeters: (10:45 am) | Mrs. Linda Potter |
| | Ms. LaVonne Timmins |
| Acolyte: (10:45 am) | Owen Potter |
| Liturgist: | Mr. Jordan Grammer |
| Sunday School: | Mrs. Kiffon Lewis |
| | Mrs. Jill Winte |
| Instrument Director: | Mr. Maurice Mestemacher |
| Worship Leader: | Mr. Jordan Grammer |
| Organist: | Mr. Dave Schaake |
| Ministers: | All of Us |

Next Week's Worship Leaders:

One Worship Service at 10:00 am next Sunday

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| Greeters/Acolytes | Gary & Sharon Koenig |
| Liturgist: | Mrs. Pam Clarkin |
| Sunday School: | Mrs. Kiffon Lewis |
| | Mrs. Jill Winte |

Word faithfully. Accept and Serve God's people lovingly.

We invite you to record your attendance on the pad found at the end of the pew.

A nursery is available in the basement level of the church.

Order of Worship Contemporary 8:45 am

Led today by Praise Community Fellowship

Getting Ready for Worship...

Opening Music

Welcome

Celebration of Worship...

Worship & Praise

Celebration of the Spoken Word...

Prayer

Offering

Message

Celebration of Going Forth...

Closing Song

Benediction CCLI #2836520

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A nursery is available in the basement level of the church.

Order of Worship Traditional 10:45 am

**WE GATHER TOGETHER...
...to Express Our Unity in Christ**

Ringing of the Bell

Gathering Words

Christmas is near at hand. But do we truly believe Christ is coming soon? Do we yearn for the day when faithful love and truth shall meet, when righteousness and peace shall kiss? Will we prepare our hearts to receive the coming miracle? It is time to get ready.

Prelude

*Call to Worship

L: A tiny jewel of light dances on the edge of the horizon: a solitary star before sunrise glimmers a promise of dawn at the end of the world's blight.

C: It is the light of the World, "Emmanuel" (God with us), the Promised One. Come to us, Emmanuel! We have seen your light and gather here awaiting the day of your coming.

(Ruth C. Duck, Maren C. Tirabassi, Touch Holiness)

Lighting of the Advent Candles—The Schoettle Family

*Hymn—*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* #240

*Opening Prayer (unison)

Shepherding God, as lambs of your flock, we long to lie down in green pastures. Lift us into your lap, and comfort our troubled minds. Give us your rest, and strengthen our weary bodies. Guide us through this season of anticipation and hope, that we might lift our voices in laughter and song. Make our paths straight, that we might move boldly forward as we prepare for your arrival. Amen.

(Mary J. Scifres and B. J. Beu, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017)

Children's Sermon/Noisy Offering

...to Share With Commitment and Love

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer #895

The Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology #95

Presentation of Christmas Cantata—"Silent Was the Night"

Silent Was the Night

The Lord My God My Shepherd Is

Away in a Manger

The Star

Shepherds Watching, Shepherds Resting
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Sleep, Holy Babe
Silent Night, Holy Night!

...so We May Go Out and Serve

Announcements

*Closing Hymn—*Joy to the World* #246

*Benediction

L: Christ is coming soon. Love is on the way. But Christ is already here.

C: And love is all around us.

L: Faithful love and truth have met.

C: Righteousness and peace have kissed.

L: We wait for the fullness of God's kingdom.

C: Christ is coming soon.

L: Love is on the way.

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*The Postlude

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*All who are able, please stand

Choir Members

Director: Mr. David Bryant
Accompanist: Mrs. Donna Hale
Narrator: Mr. Don Schaake

Sopranos

Jill Garbs

Bev Jones

Jenny Marshall

Alto

Maxine Dunn

Tenors

Kathy Bryant

Bob Dunn

Rex Humerickhouse

Bass

Jim Jeffries

Prayer Ministry (+ Indicates weeks—call office to continue another 4 weeks)

- + Shellie Franke who will be having a medical procedure on December 14th
Brittney Gilleland, adjusting to a diagnosis of lupus and fibromyalgia
Spencer Bacus, healing from brain surgery
Molli Hurst, Granddaughter of Jim & Sue Ebersoldt, car accident
Bill Daubenspeck, recovering from knee replacement surgery on Monday
Family of Adam Behrhorst, 19-year old victim of cancer
- ++ Family of Tori Carroll, daughter of co-worker of Shellie Franke and LeeAnn Kane,
who passed away last week following I-55 car accident
A friend of Grace Havis with melanoma who is undergoing second round of treatment
- +++ Laurie Wolf, friend of Libby Levin, suffering with breast cancer
Mary Winston, friend of many, dealing with health issues
- ++++ Sharon Koenig, recovering from surgery
Tiana Washington, classmate of Sydney Grammer, bone cancer
Vicki Aufdemberge, cousin of Anita Seehausen, cancer

DID YOU KNOW? ...
... Kid's Night Out had 41 children, 5 Youth Volunteers and 10 Adult Volunteers.
Thanks to everyone!
... I hear a new Santa & Mrs. Claus are on their way this year??...
... 300 lunches were packed in just a bit over one hour and delivered this Friday
... Kiffon Lewis and Jill Winte created a new bulletin board for our sanctuary entryway

Celebrating Birthdays this Week: 12/10—Deb Frazier, Brooke Prott; 12/12—Jennifer Fowler, Alex Tomaszewski, Michael Tomaszewski; 12/16—Jerry Green
Celebrating Their Anniversary: 12/10—Tim & Sue Miller