

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *When I feel frazzled amid all the Christmas preparations, God, calm my heart and remind me of the season's true meaning.*

JANUARY NEWSLETTER DATES & ARTICLES are due in the church office by this Friday, December 22. The newsletter will be sent out the first week in January.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES for 2018 are being prepared. It is important that you let Anita know if you want to change from an envelope to a number only, or from a number only to envelopes next year. **ONLINE CONTRIBUTORS:** If you want to change the amount of your draw in 2018, please see Anita so we can fill out the appropriate paperwork, or you can e-mail me and I will make the changes. (I need to have paper back-up for any changes.) You can also make a change on the 2018 Pledge Card and I will pick it up from there.

NO FREE LUNCH FRIDAY this week or next. The next Free Lunch will be on Friday, January 5, 2018.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR WANDA: The United Methodist Women suggest that Wanda Marth would love to get cards from her friends at Immanuel. If you would like to send her a card, her address is 1508 Chapel Hill Road, Apt. 17, Columbia, MO 65203.

GLEN-ED PANTRY UPDATE—Today is the last day to bring in unwrapped Christmas gifts for the children of families who rely on the Food Pantry. Thank you so much for 17 pounds of donations last week: 1 sand art, 2 Legos, 2 trucks and planes, 2 Blues shirts, 2 stuffing mixes, 2 detergents, 1 shaving cream, 1 \$25 AMC Gift Card, 3 \$10 gift cards to Target, and 5 \$25 gift cards to Target. The 55+ Fellowship group donated 28 pounds: 3 detergents, 1 dart board, 1 Candy Land game, 1 Special Out, 2 puzzles, 1 notepad set, 2 packages toilet paper, 5 bars soap, 4 tooth brushes, 1 bath sponge, 2 watches, 4 pens, 1 sticker book, 1 animal key chain, 5 stuffed animals and 2 \$20 gift cards to Target. You are so generous and the Pantry appreciates all of your donations.

From now and through January, we are asking for donations for "Sudsy Sundays": detergent, dishwashing soap, liquid hand soap, or whatever you want to give. There is always a need. Thank you!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED—Please note that the church office will be closed from Monday, December 25 through Tuesday, January 2.

KID'S NIGHT OUT will meet next on Friday, January 12th beginning with a meal at 5:30 pm. Kid's Night Out is for all children age 3 through those who are in 5th grade. The children eat supper, then engage in various crafts, games, and other activities. They then watch a movie and snack on popcorn. The evening ends at 8:30 pm. A reservation is appreciated but not required. You can sign up on the sheet in the Hospitality Room, or call the church office at 656-4648 to let us know that your child will be coming. We would love to see your children!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

Sunday, December 17
3rd Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 am Sunday School/Youth Devo/Adult Education/Coffee + More
- 10:00 am Worship with Children's Christmas Program:
Emoji Christmas
- 11:15 am Snacks with Santa
- 4:00 pm Yoga

Monday, December 18

- 9:00 am Journey's Inn Room in Use
- 10:00 am TOPS—Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 pm Ageless Grace
- 7:15 pm AA
- 9:45 pm Panera Pick-Up (Schaake)

Tuesday, December 19

- 11:45 am Kiwanis

Wednesday, December 20

- 8:00 pm Contemplative Worship

Thursday, December 21

- 8:00 pm PCF Praise Team Rehearsal

Friday, December 22

- No Free Lunch Friday until January 5
- 6:30 pm Hall in Use—Bridge Club

Sunday, December 24
4th Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve

- 8:45 am Contemporary Christmas Eve Worship led by Praise Community Fellowship
- 9:45 am Sunday School/Youth Devo/Adult Education/Coffee + More
- 10:45 am Traditional Morning Worship
- 11:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion

CALENDAR

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

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

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December 17, 2017
3rd Sunday of Advent

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

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Praise Community Fellowship
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Today's Worship Leaders:
ONE SERVICE ONLY—10:00 am

Greeters/Acolytes: Liturgist: Sunday School: Instrument Director: Worship Leader: Pianist: Ministers:	Gary & Sharon Koenig Mrs. Pam Clarkin Program Rehearsal Mr. Butch Mestemacher Mr. Jordan Grammer Rev. Jackie K. Havis-Shear All of Us
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Next Week's Worship Leaders:

Greeter: (8:45 am) Greeters: (10:45 am) Acolytes: (10:45 am) Liturgist: (10:45 am) Sunday School:	Ms. Sherlyn Buhrmester Norman & Judy Schoettle Ayden Hendriex Noah Penelton Mrs. Barbara Taliana Mrs. Kiffon Lewis Ms. Pat Schott
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Word faithfully, Accept and Serve God's people lovingly.

We invite you to record your attendance on the pad found in the pew.

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

Order of Worship

10:00 a.m.

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

Ringing of the Bell
Welcome

Prelude Played by Zinnia Allen and Noah Lewis
O Little Town of Bethlehem
Away in a Manger

Call to Worship—A Welcome to All

L: Welcome to all:
Happy or sad,
Rejoicing or grieving,
Seeking or believing.

C: **Welcome to all**
We celebrate good news:
To you is born in the city of David,
A Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

L: His name is Jesus, which means,
Liberator
Rescuer
Deliverer

C: **His life changes the world**
His living presence changes us today.

All: **Lift up your hearts.**
Rejoice! Give thanks to God!

Lighting of the Advent Candle—Joy Jake Newman Family
*Opening Hymn—*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* #89

... to Hear the Word of God

Presentation of
Emoji Christmas

Scene 1
Song: "The First Noel"

Scene 2
Song: "Joy to the World"

Scene 3
Song: "Away in a Manger"

Scene 4
Song: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Scene 5
Song: "Silent Night"

Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 61:1-4 p. 650 OT
The People Respond
L: The Word of God for the People of God.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon— "The Silence Breaks with Birth"

Christmas 101 Video
We will receive our offering at this time
Noisy Offering

...so We May Go Out and Serve

Hymn—*Go, Tell It on the Mountain* #251

*Benediction
L: The spirit of the Lord is upon each of us.
C: **God is sending us to bring good news to the world.**
L: The light of the Lord shines upon each of us.
C: **God is sending us to bring light to the world.**
L: The One who sends us is faithful, and is with us always,
C: **Rejoice always! Go joyfully to bring justice to the world!**

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*All who are able, please stand

Cast of "Emoji Christmas"

Directors: Mrs. Kiffon Lewis & Mrs. Jill Winte

Person with a phone full of Emojis: Noah Lewis
Smiley Emoji: Isabelle Kane
Skeptical Emoji: Owen Potter
Laugh Til You Cry Emojis: Kendall Kane, Danielle Woods, Audrey Floyd, Destiny Schoettle
Angel Emoji: Zinnia Allen
Extra Angel: Ayden Hendriex
Surprised Emoji: Nico Scarborough
Angry Emoji: Shelly Brase
Heart Eyes Emoji: Eve Scarborough
Extra Shepherds (Surprised Emojis) or Angels: Thomas Woods, Tyler Potter
Mary: Kendall Kane
Joseph: Addax Hendriex

All are Invited to the Lower Level For Snacks with Santa

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

- + Rev. Dr. John Shear, strength and healing
Tiana Washington, classmate of Sydney Grammer, bone cancer
Vicki Aufdemberge, cousin of Anita Seehausen, cancer
- ++ Shellie Franke, recovering from medical procedure
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
Family of Adam Behrhorst, 19-year old victim of cancer
- +++ Family of Tori Carroll, daughter of co-worker of Shellie Franke and LeeAnn Kane, passed away 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

Celebrating Birthdays This Week: 12/18—Sydney Grammer, Donna Harbeck; 12/19—Sharon Koenig; 12/21—Tony Anderson; 12/23—Errick Cameron, Jill Garbs

Celebrating Their Anniversary: 12/17—Larry & Peggy Worthey

MANY THANKS ... to the children and youth who participated in *Emoji Christmas* this morning, as well as to directors **Kiffon Lewis** and **Jill Winte** and their assistants **Phyllis Fisher**, **Grace Havis**, **Izzy Kane**, **Maddi Kane**, **Matt Lewis** (sound) and **Sheila Page** (screens) ... to **Kiffon Lewis** and **Jill Winte** for the beautiful bulletin board in the entryway ... to those who donated snacks for Snacks with Santa this morning ... to **Mike & Ruth Portell** for their part in our morning celebration ... to **Donna Condrey** for changing our outdoor sign



8:45 am
Contemporary Christmas Eve Service
Led by Praise Community Fellowship

10:45 am
4th Sunday of Advent Traditional Worship Service

11:00 pm
Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship
with Holy Communion