

## The Mystery in Christmas

Christmas is full of wonder and mystery. The God who came to earth as a child. And his mother who had no earthly conception. It's a story filled with mystery—It's the stuff we can't fully explain.

But for many of us we have lost our wonder. We have lost our sense of Christmas mystery. We have taken pride in figuring most everything out from science. For example, we understand how storms are created. We map solar systems and transplant hearts. We measure the depth of the oceans.

And, for some, the loss of mystery has led to the loss of majesty. The more we know, the less we believe. Strange, don't you think? Knowledge of the working should not negate wonder. Knowledge should stir wonder. Who has more reason to worship than the astronomer who has seen the stars?

Ironically, the more we know, the less we worship. We are more impressed with our discovery of the light switch than with the one who invented electricity. Rather than worship the Creator, we worship the creation. (see Romans 1:25).

No wonder there is no wonder. We've figured it all out.

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## BIRTHDAYS

**Dec 7:** Carmen Jones  
**Dec 8:** Robert Julian, Doris Regan  
**Dec 9:** Mary Sutton  
**Dec 13:** Nancy Beachler  
**Dec 14:** Brooklyn Jones  
**Dec 15:** Andrew Deane  
**Dec 20:** Carolynn Clothier, Sara Whitcomb  
**Dec 21:** Abby Geer  
**Dec 27:** Sally Baker  
**Dec 28:** Samantha Baker  
**Dec 30:** Allen Mills  
**Dec 31:** Sandy Stuart

## ANNIVERSARYS

**Dec 2:** Mark & Sally Baker  
**Dec 3:** Michael & Deborah Swartzell  
**Dec 14:** Beverly & Richard Babb  
**Dec 18:** Theresa & Louis Baker  
**Dec 20:** Bruce & Mary Stuart  
**Dec 23:** John & Sharon Jones  
**Dec 24:** Brad & Cynthia Dean

## JOY CIRCLE

Joy Circle will meet at Riverview restaurant on Wednesday, December 11 at 11 AM for their Christmas luncheon.

All ladies of the church are invited.



## MONTHLY DATES TO REMEMBER

**Mon, Dec 2:** Charge Conf 6 PM, Fellowship Hall  
 Ad Council immediately following  
**Mon, Dec 9:** Trustees, 6 PM, Parlor  
**Tues, Dec 10:** Women's Book Club, 6 PM, Parlor  
**Wed, Dec 11:** Joy Circle, Riverview, 11 AM  
**Sat, Dec 21:** Loaves & Fishes  
**Sun Dec 22:** Christmas Service, 8:15 AM (One service)  
**Tues, Dec 24:** Christmas Eve Service, 10 PM  
**Sun, Dec 29:** One Service, 10 AM

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Mon:** Men's Ministry, 7 AM, Parlor, Breakfast at 8 AM at Marylou's Coffee Shop  
 Staff Meeting, 10 AM, Parlor  
**Tues:** Prayer, 10:30 AM, Prayer Room  
 Women's Bible Study, 1 PM, Parlor  
**Wed:** Bell Choir, 5 PM, Sanctuary  
 Choir, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall  
**Thurs:** Bible Study, 6 PM, Parlor

## DECEMBER DAILY BIBLE READING

1 1 Corinth.12-14	17 Hebrews 1-5
2 1 Corinth.15-16	18 Hebrews 6-9
3 2 Corinth. 1-4	19 Hebrews 10-11
4 2 Corinth. 5-8	20 Hebrews 12-13
5 2 Corinth. 9-13	21 James 1-5
6 Galatians 1-6	22 1 Peter 1-5
7 Ephesians 1-3	23 2 Peter 1-3
8 Ephesians 4-6	24 1 John 1-5
9 Philippians 1-4	25 2, 3 John, Jude
10 Colossians 1-4	26 Revelation 1-3
11 1 Thess. 1-5	27 Revelation 4-8
12 2 Thess. 1-3	28 Revelation 9-12
13 1 Timothy 1-4	29 Revelation 13-16
14 1 Timothy 5-6	30 Revelation 17-19
15 2 Timothy 1-4	31 Revelation 20-22
16 Titus/Philemon	

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Marie Conrad
- Barb Leffert
- Gordon Wilson & daughters
- Jack Baker
- Anne Boonstra
- Bruce & Mary Stuart
- Dale & Jayne Sullivan
- Karen Hargrove family



### TAKE CARE— HEATHER PLATT

December is Hand Hygiene Awareness Month

The 'Clean Hands Count' slogan is a great message to remind us how important hand hygiene is to reducing the spread of infection. In fact, washing our hands is the single most important thing we can do to protect ourselves and others from becoming ill.

In order to effectively cleanse our hands, we need to rinse our hands then lather with soap and rub our hands, wrists and under our nails for 20 seconds. This is followed with thorough rinsing then drying to complete the process.



All too often, we rinse our hands or fingertips instead of lathering in a deliberate effort to disinfect.

If water and soap is not available, the next best option is to use an alcohol based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol. Then rub your hands together until they are dry.

Remember that we have entered the period of the year in which bacteria and viruses are spread more readily with families and friends gathering inside to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Share love, not germs!

Take all the precautions and encourage family members to stay home who are ill. As for everyone else, ensure all gathering wash their hands upon entering the home, again before eating and after using the bathroom.

In general, we should always wash our hands upon entering our home to reduce the spread of infection to surfaces and people within the home.

Also make the effort not to touch your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands. Always wash before preparing food and after touching uncooked meat.

Protect yourself, those you love and your community by practicing good hand hygiene.

Take care,  
Heather

## TRUSTEES

### Recent Projects:

- Trustees scheduled a work day a couple weeks ago to clean up our furnace rooms and other areas of the church. We also made other small repairs, raked leaves and cleared flower beds.
- Hardware has been replaced and software updated to correct recent problems with presentation in Sunday services - \$1442, Sound of Music & amp; Ecamm.
- The church's commercial refrigerator needed a repair that would cost \$2500. We decided to replace it with a home model - \$799, Home Depot.
- We have switched insurance carriers for our church from Church Mutual to Lightwell, primarily because of customer care and services offered. Insurance costs for the church have gone up \$10,000 this year, but that would have been the case with either company.
- To upgrade our building security, installation of four cameras will begin next week, two inside and two outside. A monitor will be placed in the narthex so ushers on Sunday mornings can view the feeds from all four cameras. Our new phone system will also be installed beginning next week. There should be no interruption of phone services.

Elaine Hall

## NEWS AND UPDATES

We will have one service December 22 at 8:15 am and December 29 at 10:00 am. **Mark your calendars!**

**Mitten Tree** The Christmas Mitten Tree is located across from the office. Accepting donations of winter hats, gloves, mittens for children and adults

**Paper Pantry**—The paper pantry services around 14 to 20 families a month. Donations are always needed: diapers, baby wipes, band aids, toothpaste, tooth brushes, dish soap (16 oz or larger), laundry soap (32oz. or larger, or pods), dryer sheets, paper plates. Feminine products, adult depends, shampoo, sanitizing wipes, deodorant (both men/women), soap (liquid or bar).





**BELINDA JORDAN , LCM DIRECTOR**

Merry Christmas from all LCM Staff!!

All Little Children's Ministry children are preparing for our annual Christmas Program. This year it will be held on Sunday, December 8th at 2 p.m. Please join us in the Sanctuary for this wonderful program!! Once again, LCM accepted applications from LCM families in need at Christmas Time. This mission is to provide families with gifts so that all children have something under the tree come Christmas morning. In the past, we received applications for approximately 16 children. This year, we received applications for 41 children. We would like to thank Joy Circle and every individual who donated toward this mission. The children of LCM did two separate fundraisers (LaBraid and Homemade ornament tree) to help with the cost as well. Thanks to the joint effort of LCM and Church of the Good Shepherd donations, we were able to get all 41 children four gifts each from their lists provided by their parents. Thank you for helping us bless these families this Christmas!! The stockings are hung at LCM! Every year we hang stockings for all LCM staff. These stockings are either hung by the classrooms or in the main hallway. This gives the parents, co-workers, and others the opportunity to give a card, candy, or gift to say thank you for all their hard work throughout the year. LCM will be closed from December 23rd through January 3rd. This time is used to give our staff a break while we have the facility shampooed and cleaned for the new year.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year,  
Belinda Jordan



## **STAFF PARISH**

Staff Parish would like to welcome Teresa Popejoy and Deb Swartzell to the Administrative Assistant roles. They will be sharing the position. Their office hours will be Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 11:30 am. After the new phone system gets set up you will be able to leave a message after the set hours. If you can not reach them by phone please use the church email: [gsloganoffice@gmail.com](mailto:gsloganoffice@gmail.com).

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### Sunday Morning Services:

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- **Worship:** 8:15 AM & 10 AM
- **Live Streaming:** 8:15 AM on Facebook at:  
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### Active Military

- Braxton Baker, US Air Force
- Isaac Cicchelli, US Army, Louisiana
- Jacob Kaley, US Army, Texas
- Michael Karnafel, US Marines, Virginia
- Oakley Lewellen, US Marines, California



### Our Mission:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly. We are a member of the Global Methodist Church.

### Core Affirmations:

The Global Methodist Church professes the Christian faith, established on the confession of Jesus as Messiah, the Son of God, and resurrected Lord of heaven and earth.

This confession, expressed by Simon Peter in Matthew 16:16-19 and Acts 2:32, is foundational. It declares Jesus is the unique incarnate Word of God, and He lives today, calling all to receive Him as Savior, and as the one to whom all authority has been given.

This faith has been tested and proved since its proclamation by Mary Magdalene, the first witness to the resurrection. It was defended by the women and men of the early church, many of whom gave their lives as testimony. Their labor, enabled and inspired by the Holy Spirit, resulted in the canon of Scripture as the sufficient rule both for faith and practice (the Greek word *kanon* means rule).

### Nursing Homes

- **Miller's Merry Manor:** Pat Wilkinson
- **Milner Community Healthcare:** Bev Bartunek
- **Cedar Creek:** Jim Harris, Bruce & Mary Stuart
- **Chase Center:** Dottie Gerhart