The United Methodist Church of Berea

THE CALLER

December 2017 - January 2018

The Longest Night Worship Service

The holiday season can be especially difficult for some of us, a painful reminder of what has been lost or of what has never been. All are welcome to join us on **Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel** for a time filled with scripture, prayer, candlelight, and Holy Communion. Be with us as we affirm God's presence with us, even in the darkest of times.

December 24 Worship Celebrations

This year, December 24 is both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. Please be aware of the following worship schedule that day, and please be sure to invite and welcome others to be with us as we celebrate God's arrival in Jesus Christ!

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
(including the Bell Choir and Children's Program)

All Services include candle-lighting

4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
(including the Chancel Choir and Holy Communion)

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
(A Service of Lessons and Carols including the Children's Choir)

9:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
(including the NEWSingers Choir)

11:00 p.m. in the Chapel
(including Holy Communion)

The Amazing Christmas Story – 10:00 a.m.

Children, youth, and adults are invited to join in "The Amazing Story of Christmas" – a no-rehearsal, come as you are, Christmas program that will be presented at our 10:00 a.m. Christmas Eve worship service. All of God's children will be invited to come forward to play the roles of the nativity characters.

This is perfect for kids who get stage-fright, don't want to read, or want their parent to come with them. It's also a perfect way for people of all ages to live into the story of Christmas.

At the beginning of each part within the script, children and adults are invited to come forward to the stage to assume the character they want to be. This means that in our program we might have only a few or many animals, angels, and shepherds, or several Marys and Josephs. It really doesn't matter. This is the epitome of "the more the merrier!" Volunteer helpers will secure to each actor's head the tie-on mask of his or her choice, or give them the other appropriate props. They also guide the actors to the places they are to stand or sit. That means we do need volunteer helpers for the day of the program, as well as those who are willing to help gather or create props and masks. Contact Pastor Carrie at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x 105 if you'd love to help with this "Let the Spirit lead" Christmas program.

Worship & Fellowship

Come, Make a Joyful noise!

If you would like to sing with the NEWSingers choir at the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service, please call me at 440-243-9498 or the church office as soon as possible for planning purposes and to get more details. I hope you can sing with us!

- Margaret Proctor

Sing with the Chancel Choir this season!

Interested in singing with the Chancel Choir during the Advent/Christmas season? Come join us!

During Advent

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. - rehearsal in the Parlor

Sundays at 10:25 a.m. - rehearsal/warm-up for worship in the Sanctuary

Christmas Eve (Sings during the 4:00 p.m. service)

Rehearse at 3:15 p.m. for 4:00 p.m. worship

All are welcome!

Church Women United Upcoming Events

Christmas Tea - December 8, 2017
Church of the Saviour
2537 Lee Road
Cleveland Hts. 44118

USO Cookie Collection - January 23, 2018
United Methodist Church of Berea

Interfaith Fellowship - February 5, 2018
Location to be determined

Youth Lock-in at UMCB

Saturday, December 2
Check-in at 8 p.m.

Lorain Lighthouse Youth will be joining us.

2018 Anniversary Celebrations

The United Methodist Church of Berea will be celebrating the following anniversaries in 2018:

175 years of the founding of the Methodist Church in Berea in 1843. In 1832 church meetings were held at John & Mary Baldwin's Home in Berea.

70 years of the merger of Emmanuel Methodist Church and First Methodist. Vote was taken in 1947 and the first Pastor assigned for the merged church in 1948.

50 years in 1968, the Methodist Church and Evangelical United Brethren Church merged to form The United Methodist Church.

Church Family Prayer Concerns

Bruce Akins
Florence Baker
Fran Bobo
Lenora Cool
Diane Corey
Ron Corey
Donna Dial
Cleda Fletcher
Carol Forster
Laurie Garvin
Karen Grant
Pat Harf
Jane Jeffery
Marilyn Jelinek
Betty Joyce
John Kappeler
Betty Kavendar
Janice Kavendar
Margaret McCready
Bernice McHenry
Betty Miller
John Miller
Donna O'Brien
Esther O'Hearn
Donna Powers
Barb Rochford
Lou Russell
Barbara Scoon
Jeanette Sheneman
Carol Thompson
Victoria Thomson
Wayne Tyler
Kathleen Wargelin
Kenneth Williams
Eva Williamson
Richard Woollett

Currently Serving in the Military

John Cline Carros
Chad Droney
Nikki (Myers) Droney
J.D. Ferut *(Grandson of Gerry & Jo Boggs)*
Ryan Hopkins
Bill Lambert *(Son-in-law of Corky Cline)*
Matthew Metzger
Zachary New *(Grandson of Bob & Jackie King)*

We reach out in Christian sympathy & love to…

…the Potts family on the passing of Dottie Potts.

…the Howe family on the passing of Megan's cousin, Florence.

A full list of the Prayer Concerns is available on the Sanctuary Narthex Table.
To receive Prayer Concerns by email, please email Beth in the church office at ebarner@umcb.org.
If you know of someone needing care or a visit, please contact the church office or Pastor Nathan.

Worship & Fellowship

Look, Kids & Parents!

The lesson in **bold letters** is the Whirl Lectionary lesson for Sunday School.

There is no Sunday School on **December 24 or 31**. Sunday School packets will be available for you as you come into worship these weeks

December 3, 2017 **First Sunday of Advent**	**December 10, 2017** **Second Sunday of Advent**	**December 17, 2017** **Third Sunday of Advent**	**December 24, 2017** **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
Isaiah 64.1-9	Isaiah 40.1-11	**Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11**	2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16
Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19 (UMH 801)	Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13 (UMH 806)	Psalm 126 (UMH 847)	Luke 1.47-55 (UMH 199)
1 Corinthians 1.3-9	2 Peter 3.8-15*a*	1 Thessalonians 5.16-24	Romans 16.25-27
Mark 13.24-37	**Mark 1.1-8**	John 1.6-8, 19-28	**Luke 1.26-38**
December 24, 2017 **Christmas Eve**	**December 25, 2017** **Christmas Day**	**December 31, 2017** **First Sunday after Christmas Day**	**December 31, 2017** **Watch Night**
2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16	Isaiah 52.7-10	Isaiah 61.10-62.3	Ecclesiastes 3.1-13
Psalm 96 (UMH 815)	Psalm 98 (UMH 818)	Psalm 148 (UMH 861)	Psalm 8 (UMH 743)
Titus 2.11-14	Hebrews 1.1-4 (5-12)	Galatians 4.4-7	Revelation 21.1-6*a*
Luke 2.1-20	John 1.1-14	**Luke 2.22-40**	**Matthew 25.31-46**

Poinsettia Order Form

ORDER DEADLINE (Paid orders) is Friday, December 8, 2017

Live poinsettias will again grace the Sanctuary for Christmas.

*Plants are available in **red or white for $7.00 each,** and may be dedicated in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one.*

You are welcome to take your flowers home after the 10:00 p.m. service if you choose.

YOUR NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

HOW MANY of each color? RED _____ WHITE _____ Total Amount ($7.00 each): _____

In *MEMORY* of: _____

_____

In *Honor of:* _____

_____

Will Pick Up: _____ Deliver to Shut-in: _____ (how many?)

ALL *PAID* ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE CHURCH OFFICE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 8th.

Worship & Fellowship

GATHER

Worship Assistant Schedule

	December 3, 2017	December 10, 2017	December 17, 2017	December 24, 2017	December 31, 2017
8 a.m. Usher	Condit Dibble	Ken Foster	Wayne Tyler	Ken Foster	Condit Dibble
8 a.m. Liturgist	Krista Cole	Fred Moss	Helen Rathburn	Condit Dibble	Helen Rathburn
8 a.m. Communion	Condit Dibble				
11:15 a.m. Greeters	Von & Marilyn Smith	Megan Howe & Molly Arthur	The Sperry Family	Tom & Sandy Marek	Bobbie DiNicola & Barb Swartz
11:15 a.m. Liturgist	Rev. Kenneth Williams	Carol Anne McCleery	Chris Neely	Linda Tucker	Sandy Marek
11:15 a.m. Communion	Rev. Kenneth Williams Barb Peterson Bobbie DiNicola				
Communion Preparation	Mary Jane & Sam Weaver				

Opportunities to Serve in Advent & Christmas Eve Worship

Would you like to light the candles of the Advent Wreath during any of our three Sunday morning worship services from December 3 through December 24 or on Christmas Eve? This is a great opportunity especially for families with children to participate in tangible rituals, but of course individuals, couples, or any other groupings are more than welcome too! We are also in need of Liturgists and Communion Servers for the Christmas Eve Services. If you would like to serve in one of these vital worship roles, please contact the church office at info@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x100.

GIDEON BIBLES

You may buy a Gideon Bible in memory or honor of a loved one.
The Bibles are $5 each.

YOUR NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

HOW MANY ? _____ Total Amount ($5.00 each): _____

In *MEMORY* of: _____

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In *Honor of:* _____

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More than 65 million people are forcibly displaced from their homes in the world today. Whole families and entire communities have been forced to move because of hunger and poverty, lack of economic opportunity, persecution, war, conflict, and terror. Forced migration, in all its forms, is a denial of human dignity and a violation of human rights. As United Methodists, the biblical mandate to offer radical hospitality compels us to pray, to listen and learn, to advocate, and to give generously in support of sisters and brothers who have been removed from their homes, remembering that Jesus himself was born into a migrant family which immediately sought refuge in a foreign land (cf. Matthew 2.13-23).

On the **First Sunday of Advent, December 3**, United Methodists around the world will gather to pray and to receive a special offering to raise awareness and funds to aid migrants and refugees. Global Migration Sunday will be our focus here in Berea during all three morning worship services, and you are invited to consider prayerfully a special donation to support the work of The UMC to respond to this current global crisis.

Conversations on a Way Forward

General Conference, the official voice of The United Methodist Church, meets every four years. During the most recent General Conference in 2016, delegates approved a proposal from the Council of Bishops to create the "Commission on a Way Forward," tasked with examining and possibly revising every paragraph of *The Book of Discipline* concerning human sexuality and exploring options to help maintain and strengthen the unity of the church. A special General Conference has been called for February 23-26, 2019 for the purpose of acting on a report from the Council of Bishops based on the proposals from this commission.

Here in the East Ohio Annual Conference, our Bishop Tracy S. Malone has developed a process for having intentional conference-wide conversations among clergy and laity to discern a way forward in unity and strength. These conversations are taking place throughout our conference area now through March 2018. The closest one for us will be **Monday, February 5 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Lakewood UMC**. If you would like to participate in that conversation, you will need to register in advance at www.eocumc.com/gc/index.html. If you would like to carpool, we will leave from our parking lot at 5:15 pm.

Whether or not you plan to participate in the February 5 event, please consider joining us at The UMC of Berea for a series of conversations based on a document titled "Wonder, Love, and Praise: Sharing a Vision of the Church." This is one of the foundational documents for the "Conversations on a Way Forward" and will help all of us to understand better our United Methodist perspective on what it means to be the church. This will be a four-week class, meeting in January. Specific days and times will be announced in upcoming bulletins. All are welcome to participate!

For more information, contact Pastor Nathan at 440-234-3525 x 101 or nhowe@umcb.org.

An Invitation for all Stephen Ministers, Past and Present

All who are currently serving and all who have previously served as Stephen Ministers are invited to a Christmas Gathering and Reunion on Tuesday, December 12th at 6:30pm in the Gathering Place. Beverages and paper goods will be provided. Please bring a small serving of a holiday snack or dessert to share. Join us as we celebrate Emmanuel, God with us, God with our care receivers, God with our Stephen Ministry.

To help us plan, please RSVP to Barb Rochford at barb7930@sbcglobal.net or 440-915-3812.

Looking forward to spending time with you!

HansonHouse Holidays Party
December 9, 1:00 -4:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall

Come meet the HansonHouse members, their families, our Caregivers, Volunteers, Board of Directors, and ALL the friends of the HansonHouse. There will be Music, Good Food, Fellowship, Singing, Dancing, and a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Bring a dish to pass. Bring your family and friends.

This year we will do a white elephant gift game. If you would like to participate bring your white elephant gift wrapped, no name. Remember a white elephant is simply something you have that you no longer want...it can be nice, funny, or the old saying "your garbage may be someone else's treasure."

Let HansonHouse know how many are coming at 440-234-9900 or tbidirector@aol.com.

Christian Formation

Coming Soon... Advent Sanctified Yoga with Claire Kaufman.

Join us for an evening of breathing, flowing movement, and Scripture mediation as we prepare for the coming of Christ. All levels of yoga experience are welcome - even if you're completely new to the practice. The practice is open to age 12 and older. This is a gift of the season - so there is no fee, but donations will be accepted for our teacher.

7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays - November 29th, December 6 & 13
No registration necessary
Wear comfortable clothes, bring a mat or blanket, and an open heart.

Register for these Formation opportunities online under the "Adult Formation" tab at www.umcb.org.

Paper registration forms available outside Room 12.

The Wonder of Christmas

led by Pastor Nathan & Pastor Carrie
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Rediscover the True Wonder of Christmas!

Would you like to experience the wonder of Christmas as never before? The new Advent program, ***The Wonder of Christmas***, will lead us in exploring four elements of the Christmas story that teach us about the wonder of God's great love for us: a star, a name, a manger, and a promise.

As we look to these wonder-filled aspects of the Christmas story, we will rediscover that the true wonder of Christmas is found in the love of Christ and made real in our hearts when we share that love with others.

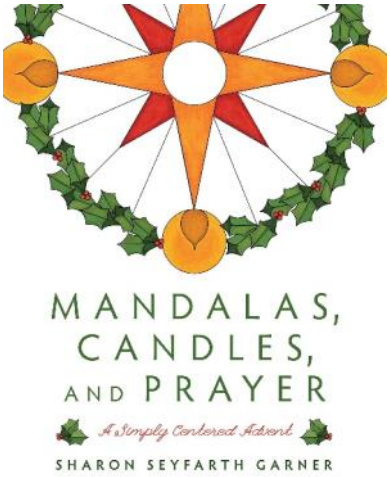
Join us this Advent as we embrace and celebrate the true wonder of Christmas, believing that because of God's great love and light in Jesus Christ, anything is possible!

First Class is December 3rd.

Mandalas, Candles, and Prayer

by Sharon Seyfarth Garner, led by Claire Powel
Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

Slow down, simplify, and add a burst of color to your Advent this year. The spiritual practice of coloring mandalas, lighting candles, and praying regularly can help us stay centered on God during this busy time of year. Join this class to color and prayer through Advent. Participant books are $8 – and be sure to bring colored pencils or fine-point markers.



First Class is December 4th.

Feasting on the Word

led by Greg Rentsch & Terry Kurtz
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

This lectionary-based class invites participants to "feast" on the Word of God and find practical application to their lives. Formally known as "Next Gen" the class is open to people of all ages and stages of life. Join them this Advent to dig deeper into the Scriptures used in worship each Sunday.

FaithLink will continue to meet **Sundays at 10:00 a.m.** through Advent, connecting faith and life to the events making headlines. Join them this Advent to discover the light of Christ among us, even when the world seems dark.

Read and Grow Book Discussion Group

Join us the second Monday of each month
6:30 - 7:45 p.m. In the Church Parlor

Dec. 10, 2017 **"The Noticer"** by Andy Andrews. Your chance to regroup, take a break, and begin your life again awaits in the simple wisdom and heartwarming story of a man called Jones. While this powerful story grapples with life's biggest questions, it remains a sheer pleasure to read.

Jan. 8, 2018 **"Orphan Train"** by Christina Baker Kline. Between 1854-1929, so-called orphan trains ran regularly from cities on the east coast to the farmlands of the Midwest . An unforgettable story of friendship and second chances that highlights a little-known but historically significant movement in America's past.

Feb. 12, 2018: **"The Boys in the Boat"** by Daniel James Brown. Nine working class boys stormed the rowing world, transformed the sport, and galvanized the attention of millions of Americans. Brown has created an unforgettable portrait of an era, a celebration of a remarkable achievement, and a chronicle of one extraordinary young man's personal quest.

YOU are always welcome. Come once or all the time.

Questions? Janet Mallarnee 440 235-7331, Betsy Meikle 440 243-5767 or Jan Harlamert 440 243-7126 can help.

On behalf of Race Care Ministry, we'd like to extend a huge 'Thank You' for those who took their time to express wonderful heartfelt messages to our deployed military and the contributions towards postage. Your continued support of this program helps continue our mission to 'Bring Smiles to Kids of All Ages.' Thank you for your generosity and caring for our military so far from home.

Nancy Schillace

Thank you Church for your prayers and concerns!

Over the past few months I have received many cards telling me you are praying for me. Some even mention praying daily.

At church a number of you have asked, "How are you doing?" As I pass others, I can see the concern on many faces.

All of this is enough to make a grown man cry... with tears of joy and thanksgiving for my many friends! Thank you and may our God bless everyone of you!

Sincerely, John Kappeler

United Methodist Women News

Your United Methodist Women have had a busy month. The Garage Sale (October 13-15) was a huge success; thanks to all who participated. The Youth received $ 250 for the left-over goods. And the Berea Police Department was most appreciative for the stuffed animals. The animals have a "home" in the police cars, to soothe children of domestic violence and drug related cases.

UMW's Mission and Meal (November 4) was, indeed, a total church event. Thanks to those who set up, cleaned up, served, cooked, baked, crafted, sold, and attended. A special thanks to the Women of St. Thomas Episcopal Church (Berea) for joining us! It was great to meet, socialize, share, and join together in this mission event. We had 16 varieties of chili, over 30 gift baskets, and numerous goodies and crafts.

United Methodist Women
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SCAN will receive a check for $ 68.25 (as well as the canned goods collected at the door). Hanson House, Church Street Ministries, and Ohio Guidestone will split the profit from the gift basket auction. At publication, the total is almost $ 900.

Truly, WE are blessed as a congregation…as a community.

Hanson House Visits Generations Senior Living of Berea

Vivian Sickels is a professional life coach and staff member at Hanson House. She knows that one element of a successful, whole life for anyone is to bring joy & wholeness to others. Vivian recently did so by matching Berea area seniors and Hanson House members in a spirit of joy and volunteerism. It was a win-win for everyone involved!

The Generations Senior Living of Berea hosted an afternoon of activities arranged by Vivian, and the staff & members of Hanson House. She worked also with volunteer students at Baldwin Wallace to focus-group some of the activities before creating a group engagement exercise that would draw audience participants into a " brain game " type of social activity.

Other Hanson House members developed a short drama :*" Ba-Gawk and the Mysterious Event"* (pictured at right). They came in costume with a small stage and sound effects – all practiced & ready to perform for Generations residents. One actress ("Lady Cha – Cha") concluded the drama with an invitation to the residents to get up and dance! Nicole is a Berea resident who closed the first part of the program with *The Star Spangled Banner* as a professional vocalist.

Hanson House members spent the rest of the afternoon individually with Generations residents who shared their many years of life experience.

This was a valuable time for Hanson House members - all of whom have experienced a sudden, life changing injury - but wish to give back in the neighborhoods where they live. It was also an afternoon of fun, social participation, and sharing for the residents of Generations.

Outreach and Service

We are excited to share that our first Messy Church experience in November was a crazy, chaotic, creative, community success! We welcomed around 100 people into our building – including our own faith family and all of our friends and neighbors who came to discover the light of Christ.

We are also excited to be offering the experience again this month – just in time for Christmas. What is Messy Church? It's a form of church for all ages that involves creativity, celebration, and hospitality. Born in the UK, the Messy Church movement is stretching across the globe, and into our church!

It is primarily for people who don't already belong to another church, have little church experience, or are just curious about faith life. Those from our own church participate as families *and* hosts. It includes a long creative time to explore a biblical theme through getting messy; a short celebration time involving story, prayer, songs, and games; and a sit-down meal together. All elements are for people of all ages, adults and children.

This month's Messy Church will include messy activities that help families discover that God knows our lives are messy, and still chooses to be among us in the person of Jesus. The Christmas story is naturally...well…messy! People of all ages are encouraged to come reflect on what that means this Advent season. All of the church choirs will come together to share the Good News of Jesus' birth as well. And as always, there's a free community dinner to bring the message, and the people, all together. The event is free – including dinner. ALL people are welcome!

What makes Messy Church work at building community and sharing faith? YOU! So be sure to be there *and* bring guests. This is a fun and easy way to invite a friend to church and share your faith! Sending out Christmas cards early? We can provide you with personal invites to include in your cards if you'd like them!

For more information, contact Pastor Carrie Antczak at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 ext. 105.

Stay tuned for more Messy Church dates!

Commission On the Status and Role Of Women

As Christmas candles glisten
and church bells ring once more,
May happiness surround you,
Peace knock on every door.
As well -remembered carols ring out upon the air,
God bless and keep you safely.
This is my Christmas prayer.

Hilda Butler Farr

2018 Sager Brown UMCOR Mission Trip

UMCOR Mission Team will leave for a service project Jan. 14-26, 2018. Participants names follow: From UMC Berea - Molly Arthur, Paul & Jan Harlamert, Megan Howe, Nathan Howe (2nd week), and Barbara Swartz. From Jefferson UMC - Jack and Mary Howe, Harlan & Lorraine Waid.

Pray for these team members and the work they will be doing in LA.

YOU CAN HELP!

We will be delivering any material we receive for Hygiene Kits. All items we deliver must be NEW.

Hygiene Kit Materials: Hand Towels (15"x25") - Adult Toothbrushes - Washcloths - Bath-size Soap (No Ivory or Jergens) - Sturdy Comb longer than 6" - Metal Nail File or Nail Clippers - or a donation to UMCB marked "UMCOR Sager Brown.

For detailed information, see the Bulletin Board by Room 13.

Outreach and Service

Christmas Caroling

On **Sunday, December 17**, all are welcome to join us as we share some holiday cheer with members of our congregation who are homebound or residents of care facilities. We will **meet in the Gathering Place at 3:00 p.m.**, divide into small groups, and then travel together to visit and sing with different members of our community. For more information or to express your intent to participate, please contact Pastor Nathan (nhowe@umcb.org).

The Giving Tree

We are sponsoring 30 children from Berea Community Outreach this year. Visit the Giving Tree in the Sanctuary Narthex to select a star if you are interested in giving a gift to a needy child in Berea.

Unwrapped gifts in a bag with the star attached should be returned on or before Sunday, Dec.10. If you wish to provide the gift wrap, ribbon, etc. for wrapping you gift, please put this in the bag separately. Gift cards should be placed in Joanne Mansfield's mailbox. Please put the gift cards in an envelope but attach the star to the outside for easy identification.

Christmas…All Year 'Round

For over 30 years, the United Methodist Church of Berea has supported OhioGuidestone Sayler Christmas Shop. This local mission provides gifts for children and families. Social workers pick up new, unwrapped items to give to their clients, so that they may have a special Christmas.

Once again, UMW is helping collect new, **unwrapped** gifts…baby clothing, baby items, books, toys, games for the OhioGuidestone Sayler Christmas Shop.

Donations are welcome and may be placed in the three Christmas boxes located throughout the church.

Thanks, in advance, for your kindness and generosity.

Southwest Community Area Network (SCAN) Food Pantry

SCAN Sunday is the first Sunday of each month. SCAN requests food donations that children can fix for themselves during holiday breaks, such as flip open tops on canned fruit, spaghettio's, soup, etc., individual serving puddings and fruit cups, microwave mac and cheese, etc.

SCAN is also collecting foods to be included in the special bags for holiday dinners. This would include such things as stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, chicken or turkey gravy mixes. Also needed are canned green beans, mushroom soup and dried onions (for the "famous " green bean casserole) and pie crust mix or graham cracker crusts, canned pumpkin with the spices already added, cranberry sauce and anything else that you would have for a holiday meal.

Thank you as always for your faithful support of the SCAN Food Pantry.

Holiday Hot Cocoa Appreciation

We will be collecting cookies and prepackaged treats to show our appreciation this holiday season to teachers at Grindstone Elementary. We will be hosting a hot cocoa bar, along with other tasty treats December 13th (date may change) at the school for teachers and the school community.

You can help show your appreciation by donating treats. For non-perishable treats, donate anytime before hand to a bin on the outreach center in our hallway. For perishable items, please deliver them to Pastor Carrie the day before. You may also join us in hosting our station. Contact Pastor Carrie for available time slots.

Thanks for making the holiday season extra sweet for our cherished and valued school teachers!

November's Loose Change Offering for Giving Tree totaled $155.50.

December's Loose Change Offering will be collected on December 10, 2017 for Family Promise. The mission of Family Promise is to help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence. They provide food, shelter, and support services for homeless families. They also provide advice and advocacy for at-risk families to prevent their becoming homeless. And they educate people about poverty and the means to combat it.

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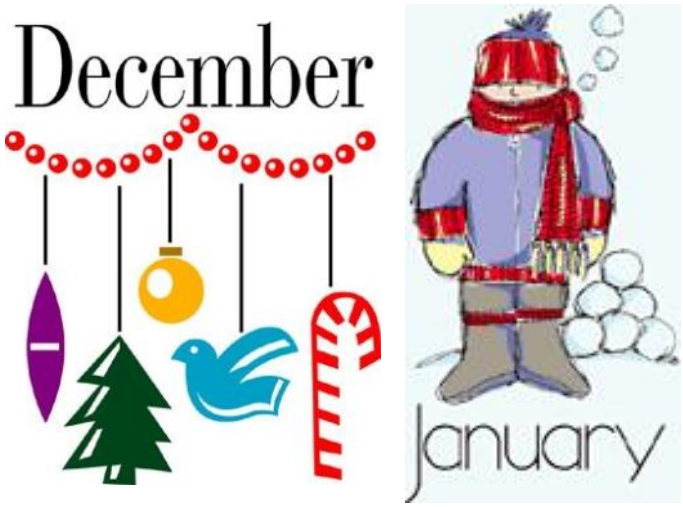

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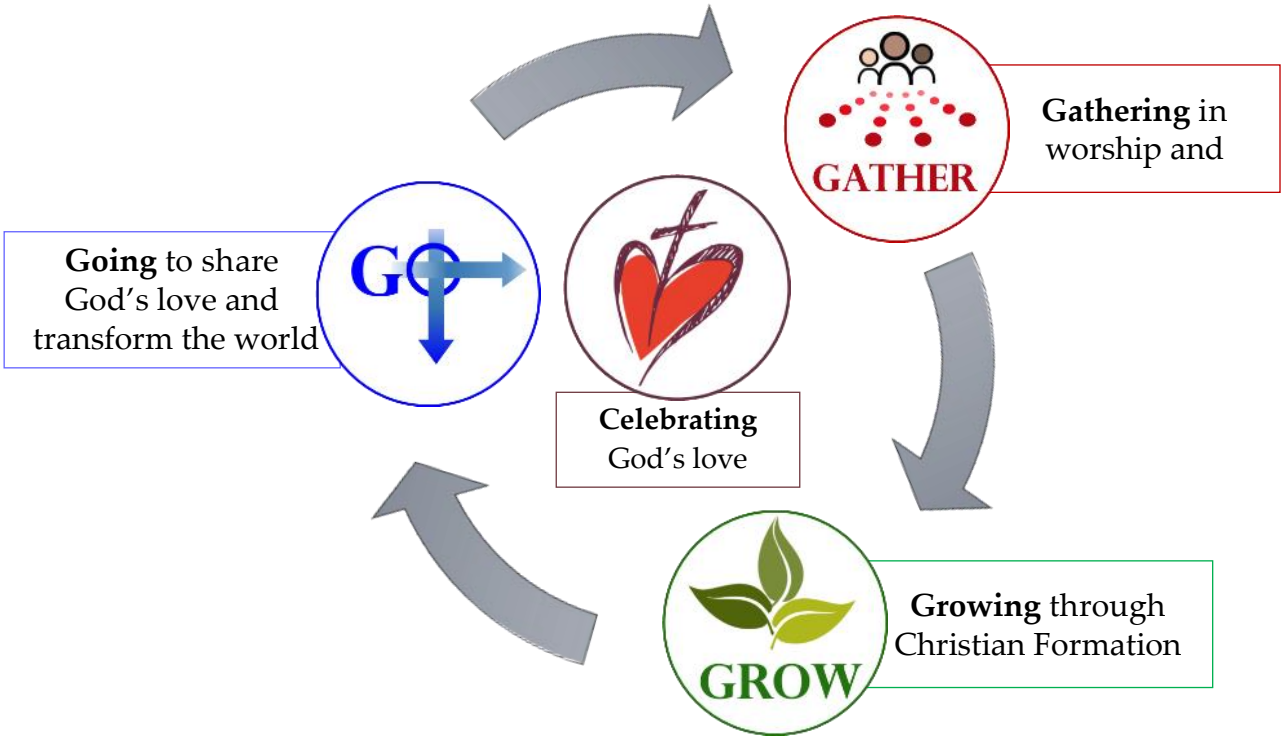
Our Mission

Our mission is to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



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