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Upcoming Opportunities

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3:

Advent Season Begins
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
First Sunday Fellowship Brunch
(Christmas Themed)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
Congregational Meeting

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14:

7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19:

11:30 a.m. Senior Fellowship,
Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Daycare Board Meeting

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21:

1:30 p.m. CWF, Gleta's Home

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24:

Christmas Eve
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25:

Merry Christmas



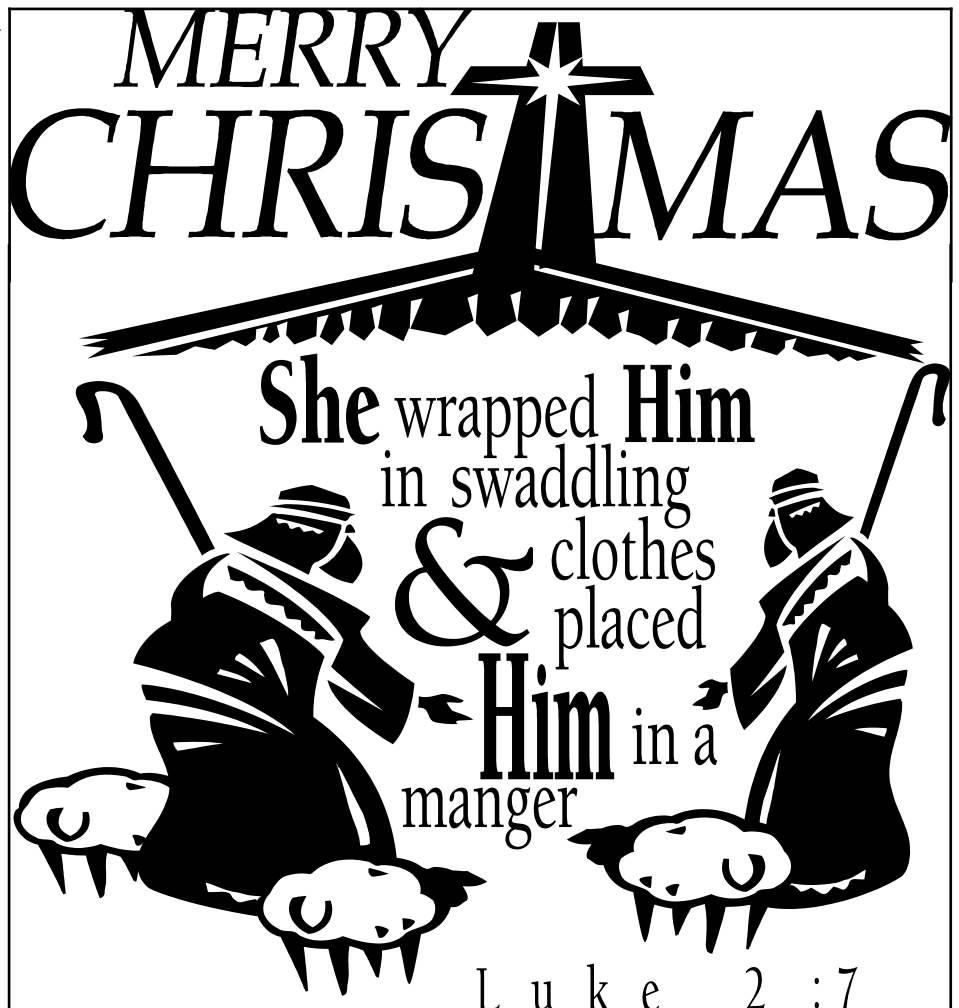
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31:

New Year's Eve
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

*Church Office Closed
December 25 - January 1*

Senior Fellowship

Senior Fellowship will be on for Tuesday, December 19th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be playing Santa Clause Bingo. Please bring two very inexpensive gifts for Bingo. CWF will supply chicken for the dinner, please bring a side dish to share.



2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE READY

The 2022 offering envelopes will be ready for pick up in the narthex over the next few Sundays. **We ask that you please do not use the envelopes until after January 1st.**

If your name is not assigned to a box, please take an unmarked box and add your name to the corresponding line on the sign-up sheet. We appreciate your cooperation and help in maintaining accurate records. Thank You



First Sunday Fellowship Brunch will be held on Sunday, December 3rd. This brunch will have a Christmas theme in celebration of the upcoming Christmas holiday. CWF will supply ham. Please bring a dish to share and celebrate the warm spirit of Christmas.



**Serving Schedule for
December 3, 2023**

Worship Leader:

Gleta Gorman

Communion Prayer

Kay Gilbreath

Offertory Prayer

Jack Maxwell

Van Driver

Mark Richardson/Jack Maxwell



The congregational meeting
Will be held on Sunday,
December 10th following
worship. We will be dis-
cussing the 2024 church
budget at this time.

**Serving Schedule for
December 10, 2023**

Worship Leader

LaVerne Matthews

Communion Prayer

Mark Richardson

Offertory Prayer

Kathy Richardson

Van Driver

Mark Richardson/Jack Maxwell



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO
RETURN YOUR 2024
PLEDGE CARDS**

***Christian Women's
Fellowship***

Thursday, December 21st

1:30 p.m., at Gleta Gorman's home

Hostess: Gleta Gorman

Program: Mary Grobe



**Serving Schedule for
December 17, 2023**

Worship Leader

Jack Maxwell

Communion Prayer

Steve Fowler

Offertory Prayer

Pat Fowler

Van Driver

Mark Richardson/Jack Maxwell



The Advent wreath will be lit
by Pastor Frank and the read-
ing will be done by the
Worship Leader on their
scheduled Sunday. This will
being on December 3 and end
on December 24th.

**If You Look for Me at
Christmas...**

Author Unknown

**Serving Schedule for
December 24, 2023**

Worship Leader

Kathy Richardson

Communion Prayer

Doris Chlastak

Offertory Prayer

LaVerne Matthews

Van Driver

Mark Richardson/Jack Maxwell



**Serving Schedule for
December 31, 2023**

Worship Leader

Mark Richardson

Communion Prayer

Jack Childress

Offertory Prayer

Gail Doss

Van Driver

Mark Richardson/Jack Maxwell

If you look for me at Christmas,
you won't need a special star;
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are.

You may not be aware of Me
amid the celebrations.
You'll have to look beyond the
stores
and all the decorations.

But if you take a moment
from your list of things to do,
and listen to your heart, you'll find
I'm waiting there for you.

You're the one I want to be with,
you're the reason that I came,
and you'll find Me in the stillness,
as I'm whispering your name.

Love, Jesus



"Dancing for Jesus"
Line Dancing every
Saturday Night
6p.m.-9p.m. in the
Fellowship Hall



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ATTENDANCE REPORT
November 5, 2023

ATTENDANCE:
TOTAL WORSHIP 27
SUNDAY SCHOOL
Homebuilders 6
Men's Class 2
Total 8

ATTENDANCE REPORT
November 12, 2023

ATTENDANCE:
TOTAL WORSHIP 23
SUNDAY SCHOOL
Homebuilders 6
Men's Class 3
Total 9

ATTENDANCE REPORT
November 19, 2023

ATTENDANCE:
TOTAL WORSHIP 25
SUNDAY SCHOOL
Homebuilders 5
Men's Class 3
Total 8

ATTENDANCE REPORT
November 26, 2023

ATTENDANCE:
TOTAL WORSHIP 25
SUNDAY SCHOOL
Homebuilders 6
Men's Class 0
Total 6



SIGNS ALONG THE WAY

What's the longest you've had to wait for something?

I imagine almost everyone has a memory of Christmas

Eve as a child; squeezing your eyes shut, trying with all your might to go to sleep on Christmas Eve.

For those of you with orthodox parents, you knew that even opening one present before Christmas morning was akin to high heresy.

And so you counted sheep and waited.

Waiting is still difficult whether we are young or old.

We expect everything to be at our fingertips the moment we have the desire for it. It's a world we're growing into and it's addicting.

We live in a world of easy downloads, instantaneous email, on demand and food prepared in a few minutes. Yet God finds ways of making us wait. Waiting and faith go hand-in-hand.

We wait for the baby we've dreamed we'd hold in our arms.

Some are waiting for their prodigal son or daughter to come to the end of himself or herself and return home.

Many of us are waiting for the phone to ring so we can return to a job with a normal salary and benefits.

Others are waiting for an eye-opening spiritual breakthrough.

It is hard for us to understand that waiting is the embodiment of faith.

In Hebrews 11:13 we are reminded that faith involves trust in God's promise even if the promises of God are fulfilled long after we're gone. The writer says, "These all died in faith without having received the promises, but they saw them from a distance ..."

Advent is about faith and waiting. What are you waiting on God for this year? Remember the years of silence as God's people waited for the Messiah. Take time today, right now, to reflect on the fact that God's timing is quite different from ours.

See you Sunday!

Pastor Frank



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[Names will remain on our Prayer
Concern list until the Church
Office is notified to remove them.]



Sunday School
Perfect Attenders
November 2023

Gail Doss

Kay Gilbreath

Gleta Gorman

Jack Maxwell

Anne Roberts

Gene Roberts

Eva Kay Smith



Anne Roberts	4
Doris Chlastak	19
Todd Richardson	26
Matthew Clanahan	31

