

**Serve Jesus Christ, Learn, Love, Witness, Support**  
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Spread the Word

In a short time, we will be celebrating the birth of Christ – a major event, even for those who don't believe in Him. God's Son came to live among us in order to forgive us, reconcile us with our Heavenly Father, and give us life everlasting.

How different our celebrations today are from the first Christmas more than 2,000 years ago! Mary and Joseph found no room in an inn so they "wrapped [Jesus] in strips of cloth and placed Him in a manger" (Luke 2:7). There were no reporters or photographers waiting outside to write a newspaper article or to snap the first picture of the new king. No one knew what was happening! No one, that is, except for the parents and the host of Heaven who made the announcement. But to whom was this announcement made? To the powerful who would speed through the towns and villages, spreading the news? To the privileged elite? No, to shepherds who were outcasts, hired hands who were so low on the social scale that they weren't even allowed to give testimony in a court of law. They weren't even allowed to come into the Temple.

Yet these were the ones chosen by God to tell the good news. The lowly shepherds saw the angels and "...the glory of the Lord shone around them..." They heard the message the angels brought: "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord ...You will find a baby...lying in a manger" (Luke 2:9,11). They saw, they listened, and then they went to see for themselves. After receiving the Good News, they spread it. "When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them" (Luke 2:17-18).

If lowly shepherds could tell the story, can't we as well? "All who heard it were amazed," Luke writes, but he doesn't say all believed. All we're asked to do is tell the story. How could fear, uncertainty, or apathy hold us back? This is the biggest news mankind has ever received! As stewards of the Gospel, we have no choice but to follow the example of the shepherds and "spread the word concerning what has been told [us] about this child." What a privilege we have to tell others about the baby in the manger Who became a man and died for our sins so we can live eternally with Him in heaven! May God grant us all the passion to tell others of Jesus' birth and love for all people.



## December Birthdays

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Rick Atterbury    | 12/02 |
| Thomas Atterbury  | 12/02 |
| Edna Rinard       | 12/02 |
| Emelia Peters     | 12/03 |
| Linda Gundlach    | 12/04 |
| Jazlynn Shabazz   | 12/07 |
| Pastor Tim Walker | 12/07 |
| Bev Dowis         | 12/10 |
| Melissa Peters    | 12/13 |
| Reta Robey        | 12/15 |
| Jennifer McDonald | 12/19 |
| Rose Tenwah       | 12/20 |
| Sue Hood          | 12/23 |
| Karen Beukema     | 12/27 |
| Ruth Evans        | 12/30 |



## December Calendar

|                 |                        |           |
|-----------------|------------------------|-----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Bell Choir             | 5:30 p.m. |
|                 | Cantata/Choir Practice | 6:30 p.m. |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Craft Group            | 5:00 p.m. |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | China Painters         | 9:30 a.m. |

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| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b>                            |                       |
|                  | Sunday School                                      | 9:00 a.m.             |
|                  | Worship Service                                    | 10:00 a.m.            |
|                  | Fellowship Time                                    | 11:00 a.m.            |
|                  | <b>Advent Bible Study (week 3 of 4) 4:00 p.m.</b>  |                       |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Advent Bible Study (week 3 of 4) 10:00 a.m.</b> |                       |
|                  | TOPS Club  | 5:15 p.m.             |
|                  | UMW  | 6:30 p.m.             |
|                  | Trustee's Meeting                                  | 7:00 p.m.             |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Finance Committee                                  | 6:30 p.m.             |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Bell Choir   | 5:30 p.m.             |
|                  | Cantata/Choir Practice                             | 6:30 p.m.             |
|                  | Ad Council   | 7:00 p.m.             |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Craft Group  | 5:00 p.m.             |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Stamp Club   | 7:00 p.m.             |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Choir Practice                                     | 10:00 a.m.            |
|                  | Food Pantry  | 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.      |
|                  | Baker Family Christmas                             | 5:00 – 8:30 p.m.      |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Sunday School                                      | 9:00 a.m.             |
|                  | Worship Service/Cantata                            | 10:00 a.m.            |
|                  | Fellowship Time                                    | 11:00 a.m.            |
|                  | <b>Advent Bible Study (week 4 of 4) 4:00 p.m.</b>  |                       |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | TOPS Club  | 5:15 p.m.             |
|                  | <b>Advent Bible Study (week 4 of 4) 10:00 a.m.</b> |                       |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Covenant Group                                     | 1:00 p.m.             |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Bell Choir (short) practice                        | 5:30 p.m.             |
|                  | Choir (short) Practice                             | 6:30 p.m.             |
|                  | Blue Christmas (chapel)                            | 7:00 p.m.             |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Craft Group  | 5:00 p.m.             |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | All Church Breakfast                               | 8:00 a.m.             |
|                  | Food Pantry  | 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.      |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Sunday School                                      | 9:00 a.m.             |
|                  | Worship Service                                    | 10:00 a.m.            |
|                  | Fellowship Time                                    | 11:00 a.m.            |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Caller Deadline</b>                             |                       |
|                  | TOPS Group   | 5:15 p.m.             |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Bell Choir   | 5:30 p.m.             |
|                  | Choir Practice;                                    | 6:30 p.m.             |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Craft Group  | 5:00 p.m.             |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | Christmas Eve Service                              | 7:00 p.m.             |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Christmas Holiday</b>                           |                       |
|                  | <b>Office closed.</b>                              |                       |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Sunday School                                      | 9:00 a.m.             |
|                  | Worship Service                                    | 10:00 a.m.            |
|                  | Fellowship Time                                    | 11:00 a.m.            |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | TOPS Group   | 5:15 p.m.             |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Covenant Group                                     | 1:00 p.m.             |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Bell Choir   | 5:30 p.m.             |
|                  | Choir Practice                                     | 6:30 p.m.             |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | Craft Group  | 5:00 p.m.             |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | Hispanic New Year                                  | 7:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. |

## **Staves' Sandy McNamar Food Pantry**

### **Food Pantry Update**

The food pantry is in full operation in the basement. One family at a time is allowed to go into the food pantry room and select their own food and personal items.

Anyone entering the food pantry must wear a face mask for everyone's protection. We also ask them to use hand cleaner and wash their hands before touching goods on the shelves.

In December our normal schedule is changing. We will be open the second Saturday which is December 11th and the third Saturday, December 18th, due to Christmas day being on the fourth Saturday.

While we are still compiling the October and November numbers, we know the following. Through October we have served 57 families that represents 203 people. Through September we took in 1284 pounds of food and sent 992 pounds out. Please remember that the pounds of food in and out does not include eggs, dairy or fresh/frozen meat.

We average a purchase of food from the Food Bank of Iowa once a week, but even with these purchases we can't address all the needs of the families. With colder weather coming on, we need canned soup, warm cereal like cream of wheat or oatmeal, and large containers (24 ounces or larger) of spaghetti sauce.

The regular staff of the food pantry include Margo Schamerhorn, Sandy Hudnall, Mary Flaherty, Betty Hochstetler,

Nancy Walker and Terri Pollard. If you are interested in watching how the pantry operates or would like to volunteer, please come by on the second or last Saturday of the month. We would welcome you and show you the pantry. and thank you for your support. Terry Pollard.

## **Crafts, Conversation & Chow**

Come join other women for a night of Crafting, Conversation, and Chow—*Free of Charge*.

Bring a project to work on and a dish to share, or simply come to connect with other women. We meet at the church every Thursday starting at 5 p.m. If you have a craft you'd like to learn, let us know so we can find the right person to help you learn.

If you have further questions, please contact Jennifer McDonald at 515-314-4761.

**For the Lions Club,  
Save your Eye Glasses,  
Hearing Aids, Postage Stamps  
and Can Tabs**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EVE CIRCLE** will NOT meet in December.  
Sherry Palmer 515-991-1062.

### **SAVE YOUR USED EYEGASSES AND HEARING AIDS**

The Lion's Club collects used eyeglasses and hearing aids. Even if the hearing aid doesn't work, they can use it for parts. Bring these items anytime during the year to the church.

You may place them in the designated basket marked "Used Eye Glasses," located by the mailboxes in the narthex.

### **POSTAL HISTORY FOUNDATION**

The Postal History Foundation is an educational program where a group of volunteers collect stamps for teachers and students nationwide.

Please continue to place any stamps you may have in the basket by the mailboxes in the narthex. For any questions, please contact Dennis Crabtree at 515-261-7165.

### **SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CAN TABS:**

The Lion's Club is collecting tabs off of all aluminum cans for the Ronald McDonald House. Save your can tabs and put them in an envelope or baggie marked "Tabs" and put in the same white basket in the narthex marked "Postage Stamps."

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

A biohazard waste can is now located in the Noah's Ark restroom. Please dispose all of your medical materials into this contain

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Staves United Methodist Women and Staves Church for the beautiful lapel pin that I received during the November 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday's Service. I will wear it with great pride signifying the many years of service and dedication that this pin represents. Sincerely, Jim McPherson

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you from JoAnn Riley to all the ladies who helped with the funeral services and prepared salads for the Don Stevenson and Lois Berndt funerals. It was greatly appreciated.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Classes:**

Noah's Ark (ages 2 through middle school)  
**We are looking for a person that would step up to teach this class. If you are interested, please contact Norma Thierman.**

Adult classes (need adults to attend)

Everyone is invited to attend our Sunday School Class and we would like to encourage you if you come to church early to sit in one of our classes

**Continue to Remember  
in Our Prayers**

**Our Members in Care Facilities:**

**Virginia Moore** (Prairie Vista Village Rehab Center), **Gerry Langland** (Valley View Village), and **Edna Rinard** at Edencrest at Riverwoods.

**Our Homebound Members**

**Roberta Traviss**  
**Madelyn Morey** (in MO with her daughter)

**Our Ill, Hospitalized or Recovering Members:**

**Arlene Keller** (in MO with daughter)  
**Theresa Garrison**

**Finance/Treasurer  
Report as of  
October 31, 2021**

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| Bank balance as of<br>October 1, 2021          | \$55,552.65 |
| Receipts through<br>October 31, 2021           | \$16,159.77 |
| Disbursements through<br>October 31,2021       | \$27,244.35 |
| Bank balance as of<br>October 31, 2021         | \$72,316.60 |
| Less Committed Funds as of<br>October 31, 2021 | \$48,600.12 |
| Available funds as of<br>October 31, 2021      | \$23,716.48 |

This report is submitted by:  
**David E. "Dave" Beery,**  
**Financial Secretary**



## DECEMBER MISSIONS

Our mission for December is the Door of Faith through Hope Ministries. Started in 1915 in downtown Des Moines as a faith-based center, it housed men who had addictions, homelessness, and despair as it helped them rebuild their lives. The old building was above a store on Grand and had a mural of Christ serving the lost in their dining room. Hope Ministries combined Door of Faith and Bethel Mission and serves those in need locally. It is located by the zoo on SW 9th. They have also expanded to helping women and children through various programs. This month we are focusing on Door of Faith.

We will be collecting items listed below at the tree in the Narthex as well as cash donations to be taken to the residence on January 2nd. Thank you for your contribution to this local mission.

From the Hope ministries web site: “At our Door of Faith life recovery center for men, located at 6701 SW 9th Street, we want to help men overcome whatever challenges first led them through our doors—addiction, chronic poverty, homelessness, unemployment, etc. In our life recovery program, men will find practical and compassionate help from our case managers, substance abuse counselor, mentors and volunteers as they dedicate themselves to rebuilding their lives. This free program lasts for one year and includes life skills classes, job readiness training, substance abuse counseling, recovery groups, spiritual development, educational opportunities and much more.”

Men in life recovery can expect to spend 40-45 hours a week attending classes and participating in work skills assignments

and recovery groups. We often compare it to a year of college! Although we don't require our program participants to share our faith, it's important to know that our program is faith-based and includes a number of spiritual development opportunities. We hope men come to understand their value and purpose as God's creation throughout their time with us.

When a man graduates from our program, he has housing and employment, is clean and sober, and is active in a church or recovery group. We offer aftercare and alumni programming to help men continue to enjoy their new life of sobriety, productivity, and accountability.

### SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Toothpaste
- High-efficiency laundry soap
- New Washcloths
- Men's shampoo (travel-size)
- Men's razors
- Men's deodorant
- Men's underwear (new)
- Men's socks (new)

Marilyn  
Micah 6:8

## URBAN BIKE FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE

I wanted to give you an update on what is happening with UBFM.

It has been a stressful, exciting and sad time the last couple months.

Last time I told you the story of Mario, who passed away on the street.

It is with heavy heart I tell you we lost another friend on the street. Her name is Mary. I remember the first time I met Mary in downtown Des Moines. She was in an alley with Mario. We served her some food, gave her blankets and Mary said can we pray? I said of course we can! We all held hands and I was waiting for Mary to pray. She looked at me and then I figured it out, she wanted me to pray for her. So right there in an alley in downtown Des Moines, we prayed for and with Mary. I would see Mary often over the next couple of years. But every time we would see her, she would say, can we pray? And every time I would say YES. Sometimes, Mary was doing OK and some days she was not. We would not see her for one week and she would be in the hospital. Mary would tell me she had seizures and had to be hospitalized. Then in the alley where I first met and served Mary was a mural on the wall of her passing. Mary went home, she does not have pain anymore.

I am so proud to call Stave's United Methodist Church my family. I have said it before, your giving has helped so many people on the streets. Thank you for the lives you have touched. You have made a difference to so many!

God Bless You  
Robby Collier

## UMW UPDATE

First while we don't know the total collected, our fall treat sale it was a great success. These funds help us support selected UMW missions here in Iowa, in the USA and sometimes around the world. I won't try to name names, because I know I will forget someone but a huge thank you goes out to all the UMW ladies who helped bake all the wonderful pies, bars, cookies, sweet and yeast breads.

UMW held its general meeting and installation of 2022 officers on Sunday, November 14th. Thank you to District Officer Marilyn Burch who installed our officers and to Nancy Walker for her moving witness on her walk with Jesus.

## TRUSTEE'S UPDATE

The trustees committee has several projects underway at this time. Here is a list and status of each:

- New camera security system for the church. Meetings with companies will be scheduled in December to gather costs.
- New carpeting in the Chapel. Vendor will submit a bid in early December. Additional bids will be gathered.
- Bus repairs. The bus is at Thomas Bus sales and as of the writing of this article we are awaiting repair status and costs.
- Bathroom redecorating the Noah's Ark and Men's room in the education wing are almost complete. The ladies' room in the education wing is next on the list.
- The fence outside the kitchen around the air-conditioning units has been braced so it stands up better.
- Education office ceiling is repairable. Trustees will look at costs and timeline at the next meeting.
- Snow plowing vendor has been contacted and is ready to get to work.

If you see a project that the trustees need to review and possibly work on, please contact us using the e-mail address in the bulletin.