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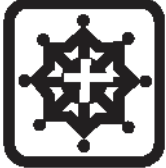


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# Chimes

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

10 PM—Dec. 24

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Paul Marcum

GREETERS:

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Shelley Outlaw

**Chapel Worship: 8:45 AM**

**Morning Worship: 10:45 AM**

**Sunday School: 9:30 AM**

**Bible Adventure: 10:45 AM**

**Ushers:**

**8:45 AM 10:45 AM**

Gary Etter Greg Goodner

Arlene Uldrich

Charlene Brown

## Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service

Sometimes it is difficult to manage our emotional pain because of loneliness or loss from the various avenues of our lives when it is expected of us to be joyful and celebrative. Those who are having difficulty managing the merrymaking often feel separated from the holiday cheer and the people who are participating in the. More and more churches are addressing this concern with a special service called "The Longest Night" or "Blue Christmas," normally held on or around the Winter Solstice (the longest night of the year). This service makes the association between the longest night of the year with its accompanying darkness and the darkness people may be feeling emotionally as they grieve losses. I believe this kind of service can help us acknowledge the darkness we are experiencing while pointing to the light which has come into the world, Jesus Christ. Such a service can help us embrace the hope and joy of our Christmas Eve service and the Christmas Spirit.

David UCC Church has invited us to experience this worship service held on Monday December 20, at 7 PM. In their chapel. I will be assisting Rev Brian Newcomb in this service where scriptures, prayers, lighting candles, and Holy communion will combine to bring release of our pain and begin the healing process to those who participate. I am inviting you to this service as we prepare to bring in the hope of Christ into our lives this Christmas season.

Join us for the  
**Christmas Eve**  
**Candlelight Service**  
**December, 24 @ 10 PM**  
A Wassail fellowship will follow.



We will be combining our Christmas Special offering with the Thanksgiving offering already collected.

We will equally divide the offerings up to a value of \$2100 between Daybreak, House of Bread, Neighbors in Need, St. Vincent DePaul, Veterans of the Cross and YWCA Battered Women's program.

If we exceed \$2100, donations above the 2100 will then be given to the church budget.

Special Christmas offering envelopes were included in last weeks Chimes issue.



## Everyone Counts— Statistics

### Attendance—Dec. 12 '10

8:45 — 25  
10:45 — 65  
Sunday school — 19

### Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$15,850)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Jan. '10	- \$22,844	+ 6,986
Feb. '10	- \$12,189	-3,669
Mar. '10	- \$13,117	- \$2,741
April '10	- \$12,554	- \$3,201
May '10	- \$15,173	- \$677
June '10	- \$10,513	- \$5,337
July '10	- \$11,320	- \$4,530
Aug. '10	- \$11,863	- \$3,987
Sept. '10	- \$11,629	- \$4,121
Oct. '10	- \$13,764	- \$1,009
Nov. '10	- \$13,533	- \$2,317

### Happy Birthday

Adam Donova—Dec. 22  
Jamie Medlin—Dec. 22  
Anna Ybarbo—Dec. 23  
Mychaela Janzow—Dec. 25  
Margaret Dill—Dec. 27  
Ray Urbanas—Dec. 27  
Holly Keltner—Dec. 29  
Orrin Bailey—Jan. 1  
Ashley Steinbrunner—Jan. 2



### In Our Prayers

Doris Alexander  
Glenda Boddie  
Jim Farra  
Gene Gibson  
Jack Gilmore  
Beverly Guffey  
Vern Hine  
Edna Holland  
Jamie Geswein  
the Goldbergs  
Judy Hirshman  
Carol Hildebrecht  
Loren Houck

Marilyn Jones  
Paul Jarusicwic  
Erik Landing  
Nancy Lyttle  
Bob McCray  
Marcella Miller/Karolina O'Donnell  
Cindy Ramono  
Iris Traylor  
Calire Riccos  
Danny Tomaz  
Flo Warner  
Evelyn Wheeler  
Vera Westfall  
Mary Willett



### Those in Nursing Care

Mary Lou Chaney – Bethany Vlg.  
Margaret Cobb – Walnut Creek  
Margaret Dill – Masonic Home  
Marion Farren—Trinity Home  
Mildred Heath – Walnut Creek  
Opal Hunter – The Sanctuary  
Lottie Jaeger – The Oaks, West Kett  
Will Jaeger – Grafton Oaks  
Dan Jones – Patriot Ridge Nursing  
Lena Patterson – Liberty Woods  
Charles Warren – East Moline, IL

### Military

Charles Barlow—Afghanistan  
Ian Beall – Iraq  
Michael Beall – Iraq  
Scott Certain – Afghanistan  
Andrew Hayden – Iraq  
Tyler Mantia – USA  
Michael Mantia – USA  
Nathan Nicholas—Korea  
Brian Nicholas—USA  
Adam Reeves—USA  
Kevin Stites—Bahrain  
Kevin White—Afghanistan

## New Winter Bible Study Offered

Rev. King will lead a new Monday evening Bible study on the New Testament book of II Corinthians, that will follow his sermon series.

The study group will meet at 7 PM on Mondays, beginning Jan. 3, 2011. Please sign-up if interested in joining this study. The book cost will be \$10.99 plus shipping for William Barclay's bible study guide.



We sang lovely Christmas Carols—  
Even creating motions for some.



## We had a wonderful meal and Advent fellowship and program.

Over 80 people attended this well planned, relaxed friendship time. Both Ascension church and Greenmont-Oak Park church had 40 plus members attend.

Thank you Ecumenical Committee: Bob Colvin, Bob Karl, Pat White, Lois Kyle, Cindy Pellegrino, Sheri Parrett, Father Chris and Rev. King.

**Enjoy the Photo Gallery about our evening.**



St. Nicholas visited and we learned about 10 special gifts of Christmas



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR CHRISTMAS BASKET FAMILIES.

We will be helping to provide a happier Christmas for 156 families this year. **If you still have items to give, they can be brought to the church until Friday, Dec. 17.** We appreciate all your support in giving to these families.

Please lift these families up in your prayers that they feel the HOPE of God in their lives through these gifts and come to know and experience the best gift of all, Jesus Christ.

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## Want to help with Christmas Baskets?

Sign-up to volunteer for helping with Christmas Baskets on the clipboards in the Gathering Place above the Pantry food donation box. We're going to prepare and distribute 156 Christmas Baskets, and there are three opportunities to volunteer: (1) Adults & High School - Shopping & Setup on Friday, December 17th, from 2- 5 PM; (2) Adults & little kids - Filling Baskets on Friday, December 17th, from 6 - 8 PM; (3) Adults & High School - Distribution and Gift Wrapping on Saturday, December 18th, from 8:30- 11:30 AM.

- Craig Kigar



## "Through the Eyes of a Child"

Please join us for the youth Christmas program on Sunday evening, Dec. 19th at 6 PM. They will take us on the journey with Mary & Joseph to the birth of baby Jesus, through a play and power point presentation, sharing the smiling faces of many of our children and youth.

Following the play there will be refreshments and a visit with Santa, and receiving the traditional church Christmas ornament.



## "Staff Gifts"

If you would like to give an appreciation gift to the Staff for their good support to the church over the past year, staff gift envelopes will be provided by the ushers at worship services over the next two Sundays, You may return you gift in the offering plate. Thank you and Merry Christmas from the Staff Committee

**Youth Events Calendar**



Crusaders—Dec. 16, 4PM  
Program dress rehearsal  
All Jr & Sr youth—Dec. 17, 6PM  
Help with Christmas Baskets

All Jr & Sr youth—Dec. 18, 8:30 AM to 11AM—help with Christmas baskets, wrapping & cooking

Sunday, Dec. 19 @ 6PM  
"Through the Eyes of a Child"  
Youth Christmas Program  
A visit with Santa and refreshments will follow the program.



Plants will cost \$9.00. Please sign up if you would like a plant. They will be used to beautify the sanctuary for Christmas Eve, and may be taken home following the 10 PM service.



**3 T's Christmas Lunch**

Mark your calendar for our December lunch and fellowship, at MCL Cafeteria, Dec. 21st. Loretta Liesch's group will be singing. - Cheryl Barnett.

**Entertaining Song Group**  
Will help us celebrate the season.



**WINGS:**

Give yourself a Christmas Gift that will charge your spiritual battery in 2011. Enjoy the praise, the music and fellowship and learn from the authors, musicians, comedians, and actresses as they share their spiritual experiences. Their Christian faith has encouraged and empowered their unique situations.

A WINGS representative will be offering the opportunity to participate in the "Easy Payment Plan" for the Women of Faith Conference at Nationwide Arena in Columbus, Ohio on April 29-30. Please stop by the upper level of the Gathering Place this Sunday, December 19 after the 10:45 service to make your second installment toward the \$89.00 cost for the conference. We have some seats still available. We will answer any questions you have regarding the conference. You can also sign up to attend.

Hoping to see you Sunday.

Nikki Taylor, Karen Brown  
and Loretta Liesch

**Sunday was Delightful**

Oh the weather outside is frightful, but white gift Sunday was so delightful. For those that didn't brave the weather, you missed quite a wonderful Sunday. Not only was the choir piece spectacular, but the Collins connection also soared joy into the sanctuary. The young musicians shared their musical gifts and Landon also made us proud with the advent reading. Sure wish we could have recorded the whole service. - Jacque (just a member in the seat)

**Thanks**

White gift Sunday was extra special as Molly, Adam, Mason and Landon shared their musical talent. We have had quite a blessed year with all the talented musicians. I am proud to see our youth blossom from early talent to full accomplished musicians like Bethann and Joy! It's an honor to watch them grow as they continue to share their gifts. - Musically, Jacque

**2011 Flower & Bulletin**

**Donations**

New sign-up sheets are posted on the church bulletin board. If you care to donate these items for worship, the cost is \$20 for flowers and \$14 for bulletins. Payment may be dropped in the offering plate, please indicate what payment is for in the check memo or on the envelope.—Worship Committee

*And it came to pass -*



*And the Angel said unto them,  
Fear not: for, behold, I  
bring you good tidings of great  
joy, which shall be to all  
people. For unto you is born  
this day in the city of David a  
savior, which is Christ the Lord.*

*And this shall be a  
sign unto you; Ye  
shall find the babe  
wrapped in swaddling  
clothes, lying in a manger.*



*And suddenly there was  
with the angel a multi-  
tude of the heavenly host  
praising God, and saying,*

*Glory to God in the highest, and  
on earth peace, good will toward  
men.*

*-Merry Christmas from your  
Chimes Staff  
(this is the last issue  
until the new year)*

