

Join us this communion Sunday and first Sunday in Advent. We will light the first candle on our Advent wreath, the Preparation candle. May God grant us His presence in this busy four week season of preparation.

Our handbell choir will be playing, and Pastor Cobb will speak from [Luke 3:1-6](#).

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Lunch Bunch will travel to Romanelli's this Wednesday. Meet at the church at 11:30 or at the restaurant at noon.

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December 9 is a very special Christmas Celebration for our church. THERE WILL BE ONE SERVICE AT 10:00. There will be no regular sermon, and other parts of the service will be abbreviated so our young people can perform their Christmas play, "The Bethlehem Project". Come for a special Christmas experience, and to enjoy our Christmas celebration together as a church. We will have our annual "Birthday Party for Jesus" in Madden Hall following. *A Continental Breakfast will be served instead of the usual hot meal.*

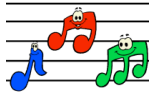
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Christmas Musical: The Bethlehem Project



Only a few rehearsals are left before the presentation of The Bethlehem Project. The remaining rehearsals are mandatory and scheduled as follows: Saturday, 12/1

12:30 – 3:30 p.m.; Monday, 12/3 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 12/5 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 12/8 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Please contact Linda Gillis on her home phone 573-5279 or her cell 533-5187 if you are unable to attend a rehearsal.



Children should be reviewing their lines and music for scenes one through six. Please have your child practice each day for 30 minutes or so between rehearsals.



Join us after the presentation of The Bethlehem Project to celebrate Jesus' birthday. The birthday party is a pot luck luncheon. Priscilla will have signup sheets in Madden Hall after the worship service. Please consider signing up to make ziti, meatballs, Italian sausage, or salad. Don't want to cook, consider signing up to set-up or clean-up. Lions and Lambs will be selling cupcakes to decorate for dessert as a fundraiser. Proceeds are to benefit Sister Jean's kitchen.

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The congregation mailbox system is now in place in the hall by the bulletin board. Use this system to exchange Holiday Greetings, etc. 2013 offering envelopes and updated church directories will be distributed there as well in another week or two. *(Help us update your info by filling in the insert on Sunday.)*

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Next Wednesday is the last day to sign up for the Evergreens Christmas lunch at Smithville Inn. See Joanna Howell or Marjorie McGuigan.

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The December [Good News](#) and [calendar](#) are now available online. Follow these links or visit our [website](#) and follow the links from the menu on the left.

Order forms for Christmas Pointsettias and Mission Bouquets are also available from our home page and in your Sunday bulletin. Deadlines are on the forms.

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Many thanks to all the volunteers who spent many hours setting up for Christmas this week. The Chrismon Tree will be put up next week.

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PARENTS of Lions and Lambs: Please stay for a moment after for a very brief meeting for the cup cake fundraiser. We'll just grab a table in Madden Hall during coffee hour. Thanks! JoAnn Sabo

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Addicted₂Jesus (A₂J)



This week A₂J youth meet promptly at 11 am in the senior high classroom. We will be cleaning Pitney Road weather permitting. Please dress warmly and in layers. Don't forget your coat! The aide this week is Dawn Duran. Lunch/Salad or Vegetable is provided by the Nale Family and Dessert/Drink is provided by the McManus Family.



A₂J youth participating in the The Bethlehem Project Musical and will need to attend the remaining rehearsals. They will also participate in the service on December 9th. A₂J youth are required to attend the following rehearsals: Saturday, 12/1 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.; Monday, 12/3 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 12/5 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 12/8 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. (homework load permitting). Please contact Linda Gillis on her home phone 573-5279 or her cell 533-5187 if you are unable to attend a rehearsal.



So far the A₂J youth collected a total of \$47.80 in loose coins for the OVFC. Sarah Gillis collected \$25; Kassie and Libby Little collected \$15 in loose coins; and Elena Achamizo collected \$7.80 in loose coins.



It's Not Too Late: All Youth in 5th through 8th grade are invited to join us weekly. Guests are encouraged and welcomed to attend the program. Please contact Linda

Gillis about registration for the A₂J Program. She can be reached on her home phone 573-5279 or her cell 533-5187.

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John Taylor concert (Sat-Jan. 23, 2013) As you see in Dec.'s Good News, your Fellowship Com. decided to have a Love Offering for John's Ministry. Free advance tickets are needed to reserve your seat(s). (See Joanie starting Wed – Jan. 2- HCapped may call w. requests) No dinner or refreshments due to possible inclement weather.

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Save February 9 for our Men's Fellowship Valentine Dinner. More info in future publications.

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The Holland Family has been asked to present a Christmas Concert at the Margate Community Church on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 3:00pm. Refreshments will follow. All are welcome for a donation of \$15. Any questions – call Margate Community at 822-7147.

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Please remember in prayer ~

The Vigue Family – Dave passed away suddenly on Monday
June Waters – recovering from surgery
Ruth Eberhard

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This Week in Our Church . . .

Sunday

8:45 Breakfast

9:30 Sunday School & Worship

10:30 Refreshments
11:00 Worship
 Lions and Lambs, A₂J
6:30 Advent Study

Monday

1:30 Bible Study
4:30 Play Rehearsal
6:00 Senior Youth

Tuesday

7:00 Session

Wednesday

11:30 Lunch Bunch to Romanelli's
5:30 Play Rehearsal

Thursday

6:30 Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday

1:00 Ruth Circle at Betsy Cunius'

Saturday

1:00 Play Rehearsal