

Weekly News and Events (December 15-22)

Christmas Cantata: The Annual Christmas Cantata will be held on December 19 as part of the 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service.

Christmas Eve Service: The Annual Christmas Eve Service will be held on December 24 at 3:00 p.m.

Bell Ringing: Bell ringing will be at Wal-Mart, Schnucks, Rural King and Shell. Bell ringing will be, Fridays and Saturdays, December 3 – December 18, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and December 20 – 24, every day 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. You can sign up individually or as part of a group to bell ring. This campaign raises important money for AGAPE. AGAPE keeps 85% of all the money that comes in from the bell ringing campaign. If you can help, call the Agape office at 456-4645 or, you can sign up online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094dacac2da7fe3-sign>

Prison Ministry: We received a lovely Christmas Card from one of our prison pen pals with the following message:

May you all have a very wonderful & blessed Christmas
With the love, comfort, and peace from the glory of God!
God bless you all and Merry Christmas!!

Love & Prayers,
Theo

Methodism: Have you ever wondered how this movement of Methodism started, how and why we do what we do and how we do it, at the local, district and Conference level? This class unpacks a lot of history of Methodism, along with why we believe what we believe, and the “hows and whys” of why we are organized the way we are. This is a great class for all laity to understand who the people called Methodists really are. This class will be hosted virtually on Zoom on Tuesdays from Jan. 25 to Feb. 15. Learn more and sign up at <https://www.moumethodist.org/eventdetail/conference-lay-servant-ministry-class-polity-our-life-together-in-the-united-methodist-connection-online-15775260>

2022 Holy Land Tour: Join Bishop Bob and Susan Farr on an 11-day, Lands of the Bible Cruise, September 23 through October 3, 2022. If you are interested in this trip opportunity, learn more at www.moumethodist.org/holyland2022

Bless A Teacher: Each month we pick a different teacher to bless. The teacher is someone whom one of our Kids Club kids has for a teacher. The December teacher is Cara O'Neal, a 2nd grade teacher at Daniel Boone Elementary School, who is the teacher to our Kids Club kid Kinley. She has 18 students in her class. Things that would be helpful to her are: snacks, colored markers, black dry erase markers, Elmer's white glue. Clorox Wipes, gift cards to Walmart or Amazon, small prize box items, individually wrapped pieces of candy and hand sanitizer.

Prayer & Meditation: The Prayer & Meditation group will not meet again until January 10.

To All Quilters: I am currently organizing a Quilting Memory Box to be placed in the church library. I have photos of Festival of Sharing quilts from 1989. From stories I have heard, I know this group was quilting before that time. If you have any photos or memories you would like for me to place in the box send them to the church office and I will pick them up there or mail to Marlene Dean, 1061 Silo Bend Drive, Wentzville, MO 63385. Thanks for your participation and sharing your memories. Marlene Dean

Tithes & Offerings You can bring your tithes and offerings with you to worship, mail them to the church at 701 E Main St., Warrenton MO 63383, or give online at: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/3111252. There is a link to the online giving on the church web site. ***Friday, December 31 is the last day that offering can be received and noted on your 2021 Giving Statement.***

Loads of Love: We will continue to collect quarters to pay for the washers and dryers.

Moser receipts: If you shop at Moser's, bring your receipt and place it in the container in the sanctuary. We turn the receipts in to Agape who in turn receives funds from Moser's based on the amount of the receipt.

Office Hours

Tuesday through Thursday 8:30 a.m.– 2:00 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Pastor Eric is always reachable on his cell day or night. That number is 660-888-9457.**

Kids Club & Youth Group Holiday Schedule: There will be NO Youth Group or Kids Club on December 22, 23, 29 or 30 so that everyone can enjoy the holidays with their families.

Needed for Kids Club: Large coffee cups that you no longer want, or that you no longer use are needed for Kids Club. Please put them in the blue tub in the Gathering Area or by Dawn's office.

Advent Devotionals: The Church has purchased and is passing along free of charge to you and your friends and neighbors, an Advent Devotional published by the editors of Guidepost Magazine. Each day's entry includes a scripture reading prompt, a devotional, additional scripture suggestions to dig deeper, and a thought to ponder. 4 copies remain. If you haven't had a chance to pick one up, give us a call at the office (456-3390) or email at churchoffice@collegemethodist.org and we will be happy to hold one for you. We will be glad to order more if needed.

Coming Up

A full calendar of events can be found on the church web site at: <https://www.collegemethodist.org/events/#CALENDAR>

Wednesday, December 15

Mary Martha Circle at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Youth Group (Grades 6 – 12) at 6 p.m. Christmas Game/Party Night
Bell Choir Rehearsal at 6 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal at 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Money Management at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 16

Kids Club at 3:15 p.m. Series: Christmas, Topic: The Unexpected Present

Sunday, December 19

Men's Small Group at 8:30 a.m. in the Parlor/Room 205

Women's Small Group at 8:30 a.m. in the Gathering Area

Fellowship Time at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Area

Worship and Christmas Cantata at 10 a.m.

Children's Small Group (Grades K – 5) at 10 a.m. Series: Christmas, Topic: The Birth of Jesus

Monday, December 20

Girl Scouts at 4 p.m. in Room 104

Al-Anon at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 22

NO YOUTH GROUP

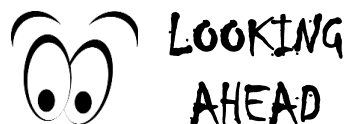
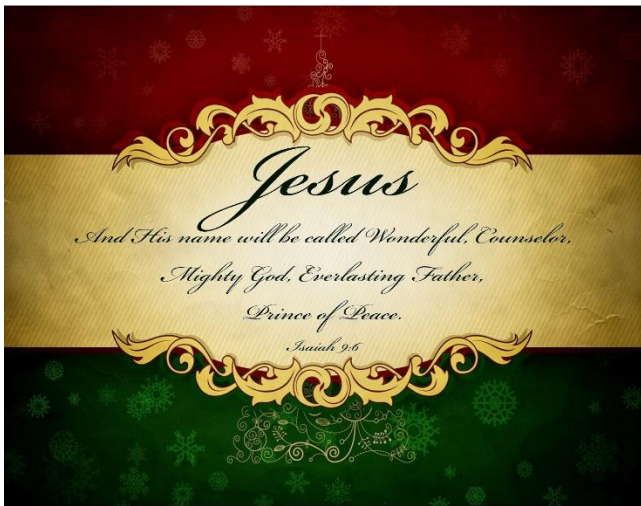
Narcotics Anonymous at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 23

NO KIDS CLUB

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service at 3 p.m.



At the beginning of the year, baby, children & teen clothing will be collected at church for participants in kid's club and later in the summer for the free Clothing Closet.

Souper Bowl Sunday – We will be collecting cans of soup for Agape during January

Loads of Love – February

The next monthly **Monday Mission Project** will be Monday, January 10 to The Sharing Shed in O'Fallon, MO. We will leave church at 11:15 a.m. and return at 2:30 p.m. We will not be stopping for lunch. The Sharing Shed provides household items such as pots, pans, furniture, bedding, towels, etc. to families in crisis. These include families that have been victims of house fires and floods, have been displaced due to loss of employment, are fleeing abusive situations, are recovering from homelessness, or are dealing with other hardships. It began in a garage in 2001 and has since expanded to a 6500 square foot building. Contact Dawn Martin for more information or if you plan to go.