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Walk With Us to the Manger December 18th



Bring your gifts to the Manger this Sunday! Half of this special offering is designated for the Campus Cupboard – a weekend food program for local middle and high school students similar to Backpack Buddies for the elementary. This program is coordinated by Second Harvest Food Bank. The other half will go to our building fund. Thank you for your generosity!



Visit the Little Town of Bethlehem on that Special Night



Save the date
for a fun family activity on
Saturday, Dec. 17

(come and go)
4-6 PM @ Clair UMC
2 SE 68th Rd. St. Joseph, MO

Experience the little town
of Bethlehem on the
Starry Night Jesus was born

- Register at the city gate.
- Pay your tax (with coins we supply!)
- Visit the village shops.
- Make a souvenir to take home.
- Enjoy a sweet treat.
- And most importantly, visit Mary, Joseph, and the Christ Child.

Invite your family and friends to
join us for this extra special event!

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We explore the angelic visits surrounding the birth of Jesus with Zechariah, Mary, Joseph and the shepherds in a four-week Advent experience. We will explore the visits and dive deep into the history of the angel Gabriel and other angels of the Bible. The messages of the angels hold meaning for listeners both then and now. Join us!!

Welcome new Co-Chairs
of Starlight Group: Roxy-
ann Schreiber and Robin
Pierpoint!

Expect great things!



Please Bring All Adopted Family Gifts to Church by Dec. 18!

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Our Advent theme this year is “Angels Among Us.” We have been focusing on the angelic messengers of Jesus’ birth story, whose life-altering messages always begin with “Do not be afraid.” Do not be afraid in this moment that an angel is appearing before you! AND, do not be afraid in answering the call to do whatever it is God is calling you to do. I hear this as a reminder that God is Emmanuel – God with us, especially in the who, what, when, where, and why of God’s plan. (I told you I wanted to be a journalist!) I think I’ve heard somewhere, “If God brings you to it, God will see you through it.” Do not be afraid!

Throughout the Advent series we have been urged to keep our eyes open for angels among us. I wasn’t feeling 100% yesterday, so I am particularly thankful for the “angels” who appeared to make our Sunday morning go more smoothly. Debbie agreed to step in with my sermon in hand should I have a coughing fit! Duane called to ask if he could take over the narrator role in the scripture reading skit. Meredith met me at the door to ask if she could read a story during children’s time. Beth appeared with a handful of cough drops. Patty sent me home with dishes of chicken tetrazzini – delicious comfort food that Joe and I enjoyed very much! Angels are among us!

I’m thankful, too, for angels who bring such joy to my mother who is 91 years old and continues to live by herself on the family farm. She has a host of folks who see that she gets to and from Sunday School and church each week and to the twice weekly exercise class and Bible study. But yesterday afternoon, friends picked her up to go to a concert in Cameron, included her in their trip to Subway for supper, and then on to another community choir concert in Maysville before getting her back home in time for Sunday Night Football! She had such a great day. And I did, too, because she did. Even though she always feels like she needs to reimburse them in some way for their kindness, that’s not why they do what they do. They bless her because that’s what God is calling them to do. They bless her because she blesses them. And I am thankful.

Thank you, Friends, for the ways you bless Joe and me. Bless you for the many ways you bless others, for the seen and unseen ways you live out your love for God and neighbor each day.

Merry Christmas! It is an honor to be your pastor.

Pastor Cindy

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**Children present
their newly made
candy canes
designed in
Children's Church!**

**Karen leads the
children's bell
choir in
Christmas
music!**



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MERRY
Christmas



CLAIR'S CALENDAR

November 30-Dec. 21 Advent Bible Study

6:30 PM—Wednesdays Clair

1 PM - Thursdays Ebenezer

December 17	One Starry Night 4-6 PM (Come & Go)
December 18	DEADLINE FOR ADOPTED FAMILY GIFTS Walk to the Manger Blue Christmas at Ebenezer 5 PM
Dec. 19-23	Delivery of gifts to adopted families
December 24	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 4 PM
December 29	Serve Open Door Food Kitchen

