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Sunday Service 10:00 am

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December 4, 2023

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**Leading People to an Active Faith in Christ**

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**OUR CALENDAR AND PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Sunday, **December 3** *Jennifer Barnier*  
9:00 a.m. — Sunday School with Holy Communion  
10:00. a.m. — Worship Service  
5:00. p.m. — Youth

Monday, **December 4** *Connie Chappelle*  
5:00 p.m. — Show Me Sound

Tuesday, **December 5** *DeWayne Duncan*

Wednesday, **December 6** *Amelia Esselman*  
12:15 p.m. — Midweek Prayer-FB Live  
6:00 p.m. — Bell Choir Practice  
6:00 p.m. — Wesley Faithful Men Practice  
7:00 p.m. — Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, **December 7** *Kim Graves*

Friday, **December 8** *Kay Greer*

Saturday, **December 9** *Karen Hamilton*

Sunday, **December 10** *John Homan*  
9:00 a.m. — Sunday School  
10:00. a.m. — Worship Service

Monday, **December 11** *Carole Jones*  
5:00 p.m. — Show Me Sound  
5:00 p.m. — Finance Committee  
6:00 p.m. — Church Council

Tuesday, **December 12** *Roberta Knight*

Wednesday, **December 13** *Cara Mikesic*  
12:15 p.m. — Midweek Prayer-FB Live  
6:00 p.m. — Bell Choir Practice  
6:00 p.m. — Wesley Faithful Men Practice  
7:00 p.m. — Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, **December 14** *Wendy Myers*

Friday, **December 15** *Ashleigh Noland*

Saturday, **December 16** *Katie Pettis*

Sunday, **December 17** *Richard Parker*  
9:00 a.m. — Sunday School  
10:00. a.m. — Worship Service

Monday, **December 18** *Lorri Saulbeamer*  
5:00 p.m. — Show Me Sound

Tuesday, **December 19** *Stan Taylor*

Wednesday, **December 20** *Levi Waddle*  
12:15 p.m. — Midweek Prayer-FB Live  
6:00 p.m. — Bell Choir Practice  
6:00 p.m. — Wesley Faithful Men Practice  
7:00 p.m. — Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, **December 21** *Nancy Wakley*

Friday, **December 22** *Ron Yates*

Saturday, **December 23** *Troy Curtis*

Sunday, **December 24** *Kinnick Foote*  
**Christmas Eve**  
9:00 a.m. — Sunday School  
10:00. a.m. — Worship Service  
6:00 p.m. . — Christmas Eve Services

Monday, **December 25** *Norris Kelley*  
**Christmas Day**

Tuesday, **December 26** *Chris Levine*

Wednesday, **December 27** *Marcy Sandidge*  
12:15 p.m. — Midweek Prayer-FB Live  
6:00 p.m. — Bell Choir Practice  
6:00 p.m. — Wesley Faithful Men Practice  
7:00 p.m. — Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, **December 28** *Martin White*

Friday, **December 29** *Ellie Young*

Saturday, **December 30** *Natalie Smith*

Sunday, **December 31** *Rick Langdon*  
9:00 a.m. — Sunday School  
10:00. a.m. — Worship Service

Monday, **January 1** *Kevin Holbert*  
**New Year's Day**  
5:00 p.m. — Show Me Sound

Tuesday, **January 2** *Misty Bolds*

Wednesday, **January 3** *Peggy Blatterman*  
12:15 p.m. — Midweek Prayer-FB Live  
6:00 p.m. — Bell Choir Practice  
6:00 p.m. — Wesley Faithful Men Practice  
7:00 p.m. — Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, **January 4** *Stephanie Saulbeamer*

Friday, **January 5** *Susan Whitcomb*  
6:00 p.m. — **Game Night**

Saturday, **January 6** *Anne Tempel*

**In Our Thoughts & Prayers:** Ed Hopkins, The Ruth Saulbeamer Family, Dewayne Duncan, David Schlomer, Kathryn Marshall, Katie Pettis and Dean Vannoy



*For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6*

Advent has finally arrived. I don't know why I added the word finally. I have not been anticipating Advent for a long period of times. Advent, of course, comes at around the same time every year. Christmas is always December 25<sup>th</sup>, so Advent's arrival is easily anticipated. Even with Advent's consistency, it still can feel surprising and jarring that it is now Advent.

The feeling of another year gone by and the unique pressures Christmas preparation can make this time overwhelming even as our focus is on joy, love, hope, and peace. The incarnation of God in Jesus Christ our Lord is filled with wonder, if it is possible to take a moment to appreciate what it means. God lives among us and God's place is with humanity.

I hope each of us can slow down enough to know that God is with us. Advent is a time of anticipation and preparation to welcome God who is already dwelling with us. I hope you can make it to worship throughout December. Each of the Sundays of December is a Sunday in Advent. The 24<sup>th</sup> hosts the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent in our regular morning worship and Christmas Eve will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. that evening. God is with us and Advent is finally here.



Christmas Eve worship will be on Sunday, December 24 at 6pm.



**Family Game Night will be On January 5 at 6:00 pm. Bring a snack and your favorite game.**

To keep up on things happening within our District and Conference check this out on the web <https://northcentral.moumethodist.org/>

*End of Year Giving*

*Friends, thank you for your generosity throughout the year. Thank you for remembering the church with your tithes and offerings. Some of the greatest success we have had in this last year has been with the youth of our congregation. We have an active confirmation class that started this Fall and is continuing throughout the Winter into the Spring. We once again have an active youth group for the first time in a while. When you are pondering about where a gift for the Christmas season may do some good, please, remember Wesley UMC. We are hoping to end the year well. Our finances have been about 10% behind throughout the year, so it would be great to catch up a bit and end the year on a high note.*



## DECEMBER

### BIRTHDAYS

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Connie Chappelle
6 <sup>th</sup>	Nathaniel Bolds
10 <sup>th</sup>	Faye Hunton
11 <sup>th</sup>	Jamareon Branch
	Rick Langdon
12 <sup>th</sup>	Ruth Stratman
18 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Saulbeamer
21 <sup>st</sup>	Martha Tuggle
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Brian Mahalovich
24 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Koffman
	Timothy Noland
26 <sup>th</sup>	Stanley Cox
	Dennis Harper
	Elliott Pyle
28 <sup>th</sup>	Frederick Zahn
30 <sup>th</sup>	Olivia Pyle
31 <sup>st</sup>	John Knox



## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY

*31<sup>st</sup>*

*Brian & Julie Mahalovich*