

December 2015

CHAPEL

Chatter

“Christmas and Prophecy”

Come thou long-expected Jesus Born to set thy people free.

- Charles Wesley

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

- Isaiah 9:6

Christmas and prophecy go together. The words of the Old Testament prophets are part of our Christmas traditions from Christmas Carols to Handel's Messiah to traditional Advent Scripture lessons.

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

- Isaiah 7:14

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.

- Micah 5:2

Christmas and prophecy go together. The prophets foretold the coming of the Christ, God with us, born of a virgin, the one who died for our sins and rose again in victory over sin, death, and the devil. Prophecy told us that the baby born on Christmas was no ordinary baby.

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

- Isaiah 40:5

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

- Isaiah 11:6

*For lo! the days are hastening on By prophet bards foretold
When with the ever-circling years Comes round the age of gold
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling
And the whole world give back the song Which now the angels sing.*

- Edmund Sears

Christmas and prophecy go together. “Christmas and Prophecy” will be the name of my teaching series during the Advent/Christmas season. This is always a special time for Christians and for the church, as we prepare spiritually for the big day. We always look forward to the Christmas Dinner, the children's program, and the cantata. The Christmas Eve Candlelight Celebration is one of the most beautiful services of the year. Come; bring your family, and your friends.

See you Sunday,

Pastor Brad



It is currently Wednesday 11/18 and I am gearing up to head to National Youth Worker's Convention tomorrow morning. By the time you read this, it will be over but for now, I am extremely excited for this opportunity to join with some of the biggest names in youth ministry to share ideas and learn about so many topics affecting our youth today. Thank you so much for allowing me the opportunity to attend this conference and to grow in my personal leadership skills. I look forward to attending sessions led by youth ministry veterans on topics such as: Empowering students to impact their schools, dealing with tough theological challenges in the Bible, ideas for refreshing your youth ministry, the best youth group games, making disciples for today and tomorrow, and many more. I expect to learn a bunch and come back feeling refreshed!

As for YF, our Jr and Sr. High groups have been going through a series on social media focused on living for Jesus in all aspects of life. Our calendar for December will be extremely different from usual, so make sure you note these dates:

- December 2nd we will have youth group at the regular time.
- December 9th, both Jr and Sr. High will be going Christmas Caroling from 6:30-8:30. We will meet at the church.
- December 16th, both Jr and Sr. High will have a Christmas party at the Rock from 6:30-8:30. There will be a white elephant gift exchange (limit \$5) and an ugly sweater contest.
- **December 23rd and 30th there will be no YF.** Enjoy the holidays with your family.
- On Sunday, December 20th the Sr. High group will have a lock in from 8 pm until 8 am on Monday December 21st. Our main event will be a lip sync contest, so prepare your best songs (you can have a team of up to 5 people)!

Have a Merry Christmas!

Tom

November 29	1 st Sunday of Advent
December 6	2 nd Sunday of Advent
December 13	3 rd Sunday of Advent Childrens Program 2 nd Service only Hoilday Dinner following 2 nd Service
December 20	4 th Sunday of Advent Christmas Cantata
December 27	5 th Sunday of Advent

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of CHRISTMAS

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Choir practices for the Christmas Cantata will be Dec. 2, 9, 16 at 7:30 p.m.

The Children's Christmas program will be Dec 13th during the 2nd service. Practices for K-6th children are during Jr. Church on Sundays as well as 2 special times Dec. 2 & 9 @ 7:15 pm during WNM. If you have questions, please contact Cara Bowers or Jeniffer Clapp.



Wednesday Night Ministries Holiday Schedule:


We will meet December 2, 9 and 16.

Children participating in the program Sunday, December 13 will practice on December 9 at approximately 7:15 p.m.. Children not taking part in the Sunday morning program will be excused at 7:15 p.m.

We will NOT meet December 23 or 30.

Wednesday Night Ministries will resume at 6:30 p.m. on January 6, 2016.

Remember to count your blessings during this Christmas season! We look forward to walking closer to Jesus in 2016!




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NEW PROJECT – COLLECTING MEDICINE BOTTLES FOR HOSPITALS IN MALAWI

Do you hate to throw away empty medicine bottles?? It is obvious our landfills do not need these plastic containers! The Missions Committee is starting a new project which will help our landfills and hospitals in Malawi.

Where is Malawi? Malawi, officially the Republic of Malawi, is a [landlocked country](#) in southeast Africa that was formerly known as [Nyasaland](#). It is bordered by [Zambia](#) to the northwest, [Tanzania](#) to the northeast, and [Mozambique](#) on the east, south and west. The country is also nicknamed "The Warm Heart of Africa". Malawi is among the smallest countries in Africa.

While first world nations throw away perfectly good medicine bottles, medical pharmacies and hospital facilities in Malawi often find themselves with nothing except torn pieces of paper in which to wrap medicine for their patients. This is often seen in rural hospitals and villages where the poorest of the nation try to live and survive. You can help to change this. Your empty medicine bottles will help families in a third world country keep their medicines clean, out of reach of small children, and safe while they are being used. The Malawi Project sends medical supplies to over 700 medical facilities throughout the country.

The Malawi Project accepts all colors and types, 3-month containers as well as 1-month containers. Locking and non-locking caps. Please, do not send the large vitamin containers. Traditional medical bottles are preferred. Do not send containers with labels.

Please Remove the Labels - Save up a group of your



containers when you have completed that portion of your prescription. Place them in boiling water until you are able to easily remove the labels AND the glue. Then box or bag them and put them in the container in the Welcome Center. The Missions Team

will then send the pill bottles we collect to a "collection center" in Indianapolis, IN, who will send them on to the Malawi Project.



Amanda Barnes – Recovering at home from hip surgery, **The Tahir Masood Family**, **April Mozingo** – Surgery recovery, **Branden Kramer** – (Fetterman extended family) – 4yr old, diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. **Long-term needs.** **Leo “Bud” Zenz**, **Patsy Leatherman**, **Cole Spangler**, **Billy Sharpe**, **Ruth Gramling**, **Winnie Leatherman**, **Kent Spiess**, **Francis Brown**, **Joyce Schwyn** (sister of Max Fetterman) Also, members of the military and their families, our missionary families and our **Lay Witness Mission** – March 4-6, 2016 at Chapel.

[Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks. For continued prayer listing, please resubmit.]

New Addresses: Keith & Melanie (Oberhaus) Rhoads, 3141 Natarte Lane, Kailua, HI 96734

Winnie Leatherman, Vancrest Care Center of Holgate, 600 Joe E. Brown Ave., Room 21, Holgate, OH 43527

DECEMBER SERVANT SCHEDULE

	8:15 Service Nursery/ Door Greeters	Sunday School Nursery/ Door Greeters	10:30 Service Nursery/ Door Greeters	Greeters
6	Witte Family/ Todd & DeeAnn Shafer	Witte Family/ Dan & Rita Bare	Amstutz Family/ Dan & Rita Bare	Ron Zenz Family
13	Tom Atkinson Family/ Eric & Carol Witte	Steve Clapp Family/ Eric & Carol Witte	Steve Bare Family/ Kurt & Shelley Davis	Gillen Family
20	_____/_____ Ken & Robin Carpenter	Louise Dalton/ Ken & Robin Carpenter	Nash Family/ Debbye Hoffman	Tom Overmier Family
27	Carl Carter Family/ _____/_____	Hamlin Family/ John & Dawn Sharpe	Jones Family/ John & Dawn Sharpe	Howe Family



BIRTHDAYS

1 - Cheryl Falor
2 - Jordan Keller
4 - Kenzy Kern
8 - Alaina Kessler
9 - Pat Fetterman
11 - Brenda Sanholtz
12 - Scott Slee
13 - Karl Griteman
Steve Seagrave
14 - Allan Starkey
David Hartford II
Ken Silveus
Sara Atkinson
15 - Tom Tedrow

18 - Ken Fetterman
20 - Taylor Sharpe
21 - Zachary Bowers
Ken Lee
23 - Ninfa Starkey
24 - Alexa Frysinger
Mike Myers
Cathy Leatherman
25 - Logan Case
28 - Linnea Mack
Hannah (Witte) Kershner
Ted Mohler
30 - Lydia Mack
Logan Mack
Bill Quigley

31 - Alayna Jones
Chelsea Howe
Alice Leatherman

ANNIVERSARIES

1 - Morris & MaryLou Myers
4 - Zeb & Rachel Orr
12 - Rick & Cheryl Shadday
Terry & Sherri Shafer
18 - Jim & Linda Vollmar
23 - Mike & Cheryl Collier
29 - Ken & Arita Silveus
Ken & Robin Carpenter



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SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS - 8:15 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:15 A.M.

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He is overflowing to others."***

Return Service Requested




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Sunday Worship Times: 8:15 a.m. Classic Worship (Nursery Provided)
 10:30 a.m. Praise Celebration (Nursery Provided)
 Sunday School: 9:15 a.m. Classes for All Ages (Nursery Provided)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:00 am Men's Study @ Liberty Café 3-5 pm THE ROCK 6:00 pm Lay Witness Chairperson	2 8:00 am Caring Cupboard 3-5 pm THE ROCK 6:30-7:30 Wed. Night Ministries & Bible Study 7:15 Firestarters YF	3 3-5 pm THE ROCK	4	5 7:00 am Men's Prayer Time @ church
6 6:00 pm Girl Scouts	7 6:00 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Finance 8:00 pm Ad. Council	8 6:00 am Men's Study @ Liberty Café 3-5 pm THE ROCK 7:00 pm SPRC	9 3-5 pm THE ROCK 6:30-7:30 Wed. Night Ministries & Bible Study 6:30-8:30 pm Jr. & Sr. YF Caroling	10 3-5 pm THE ROCK	11	12 7:00 am Men's Prayer Time @ church
13 Children's Program in 2 nd service. Holiday Dinner After 2 nd service	14 6:00 pm UMM 8:00 pm Worship Team	15 6:00 am Men's Study @ Liberty Café 3-5 pm THE ROCK	16 Noon- Senior Luncheon 3-5 pm THE ROCK 6:30-7:30 Wed. Night Ministries & Bible Study 6:30 – 8:30 pm Jr. & Sr. YF Christmas Party @ THE ROCK	17 3-5 pm THE ROCK 7:00 ROCK Team	18 (For December only) 9-11 am Bountiful Blessings & Clothing Closet	19 7:00 am Men's Prayer Time @ church
20 Adult Cantata 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Sr. YF lock in 8 pm	21 Newsletter Articles Due 6 – 7:30 pm Bountiful Blessings & Clothing Closet 7:30 pm Evangelism 8:00 am	22 6:00 am Men's Study @ Liberty Café NO ROCK	23 No ROCK No WNM	24 7:00 pm 	25 Office Closed "Happy Birthday Jesus"	26 7:00 am Men's Prayer Time @ church
27	28 7:00 Mission Team	29 NO ROCK	30 No ROCK No WNM	31 NO ROCK		