

December 2016

Liberty Chapel United Methodist Church
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Church Office Hours M – F 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:15 A.M.

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*“A body knowing and growing in Christ so deeply that 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 3-5 pm ROCK	2	3 7am Men's Prayer Time
4 Christmas Dinner 6-7:30 pm Girl Scouts	5 8 am Exercise class 6 pm Trustee 7 pm Ad Council	6 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30 pm Beth Moore Bible Study 7 pm Ladies of Liberty	7 8-9:30 am Caring Cupboard 10:30 am S.H.O.P. 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM 6:30 pm Pastor Brad Bible Study 7 pm Firestarters YF 7:30 pm Choir Practice	8 3-5 pm ROCK	9	10 7am Men's Prayer Time
11 Children's Christmas Program 10:30 Service	12 8 am Exercise class 6 pm UMM 8 pm Worship Team	13 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK 7 pm Ladies of Liberty 7 pm SPRC	14 10:30 am S.H.O.P. 3-5 pm THE ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM 6:30 pm Pastor Brad Bible Study 7 pm Firestarters YF 7:30 pm Choir Practice	15 3-5 pm ROCK	16	17 7am Men's Prayer Time
18 10:30 am Choir Christmas Cantata 6-7:30 pm Girl Scouts	19 Newsletter Articles Due 8 am Exercise class 6-7:30 pm Bountiful Blessings & Clothing Closet 7:30 pm Evangelism	20 6 am Charlie's 6:30 pm Beth Moore Bible Study 7 pm Ladies of Liberty	21 10:30 am S.H.O.P. 3-5 pm ROCK 7:30 Choir	22	25 Merry Christmas!!!! 	24 7am Men's Prayer Time 7 pm Christmas Eve Service
25 9 am Jesus' Birthday Party 9:30 am Christmas Worship	26 7 pm Missions Office Closed	27 6 am Charlie's 7 pm Ladies of Liberty Office Closed	28 10:30 am S.H.O.P. 7:30 pm Choir Office Closed	29	30	31 7 am Men's Prayer Time



ChapelChatter

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"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year"

The Christmas season is "the most wonderful time of the year." Beginning with Black Friday, the joyful season lasts until present unwrapping on Christmas morning. Our traditions differ, but sometime there will be decorating, baking, shopping, eating, church-going, partying, wrapping, and family get-togethering. For a lot of us, there will be overwhelming moments when we wonder if it will all get done, but somehow it will.

In the midst of busyness, the spiritual piece can get neglected. The cure for that is Advent, a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas that begins four Sundays before the big day.

This year, our teaching series will be "**Jesus Brings Hope!**"

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you **hope** and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)*

*For in this **hope** we were saved. But **hope** that is seen is no **hope** at all. Who **hopes** for what they already have? 25 But if we **hope** for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. (Romans 8:24-25)*

*But those who **hope** in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. - (Isaiah 40:31)*

*We know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, **hope**. And **hope** does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. (Romans 5:3-5)*

*May the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)*

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living **hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. (1 Peter 1:3-4)*

*Be joyful in **hope**. (Romans 12:12)*

Several special events have been planned.

Christmas Dinner - December 4 - Following the 10:30 service.

Children's Program - December 11 - At 10:30. Regular service at 8:15.

Christmas Cantata - "There's Peace in the World Tonight" - December 18 - At 10:30. Regular service at 8:15.

Christmas Eve Celebration featuring Candlelight and Carols - December 24 at 7:00.

Christmas Sunday Morning Celebration - December 25 - 9:00 AM Birthday Party for Jesus - 9:30 AM - One Worship Service.

New Year's Day - Regular Schedule - 8:15 Classic Worship - 9:15 Sunday School - 10:30 Praise Celebration.

I pray that you and your family will have an awesome, wonderful, spiritual, amazing, blessed Advent/ Christmas season.

See you Sunday,





December Newsletter

It's December, which is according to some, is the most wonderful time of the year. Snow and I have a love/hate relationship (as most of you do with it). It's great to look at and really enjoyable for the first snowfall or two, however, when it comes to scraping off my car every morning, driving 30 mph slower, and freezing every time I go outside, snow isn't my best friend. I definitely question that this is the most wonderful time of the year (especially when comparing it to 65 degree fall days)! To each their own I guess.

Our regular WNM will be cancelled on December 21st and December 28th. On the 21st, the Sr. High will be the only group meeting as we will be going Christmas caroling! Since the Sr. High group gets to meet on the 21st, it's only fair that we let the Jr. High group meet on the 28th, as we have our annual Sk8za event! We will be going ice skating and then coming back to the church to enjoy some pizza and games! Our annual Sr. High lock in will take place on December 30th-31st. We can always use some extra adult help for this event, so if you enjoy being awake between the hours of 8 pm and 8 am, let me know!

Last month we did a Thanksgiving dinner. We had students draw a random card and eat their meal with whatever ailment they had. Some were gluten free, some lactose intolerant, some had to eat alone, some were blind, others were without limbs, etc. Each of the cards had a fact on them explaining how many people in the world dealt with this particular ailment. The purpose of this was for them to put themselves in other people's shoes and to learn to be thankful for what they have. We put the two "alone" students together so it wasn't that terrible and one student said, "It wasn't that terrible being alone because I had one other person with me. It really wasn't bad at all." From that conversation we were able to talk about how just having one person to sit with at lunch can make all the difference in the world! Hopefully this conversation encouraged them to look out for others at school and be the difference in their schools!

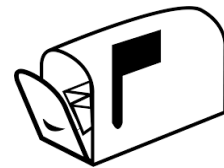
Merry Christmas! Enjoy the holiday with your families!!!

Tom

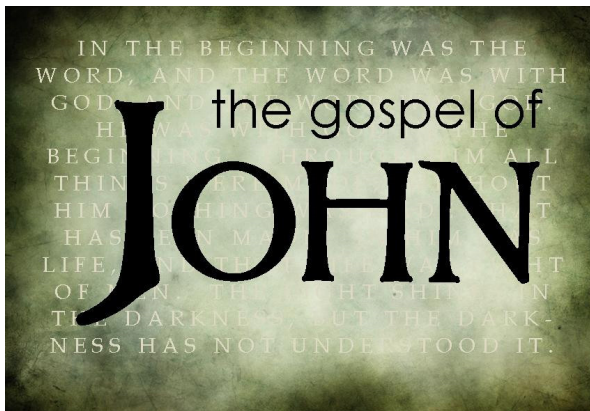
December Servant Schedule

	12/4	12/11	12/18	12/25
8:15 Door Greeters	S. Tedrow Family	Barnes Family		N/A
8:15 Nursery	Witte Family	S. Tedrow Family	Ainsley Quigley	N/A
S. S. Door Greeters	Krugh Family	P. Leatherman Family	Atkinson Family	N/A
S.S. Nursery	Eloise Griteman	Graber Family	Shadday Family	N/A
10:30 Door Greeters		P. Leatherman Family	Atkinson Family	
10:30 Nursery	Estelle Family		Barnes Family	Miller Family
Greeters Welcome Center	Young Family	K. Mohler Family	Howe Family	Martin Family

Join us each Wednesday for Pastor Brad's Bible Study from 6:30 to 7:30. We are studying Gospel of John. Bring your children to Wednesday Night Ministries and then go to the Bible Study in the library until they are finished. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Brad.



Check you mailbox for your 2017 information card for the directory. Please mark any updates and place card in the Secretary's mail box. Thanks!!!!



Prayer

♥ *Changes things*
Let us pray for you with Faith
Believing
 HE WILL LIFT YOU UP

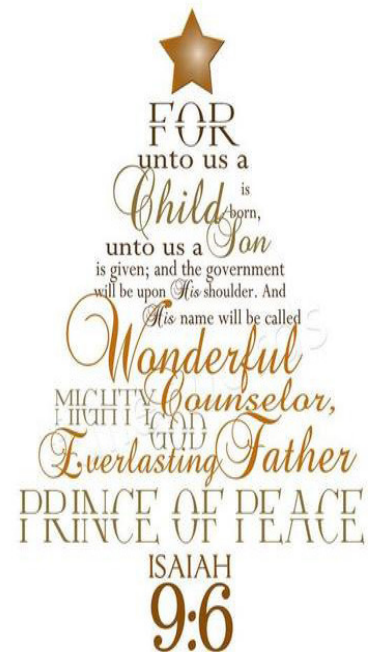
Melvin Mozingo - (Boyd Mozingo's father), radiation treatment; Tahir Masood Family; Branden Kramer - (Fetterman extended family) 4yr old, diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia; Debbye Hoffman—Recovering from back surgery; Friends and family of Arlene Griteman—Passed away November 26th. Friends and family of Nancy Detty (Sister of Carol Witte) - Passed away November 21st; Denny Upell—Liver Cancer.

Long-Term Needs: Leo "Bud" Zenz, Patsy Leatherman, 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.

- 1 - Cheryl Falor
- 2- Jordan Keller
- 4 - Kenzy Kern
- 9 - Pat Fetterman
- 11 - Brenda Saneholtz
- 12 - Scott Slee
- 13 - Steve Seagrave
- 14 - Allan Starkey
David Hartford II
Ken Silveus
Sara Atkinson
- 15 - Tom Tedrow
- 16 - Lucas Young
- 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



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





The Worship Committee has decided, due to the overwhelming response to Throw Back Sunday, that every 5th Sunday of 2017 will be a combined service with lunch to follow. More details are to come!

With the snow season just around the corner, just a reminder of Chapel's cancellation policy:

Communicating Cancellations

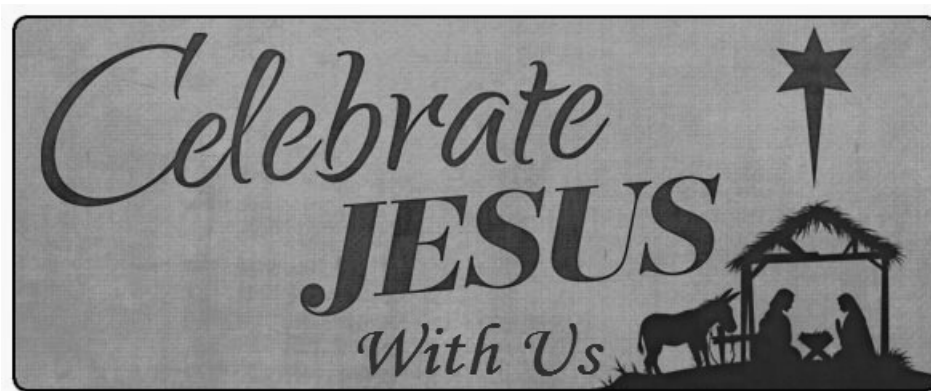
All Sunday Worship Services will be cancelled when the Henry County Sheriff declares a Level 3 Snow Emergency.

All Church meetings shall be cancelled when a Level 3 Snow Emergency. (PLEASE NOTE: If the snow emergency is lifted before the meeting time, the meeting may be held at the discretion of the committee chair.)

All Worship Service cancellations will be broadcast on WNDH 103.1 FM radio.

Call the church at 419-533-2881 and listen for recorded cancellation message.

Adopted by the Administrative Council 2/2/2015



As we look ahead to the Christmas Season, please join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

December 4th—Christmas Dinner after the 10:30 service.

December 11th—Regular service @ 8:15

Children's Christmas program at the 10:30 service.

December 18th—Regular service @ 8:15

Christmas Cantata will be during the 10:30 service.

December 24th—Christmas Eve Worship Service @ 7:00 pm

December 25th—Jesus Birthday Party at 9:00 am.

Christmas Worship at 9:30 am.

