

# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



*FROM OUR HEARTS TO YOURS*  
*THE CENTRAL STAFF!*

*PASTOR WON*



*JIM CLEMMER*

*KEN BEALS*

*JANET NUCKOLES*

*SHERRY VON OEYEN*

*DANA WADE*



Advent  
Luncheons  
Schedule

December 2

Jollivue  
551 Lee Jackson  
Highway  
GS: Bob Sharp

December 9

St. Paul  
2000 Shutterlee  
Mill Rd  
GS: John Benson

December 16

Marquis Memorial  
1611 W. Beverly St  
GS: Janet Knott



8 UMC

*Advent Luncheons*

8 United Methodist Churches in Staunton will once again gather in different churches to celebrate the Advent of baby Jesus. This year's theme is 'Giving'. God gave His only begotten son, Jesus, so we may give to others.

Noon services will be followed by a 12:30 lunch of soups and sandwiches. The offerings we collect will help toward Valley Mission's Transportation Fund.

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*What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part,  
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.*



This verse is from the Christmas song "In the Bleak Midwinter" by Christina Rossetti. It speaks of the bleakness of the place where Jesus was born. It tells us heaven could not hold Him; He was intent on coming to earth. The angels filled the sky; mother Mary worshiped her beloved. And then we're asked, "What can I give Him?"

As Jesus has come to earth with a heart full of love, so we give Him our hearts. And as we give to others, we give to Jesus.....our hearts filled with love and kindness.

On one Sunday in December during the church service, the Handbell Choir will play this song and the congregation will sing it. May the music and words help us to ponder

on how to share Jesus' birthday.

Also in December, the Children's Choir will share with us narration and songs telling the story of "The First Christmas". And we all look forward to our traditional Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve.

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,

From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-glorious King."

The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing. God bless you this Christmas,

-Sherry von Oeyen



# COMMUNICATION CENTRE

*Merry Christmas*

Nov / Dec  
2015

## Upcoming CUMC Events

**Saturday, November 28:** Christmas Trees set up at CUMC

**Sunday, November 29:** First Sunday in Advent. Children will decorate trees with Chrismons.

**Monday, November 30:** Hot chocolate and cookies provided for Christmas Parade. MOPS will supervise/charge for parking in the Willson lot.

**Saturday, December 5:** UMW will host Advent Breakfast for the District.

**Sunday, December 6:** Communion Sunday. Christmas Offering begins. Funds from the Christmas Offering will be for local mission projects.

**Tuesday, December 8:** UMW Circles Meet, 10:30 am & 6:30 pm

**Thursday, December 10:** Vashti Clemmer's 103 birthday

**Saturday, December 12:** Bell Ringing for Salvation Army

**Sunday, December 13:** UMW Cookie Walk

**Sunday, December 20:** Children's Christmas Program during Morning Worship Service

**Wednesday, December 23:** Trinity Luncheon

**Thursday, December 24:** 7 pm-Christmas Eve Service







**Finance/Treasurer:** Jim Clemmer reported that for January through October 15 there had been \$196,081.69 in income; expenses were \$203,720.17. The income for October was \$20,719.82 and expenses were \$18,234.17.

**Nurture:** Sandra Clemmer reported that care packages had been mailed to Evelyn Marshall and Zach Snyder. They will possibly do another one in February. Connie suggested to add David Granfield to the list of those to receive this. A thank you note had been received from the Hanger family for the reception held at George Hanger's memorial service. A \$75 donation was also received from the family. The girl scout troop which meets at CUMC asked to set the table for the Socialite Dinners. On Sunday, November 29 a reception will be held for the Marshall's.

**Witness:** Hot Chocolate and Cookies to be provided on November 30 at the Staunton Christmas Parade. Jim thanked the Witness Committee for their work on Homecoming and noted that it had gone extremely well. He mentioned that providing ushers with umbrellas in the parking lot on rainy Sundays has continued. Tom Davis suggested that when inclement winter weather comes it would be nice to have assistance there.

**Outreach:** Ellen DeLong reported CROP Walk participants had raised \$765.00 on October 11. Food Pantry expenses are currently exceeding contributions. A laptop for the Food Pantry was donated by Anita Jackson. The Agape children will be provided with presents from The Greenbrier again this year; this is coordinated by Ellen and Lynn Hill. The Giving Tree will be set up during Advent to decorate with cold weather items.

**United Methodist Men:** The UMM will provide a breakfast for UMW on December 5. At the most recent meeting, Jeff DeLong gave an interesting report on his Appalachian Trail hike.

**United Methodist Women:** The UMW District Breakfast will be on December 5. They will sponsor a Cookie Walk on December 13. More information is forthcoming on Kits for Conference. They plan to raise money for two scholarships to All God's Children's camp.

## District News



**Hiring a Director of Children's Ministries ~ Main Street UMC** (601 West Main Street, Waynesboro) will be hiring a part-time Director of Children's Ministries. If you or someone you know is interested, please pick up an application in the church office and return it to the church. For more information, call 540-942-1179.