

THE VINE

Together: Proclaiming Christ By Loving God and Serving God's People



The Real Blessing of Wednesday's Thanksgiving Dinner

By Claire Haun

It wasn't the sudden delightful rise in the November temperature, it wasn't the familiar smell of roasted turkey as we entered the building, it wasn't the sight of the brightly colored holiday crafts in the UMW Mini-Christmas Bazaar, it wasn't the fact we were finally getting out of the house together...!

It was the **welcoming smiles** that greeted us...the **hugs** that ensued, it was the **friends** that took the time to come to our table & sit down to talk/share with us, it was the **prayer** Pastor Lynn prayed for each of us, it was those that **selflessly prepared our meal**, it was the **feeling of family**...it was the reminder that at NLRFCMC **no one is ever alone**.

Warren Scott & Claire Haun joined the church 14 years ago when they evacuated to North Little Rock following Katrina. Warren Scott turns 93 on December 5th... he would be considered an expert on Thanksgiving dinners!



Pictures above were taken at the Workshop with Dr. Greg Jones on Nov. 9th



DRESSING CONTEST WINNER: KELLY RISNER

Master Turkey Roaster Award goes to Jay Wedaman!

FIRST KIDS



DEC 11

MEET IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
6:30 P.M.

Children and Youth
will visit homebound members
of the congregation.

Let's go caroling!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT!

Shout out to two amazing volunteers! Linda Kenner for being an amazing desk volunteer. She helped fill out and address all the holiday card envelopes. And to Ashley Davenport for helping inspire the first ever Children's Cookie Bake!

CHILDREN'S
ENRICHMENT
CENTER

CEC SPIRIT NIGHT
@ NEWKS DEC. 12TH
5PM-8PM

CEC Christmas Program
DECEMBER 17 | STARTS AT 2 P.M.
| SANCTUARY

CEC HAS OPENINGS!
CONTACT THE DIRECTOR AT 835-2903 OR
MBADDAR@NLRFUMC.ORG FOR MORE INFO!

Children's Christmas Bake Fest

Help spread some joy! We will bake cookies to deliver on our caroling night.

12.08.19 | 2PM - 4PM | SUNDAY



We are getting ready for the Advent season!! If you want to be excited about remembering Jesus' birth spend time with some of the children in our church. We will have a baking/crafting day to prepare cookies and cards for people the children and youth visit for our Caroling night. If you would like to join us for caroling, cooking, or crafting, please contact Megan or Michelle.

We are thankful for all who committed to praying for the children's ministry and serving in other ways during the year. You will be hearing from us soon if you committed to VBS because planning for Focus is underway!! Our VBS dates are June 15-19, so please keep those dates in mind when you make your summer plans. -M & M



DECEMBER CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Dec. 1

HANGING OF THE GREEN
9:00 Waypoint Worship*
10:00 Sunday School*
10:00 While We Wait (Parlor)*
11:00 Sanctuary Worship*
5:00 -7:00 Youth

MONDAY, Dec. 2

5:30 - 6:30 TOPS Weight Loss Class
6:00 - 8:00 Beta Sigma Phi Meeting
7:00 - 9:00 Scouts

TUESDAY, Dec. 3

6:30 -7:30 Tuesday Bible Study
12:00 - Craft Group Christmas Potluck
5:00 - 6:00 Body & Soul Fitness

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 4

9:30 - 12:30 Quilters
5:00 - 6:00 Youth Tutoring
5:00 - 6:30 Meals on Wheels Fundraiser
(LAST DINNER UNTIL JAN. 8TH)
5:00 - 6:15 JuBELLation Ringers*
6:15 Holy Communion
6:30 - 8:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal*
6:30 -7:30 Wednesday Night Classes*

THURSDAY, Dec. 5

5:00 - 6:00 Body & Soul Fitness
6:00 - 7:00 PTO
7:00 - 8:30 Faith Ringers Rehearsal*

FRIDAY, Dec. 6 & SATURDAY, Dec. 7

No activities scheduled

SUNDAY, Dec. 8

9:00 Waypoint Worship*
10:00 Sunday School *
10:00 While We Wait (Parlor)
11:00 Sanctuary Worship*
12:00 - 1:30 UMW Unit Meeting
(Faith Sisters & Morton Wayland Hosting)
2:00 - 4:00 Children's Bake Fest
5:00 - 7:00 Youth

MONDAY, Dec 9

5:00 - 6:30 Tops Weight Loss
7:00 -9:00 Scouts

TUESDAY, Dec. 10

6:30 -7:30 Tuesday Morning Bible Study
11:00 -1:00 Pastoral Care Meeting (Library)
5:00 -6:00 Body and Soul Fitness

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 11

9:30 -12:30 Quilters
5:00 -6:15 JuBELLation Ringers (Sanctuary)*
6:00 - 8:00 Caroling with Youth & Children
6:30 -8:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal*
6:30 - 7:45 Disciple I, and III

THURSDAY, Dec. 12

5:00 -6:00 Body and Soul Fitness
7:00 -8:30 Faith Ringers Rehearsal*

FRIDAY, Dec. 13, SATURDAY, Dec. 14

No activities scheduled

SUNDAY, Dec. 15

9:00 Waypoint Worship*
10:00 Sunday School*
10:00 While We Wait*
11:00 Sanctuary Worship*
2:00 -3:00 Finance Meeting (Parlor)
4:00 -5:00 Missions Team Meeting
4:00 BOS/Charge Conference Meeting (Chapel)
5:00 -7:00 Youth

MONDAY, Dec. 16

10:00 -11:00 Jo Cruse Circle (Parlor)
1:30 -3:00 Nell Dyer Circle (Parlor)
6:00 -7:00 Tops Weight Loss
7:00 -9:00 Scouts

TUESDAY, Dec. 17

6:30 - 7:30 Tuesday Morning Bible Study
2:00 -3:30 CEC Christmas Program
5:00 -6:00 Body and Soul Fitness
5:30 -6:30 UMW Leadership Meeting

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 18

9:30 -12:30 Quilters
5:00 -6:15 JuBELLation Ringers*
6:00 -7:00 Service of Light and Hope
7:00 -8:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal*

THURSDAY, Dec. 19

5:00 -6:00 Body and Soul Fitness
7:00 -8:30 Faith Ringers Rehearsal*

FRIDAY, Dec. 20

7:30 -9:30 Hendrix Choir Candlelight Concert

SATURDAY, Dec. 21

No Activities Scheduled

SUNDAY, Dec. 22

9:00 Waypoint Worship*
10:00 Sunday School*
10:00 While We Wait*
11:00 Sanctuary Worship—Cantata*
5:00 -7:00 Youth

MONDAY, Dec. 23

4:00 -7:00 Broadway Bridge—Off Campus
5:30 -6:30 Tops Weight Loss
7:00 -9:00 Scouts

TUESDAY, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve
All Day—CEC closed
2:00 Christmas Eve Service, Chapel
5:00 Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary
10:30 Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 25

Christmas Day
CEC & Church Closed

THURSDAY, Dec. 26 — SATURDAY, Dec. 28

No activities scheduled

SUNDAY, Dec. 29

9:00 Waypoint Worship*
10:00 Sunday School*
11:00 Sanctuary Worship*
5:00 -7:00 Youth

MONDAY, Dec. 30

5:30 -6:30 Tops Weight Loss
7:00 -9:00 Scouts

TUESDAY, Dec. 31

New Years Eve
4:00 -7:00 Broadway Bridge (Off Campus)

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 1

New Years Day
Church & CEC Closed

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

ADVENT CONSPIRACY: "GIVE YOUR PRESENCE ...CE NOT TS"

Many church members have attended the Advent Conspiracy class led by Pastor Annie and Jo Roberts. All have enjoyed it and many have a new thought or perspective on what they are giving for Christmas this year.

It appeared that several had already planned on changing their giving even before the book, *Advent Conspiracy* was introduced, but more in the class are thinking seriously about how they might be "making Christmas more meaningful (again)."

One of the stories that really touched one of the attendees was the story of a grandmother who was going to be unable to be with her family at Christmas. Her granddaughters came up with the idea of filling a mason jar with memories they had written on 52 little strips of paper. The grandma was to take one out randomly each week, on the same day of the week. Several of us teared up at the thought of the grandmother doing this and we all understood when she said it was her favorite day of the week.

Not only was it a special time for grandma, but a "time of worship too. God was making this connection between generations vibrant, with a mason jar full of construction paper. With this gift, a distance between loved ones was, in some ways, closed."

As we come to this Advent season let us each remember that like Jesus, who gave His all, we should take the time to give someone the gift that matters most, your "presence" and not your "presents".

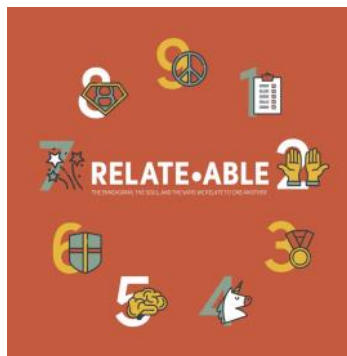
I'm wondering how many will take the time and the effort to make someone "special" to them a mason jar filled with little memories?

How many of you will reach out to a family that is unable to give their children anything because they're struggling to even feed them or provide a warm place for them to live in this Advent season? Reach out anonymously and let them see that you are a child of God and celebrate Christmas by serving others as God would do.



DEC. 1-22
WHILE WE WAIT
Living the Questions of Advent

10am-11am
Meets in the Parlor
Led by Elizabeth Mayfield-Hart



We have two new classes starting in January 2020! **Rev. Mary J. Cole** will help you get to know yourself and others a little better by learning what enneagram type best fits you! The other class will be about C.S. Lewis' famous Christian writings led by **Linda Swayne**.

JUSTIN SWINFORD, ONE OF THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS LEADERS GAVE US A LOOK INTO WHAT THE CLASS "RECLAIMING THE WESLEYAN TRADITION" LEARNED ABOUT THE PAST 12 WEEKS!

We had a great 12 week study on John Wesley sermons. The study was based on a study guide called *Reclaiming the Wesleyan Tradition* where each week we would study a famous John Wesley sermon and apply it to our understanding of scripture and the doctrine that define us as Methodists. Through the process we all gained a better understanding of John Wesley historically and theologically. Many of the tenants that define Methodism were outlined in these sermons, which provided great discussions about spirituality, faith and what it means to be Methodist. The class was taught by Scott Hairston and Justin Swinford.

MUSIC MINISTRY



The Rainbow Ringers are back! These young people rang and chimed "Jacob's Ladder" for us in worship. If you are in grades 3 through 8 and would like to ring, please contact John Knorr.

MUSIC UPDATE JOHN KNORR

December is a beautiful month full of beautiful music. On the evening of Friday, December 20, **Hendrix College** will be presenting their Candlelight Carol Service at 7:30 in our sanctuary. We are **one of only two churches to host their tour this year**. On the morning of Sunday, December 22, our own Chancel Choir will be presenting this year's Cantata, "Joy Has Dawned" at the 11:00 am worship service. It is our hope that you will be blessed by all you see, hear and experience this month at NLRFUMC.



CHOIR SPOTLIGHT: REV. MARY HOEY

Q: How long have you participated in the music ministries various choirs?

A: I have been a member of the Chancel Choir for 18 years; a member of the handbell choir for 15 years and a member of the JuBELLation Ringers Quartet for 3 years.

Q: What does a typical Wednesday look like for you?

A: On a typical Wednesday evening, I arrive at church by 4:30 to set up handbells for the Quartet rehearsal, make sure my granddaughter Laila is ready to practice handbells with the children at 6:00 and after eating supper, I report to choir practice at 6:30.

Q: what hymn is your favorite to sing or play?

A: My favorite song is "How Beautiful" that the Quartet played on a bell tree for Kurt Kennedy's farewell celebration. It was difficult and a unique and beautiful experience!

Q: What's a tip you can give your fellow members this Holiday season.?

A: During this Holiday season, members of all our choirs need to remember the reason we practice so hard to perform beautiful Christmas music - because we are so blessed by our Lord, born in a manger, that we have the privilege of being a blessing to others through our music.

MISSION



BROADWAY BRIDGE CLOTHING DRIVE

HATS & SOCKS & GLOVES & BLANKETS

DEC. 1st-DEC. 15th

THERE WILL BE A MISSION TEAM MEETING ON DEC. 15TH.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!



DECEMBER 8	Kevin Newsom	Waypoint Parking Door
	Amy Newsom	Waypoint Hallway Door
	Angie Curran	Welcome Desk Door
	Roz Newton	Sunday School Door
DECEMBER 15	Bill Richter	Waypoint Parking Door
	Margaret Richter	Waypoint Hallway Door
	Ed Leopard	Welcome Desk Door
	Roz Newton	Sunday School Door
DECEMBER 22	Randy Hutchinson	Waypoint Parking Door
	Connie Hutchinson	Waypoint Hallway Door
	Bill Frye	Welcome Desk Door
	Roz Newton	Sunday School Door
DECEMBER 24	Sue White	
Christmas Eve	Roz Newton	
5 pm service	Kevin Newsom	
	Amy Newsom	
	Jacob Newsom	
	Caleb Newsom	
DECEMBER 29	Bob Poland	Waypoint Parking Door
	Robin Poland	Waypoint Hallway Door
	Kenison Holmes	Welcome Desk Door
	Chris Bradley	Sunday School Door

WAYPOINT SERVERS, USHERS, & GREETERS!

YOUTH



It is truly a gift to work with this growing youth group! We had our annual fall retreat Nov. 22 – Nov. 23rd where we decorated the youth pod, decorated cookies(girls only), had a few wrestling matches(boys only) and volunteered at the Arkansas Food bank at their annual event, "Ingathering". – Mackenzie Turner



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NLRFUMC CHRISTMAS EVENTS

- Dec. 11: First Kids & Youth Caroling, 6pm
- Dec. 17: CEC Christmas Program, 2pm - Sanctuary
- Dec. 18: Service of Light & Hope, 6pm - Chapel
- Dec. 20: Hendrix Choir Candlelight Concert, 7:30pm - Sanctuary
- Dec. 22: Cantata, 11am - Sanctuary
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Services
2pm - Chapel, 5pm - Sanctuary (Contemporary),
10:30pm - Sanctuary (Traditional)

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

LET EVERY HEART
PREPARE HIM ROOM

DECEMBER

Prayer

AS WE ENTER THIS GLORIOUS SEASON
OF ADVENT, MAY WE PRAY DAILY
TO OPEN OUR HEARTS TO RECEIVE ANEW THE BLESSED
CHRIST-CHILD...
TO BE RESPONSIVE TO NEEDS AROUND US...
TO GLORIFY AND PRAISE GOD IN ALL THE ACTIVITIES OF
THE SEASON.

-PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Social Butterfly of the Month:

TJ Fox

THIS PAST MONTH WE HAD A THANKFULNESS
CHALLENGE ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA. TJ FOX HAS
COMMENTED AND LIKED THESE PICTURES THE
MOST! WAY TO GO TJ!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR
BEING A SOCIAL {MEDIA} BUTTERFLY?
START LIKING, COMMENTING, AND SHARING
NLRFUMC'S POSTS!

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