



ST. ANDREW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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CHRISTMAS AT ST. ANDREW'S UMC

WITH CANDLELIGHT
PROCESSION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

BRASS CHOIR 5:30 P.M.

CHANCEL CHOIR
CHANCEL BELL CHOIR
MUSIC SPECIALS
AND
CHILDREN AND YOUTH
6 P.M.

Refreshment and a Visit from Santa will follow
program in the Church Fellowship Hall

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord:

Jesus, the Light of the World, as found in John 1
from our Advent readings this past Sunday.

Christmas time always brings lots of photographs. There are pictures of the children opening the packages, pictures of family and friends at office parties, and family reunions. We love pictures, and Christmas affords us the opportunity to take lots of them. Some of them are good, some of them are bad, but we love them all.

What makes the difference in a good or a bad picture? Well, obviously the subject matter determines whether the photograph will be good or not. Then, the angles matter. I love to take pictures, but often have difficulty centering the subject in the photo. I like to cut their heads off, or only get half of one person in the shot. I don't know why, but that's just the way I take pictures. Other times, though, I can get the angle just right and the photo is wonderful, so angles do matter. Though angles and subjects do matter in the photo, they are not of supreme importance. For every photo there is one thing that must be right for the photo to be right—the light. You can't take a good photo if the light isn't right.

The magic of photography lies in the light. Light can do more than make an image on film; it can emphasize, subdue or alter moods. It can help you say many things about your subject. Yes, light makes all the difference in the world. It is light that makes the image on the film. Without light there would be no image. All a person would see is darkness.

This life, too, can seem so dark at times. We see a world surrounded by the darkness of war and poverty, the darkness of death and disease, the darkness of sin and brokenness, the darkness of abuse and violence. Yet, amidst this darkness we catch glimpses of light, and the glimpses of that light

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cast out the darkness of our lives if only momentarily. Like the flash of a camera that sheds just enough light to cast an image on film, so amid the darkness of our world we catch just enough of the light God has sent to drive out the darkness of an evil world.

John's gospel tells us that the light, the true light, has come into the world. That true light is Jesus, and he is shining his light in the darkness. Christmas is the reminder that the light of Christ has come into the world. We light the center candle of the advent wreath, the Christ candle, to remind us that the light is shining. And the light shines for us, for you. He is desiring to shine in the darkness of your brokenness to show the way to his blessedness. He is shining to lead us in the way of peace, hope and love. He is shining to destroy the negative.

There is another thing about light and photography. Not only does light cast the good image upon the darkness, but light can also destroy the negative. Now we know that the negative from the film is what carries the image. That film is taken into the dark-room and is developed in darkness. When I was in college I worked for the photography teacher. He had a darkroom on campus. Occasionally we would hear him yell, "Who turned on the light." Sometimes a student would mistakenly walk by the darkroom and flip the switch. A roll of film ruined. The light destroyed the negative.

The light of Jesus will invade the darkness of your life and mine if we allow him, and he will destroy the negative—the negative of sin and brokenness, of abuse and failure, of fear and hopelessness. But he will replace the negative with the positive light of his love that lifts us, and fulfills us, and completes us.

Jesus is the light, and he is shining in the darkness, dispelling the darkness and driving out the negative. Catch a glimpse of his light this Advent season!

—Pastor Darlene



PRAYER NEEDS*

***Updated Health Issues**

Bart Barnard, Bill and Lorraine Bay, Richard Bell, **Dr. Elmer Blum**, Jane Broadwater, Steve & Carol Brown, Chaplain Jim & Margaret Carter, Marlene "Molly" Chapman, Amy Clark, Beverly Clark, Tommy Clark, Marge Cope, Douglas Crocker, Bob & Paula Cunningham, Matt De Clue, Mary Drake, Carol Easter, Renee Evans, Mike Farris, Brian Fauth, **Bob Filkins, Bobby Fisher**, Rhonda Gallion, Rachel Gibbs, Norma Guillory, Betty Greenlee, Joe Greenstreet, Barbara Hanna, Jeremy Haegele, Zachary Handy, Merrilee Harris, Rich Hessler, Geral Hill, Sarah House, Doris & Herbert Hubbard, Marvin & Judy Hunter, Linda Hurd, Mary Jinkerson, Geraldine Johnson, Mike Klaus, Dixie Klein, Mike Klomfas, **Bob & Pat Lewis**,

Macunhe UMC, Irmalee Mahn, Gene Martin, Keith Mason, Tiny Medcalf, Patty Melton, **Rev. Linda Murry**, Louise Myers, Bob Miller, Betty Mueller, Barbara Myers, Thomas Estus Nicholas, David Nuckols, Matt Owens, Brian Parmeley, Stacia Parmeley, Jack Perdue, Amy Pressey, Cole Propst, Tom Pruitte, Glenn Randall, Zach Rasse, Betty Ray, Dennis Reynolds, Marie Rhodes, Shelley Robinson, Tommy Scharfenberger, Michelle Schott, Laura Schweitzer, Matthew Scott, Patsy Shy, Jim Smith, Lucas Smith, **Laura Souders**, Mari Anne Sutton, **Martin Thomas, Georgetta Thompson**, Eric Thuer, Nancy Stichling Thuer, Vinney Timmerman, , Maureen Touchstone, Linda Twomey, Margie Walker, **Mary Ward**, Kirk Weber, Megan Wheeler, Mary Lou Whittemore, Addie Wiggins, Norma Wiley, Boytt & Marian Willis, June Wilson, **Chuck Wintermute**, Mary Winterton, Carolyn Wolfe, Chuck Zimmermann, Mary Zimmermann, unspoken requests.

Our service personnel: Paul Case, Caleb Huskey, Nick Mahn, Michael & Sherri Monroe, JP Parkin & family, Keith Wakeland, Chris Weaton

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

Births: *Ellen Andromada "Ellie" Byrde* was born on December 12, 2014, to **Matt & Liz Byrde**. Proud grandparents are **Margie & Doug Urban**. Great-grandparents are **Charles & Norma Hoelzel**.

Roberta Rose "Rosie" Kim was born on September 2, 2014, to **Ted & Ivy Kim**. Proud grandparents are **Chuck & Kate Bigelow**.



Donations were 149 items. Contributions to De Soto Ministerial Alliance, \$100, Monies to Food Pantry \$300 and Contact \$300.

Thank you for the cans of frosting and the bags of sugar for the Christmas baskets.
—Phyllis and Bobby Fisher



Our next session will be on January 6. If you have read our monthly notices, you have observed that we have been studying in the Book of Luke. We are currently on chapter 24. We are meeting most Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. We have hour sessions. Come join us for a time of discussion and learning from God's word.



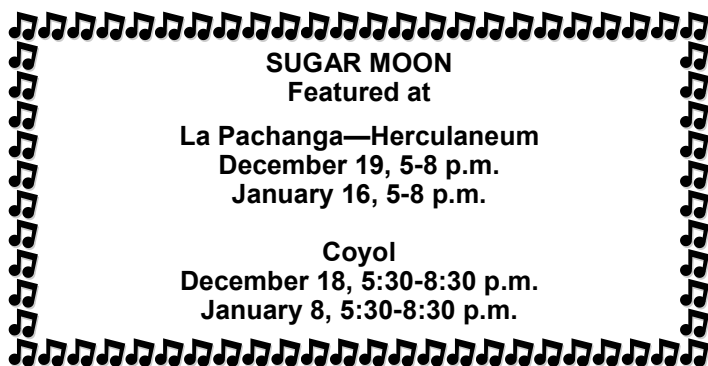
A big Thank You to all who were instrumental in getting a new computer for the Church Office. Marietta is learning how to manipulate the new software and the large screen.

SARAH DOREMUS NEWS:

Thanks to all who donated, bid, and bought in support of our November Silent Auction. We are so pleased to report a profit of \$1,500 and are excited that this will result in many pleasing smiles for those who will benefit from this throughout Christmas and 2015.

Merry Christmas and Thank you!
Judy Propst and Jan Stichling

This past Sunday we voted to give to the following: Hoina, De Soto Ministerial Alliance, Contact, Food Pantry, Pony Bird, Epworth, Kingdom House, UMCOR, Safe Place, Mozambique, Russian Initiative (Tyumen, Russia), and MO Annual Conference Apportionments.



SUGAR MOON
Featured at

La Pachanga—Herculaneum
December 19, 5-8 p.m.
January 16, 5-8 p.m.

Coyol
December 18, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
January 8, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

COOKIES, BROWNIES, FINGER FOODS, ETC. WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP TIME ON SUNDAY EVENING DEC. 21. PLEASE BRING THEM AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE SUNDAY EVENING OR BETTER YET, HAVE THEM HERE SUNDAY MORNING. PLEASE LABEL THEM FOR THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.



**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES
SERVING GOD**

Liturgists:

Dec. 21 Edgar Huffman
 Dec. 28 Stoke Wischmeier
 Jan. 4 Joe Wilson
 Jan. 11 Marsha Foster
 Jan. 18 Marsha Greenstreet

SERVING OTHERS

Fellowship Hosts/Hostesses:

Dec. 21 Mike and Kim Kingsland
 Dec. 28 Bobby and Phyllis Fisher
 Jan. 4 Mike and Terry Neckermann
 Jan. 11 Jack and Anita Robinson
 Jan. 18 (Fellowship Dinner)

Communion Steward:

Jan. 4 Lee Mahn

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offerings and Worship Attendance

Nov. 23	General Fund	1523.31	105
	Designated	115.00	
Nov. 30	General Fund	1909.00	83
	Designated	1085.00	
Dec. 7	General Fund	2167.00	79
	Designated	197.02	
Dec. 14	General Fund	1970.01	89
	Designated	798.10	



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Angie Keys**



ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC., continued

Great Basketball teams are emerging at De Soto, Grandview, and Kingston. Try to get out to watch our teams. Schedules are available. We have many of our youth playing: Grant Fauth, Kelsey Kingsland, Krista Richardson, Terri Deaton, Karleigh Faust, Meagan Faust.

Special Recognition: Julia Weber was one of four chosen from Central Methodist University, Fayette, as Intercollegiate Scholar Athlete. Parents are **Bill and Mary Jeanne Weber**. Grandmother is **Merlin Weber**.

Graduations: Samantha Greenstreet, daughter of **Jeff & Audrey Greenstreet** and granddaughter of **Jerry & Marsha Greenstreet** and **Kirstin Wintermute**, daughter of **Chuck & Susan Wintermute** and granddaughter of **Maxine & Marvin Jinkerson** are both graduating from the University of Missouri, Columbia, on Saturday, December 20.



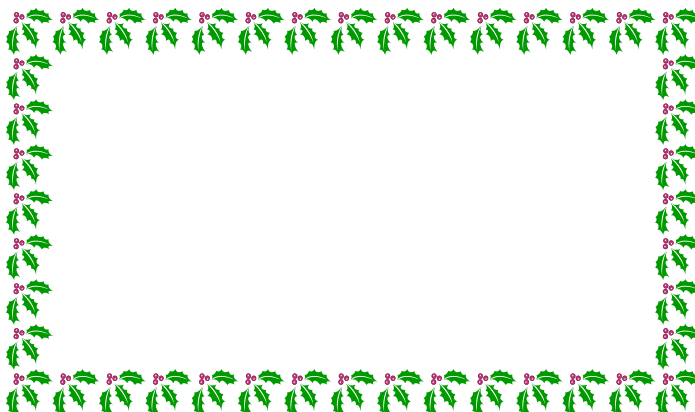
Dear Church Family:

I owe Pastor Darlene an apology. The month of October was Pastor Appreciation Month; and I failed to inform you, the congregation. Typically we honor the pastor for her dedication to our church during October with love offerings, special deeds, etc. It is never too late to show our appreciation. Let's include our Pastor's Appreciation with our Christmas celebration. Present Pastor Darlene with a special gift, a lunch or dinner at one of her favorite restaurants or a prayer. We are very thankful to have Pastor Darlene leading our church and worship services. Please take this opportunity to express your appreciation. Thank you. —Marsha Greenstreet, Lay Leader

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:30 am</i> <i>Children/Youth Sunday School 10:30 am</i> <i>Tuesday Bible Study 1:30 pm</i>				1	2	3
4 <i>Holy Communion</i> <i>Epiphany Open House @ Payne's, 2-6 pm</i> Stoke Wischmeier (b)	5 <i>Yoga 10 am</i>	6 <i>Rotary 12 pm</i> Doug Weber (b) Ray & Betty Greenlee (a)	7 <i>Chancel Choir 7</i> Bob Dillingham (b) Christian Graves (b)	8 <i>Hardee's Bible Study 7:30 am</i> Tom Stichling (b)	9	10
11	12 <i>Ad Board Mtg 6:30 pm</i> <i>Yoga 10 am</i>	13 <i>Rotary 12 pm</i>	14 <i>Chancel Choir 7</i> Jamie Doyle (b)	15	16	17 Tia Smith (b)
18 <i>Fellowship Dinner</i>	19 <i>Yoga 10 am</i> Mark Mahn (b)	20 <i>Rotary 12 pm</i> Dean Burgess (b) Dana Robinson (b) Xanthus Watkins (b)	21 <i>Chancel Choir 7</i> Sydney Jonas (b)	22	23 <i>Hardee's Bible Study 7:30 am</i>	24
25	26 <i>Yoga 10 am</i> Liza Agers (b)	27 <i>Rotary 12 pm</i> Karen Huffman (b)	28 <i>Chancel Choir 7</i>	29	30	31

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Pastor Darlene and Padre want to invite you to join them for an *Open House* celebration of Epiphany on Sunday, January 4, 2015 between the hours of 2 and 6 p.m. Come, visit, have a snack or two and stay as long as you want. We look forward to seeing all of you.



EPIPHANY