

# Newsletter

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church



December 2024

## From the Pastor:

"Christmas is coming! The goose is getting fat! Please put a penny in the old man's hat!"

I learned that anticipatory song many years ago as an English schoolboy. I've no idea whether or not it's known here in the States but it often comes unbidden to my mind around this time of year. Strictly speaking, as the Church, we have the whole season of Advent to go before we get to Christmas but that should enhance our anticipation rather than detract from it.

Last year during Advent, I went "off lectionary" to give you all my favorite Advent series of sermons, focusing on bits of the Christmas story that are either not in the Lectionary or have been overshadowed by legends that have grown up around Christmas in EuroAmerican tradition.

This Advent, I'm going to "play it straight," with sermons from the Lectionary. Utilizing the traditional Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, we'll look at what the Scriptures have to say about "both" Advents of the Christ: passages in the Old Testament looking forward to the coming of the Messiah and passages in the New Testament looking forward to his coming again.

Advent will culminate in our traditional Service of Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve at 7p.m.

And, due to the shifting of the calendar, we'll get to celebrate TWO Sundays in Christmastide this year, so there will be plenty of carol singing on December 29 and January 5!

I'm planning something new for my preaching in January (and perhaps beyond) with a new series asking, "Why do we do THAT?" My own status as a Methodist "rookie" combined with great discussions in our Confirmation class and some of my own reading has prompted a deep dive into elements of our traditional worship. I'll start with a look at the Lord's Prayer, then move to the Apostle's Creed, Communion, and perhaps others of our liturgical traditions. I'm really looking forward to the journey!

*Pastor Chris*

**Merry Christmas From all of us at St. Andrew's UMC**

## Fellowship Hosts Needed!

Please sign up now!

*(There is no potluck this month)*

# Thank you!

With your help, we collected \$1230 in donations for the NOMADS Mission



Mosher Bay dates for December: All times are 6 to 8

12/08/24  
12/12/24  
12/18/24  
12/27/24

LA PACHANGA  
COYOL  
EL LOBO ROJO  
LA PACHANGA

BONNE TERRE  
DE SOTO  
DE SOTO  
HERCULANEUM

## Coat Drive

We will be collecting gently used Men's, Women's and Children's coats for those in need. Please consider donating! There will be a section of the coat rack designated "Donations"

*These donations will go to the Twin City Optimist Club for distribution.*

## Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24th 7pm

### Music Notes

The Choir will sing the first and 2nd Sundays of Advent then will go quiet while Nancy will be recuperating from her surgery. We will be back the end of January. Please keep Nancy in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

Larry Bay

## Missions

Thank you for all the donations to our Foster Children's Christmas Party! Your donations will help make the holidays a little brighter and make them feel special. For December we will have our mitten tree up. When you decorate the tree with socks, caps, gloves, scarves and socks, it will help our kids stay warm this winter.

*Please add quarter length socks to the list of items needed for the mitten tree. Donations will go to Vineland and Athena Schools.*

### "Thank you"

from all the organizations, the people and the children you have blessed this past year

Francis Deaton

### TRUSTEES REPORT

We have completed the updating of the parsonage with exception of cosmetic work on the fireplace chimney. It has been a long process but with the help of several individuals, we are done for now.

As you are aware the NOMADS did a tremendous job removing the rust, reglazing several windows, and painting all 159 windows on the Education wing, the kitchen, and Fellowship Hall. They repaired and painted the outside door to the chapel as well as the outside door to the office on the west side of our church building. The outside entry doors from the parking lot were painted also. If you approach the church from Rock Road, you will have noted the improvement of the sign indicating that parking is available in the back.

Monies earmarked for the improvement of repair projects are always welcome.

Marietta J Martin De Soto, MO

### Night to Shine 2025

**When:** February 7, 2025

**Where:** Vineland Elementary School

650 Vineland School Rd, DeSoto MO

Volunteers Needed!

Online Registration is available here:



# December 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am	Yoga 10am	Rotary 12pm Bible Study 1:30pm Alex Hunt (b)		Gabby Beckley (b)		
8 Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am	Yoga 10am	10 Rotary 12pm Bible Study 1:30pm Grant Fauth (b)	11	12 Terry Neckermann (b)	13	14 Mike Neckermann (b)
15 Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am	16 Yoga 10am Jack & Anita Robinson (a)	17 Rotary 12pm Bible Study 1:30pm	18	19	20 Garrett West (b)	21 First Day of Winter Josie Guertzgen (b)
22 Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am	23 Marshall Bedell (b)	24 Christmas Eve Service 7pm	25 Christmas Day 	26 Paul & Becky Bradford (a) Kelsey Kingsland (b)	27	28 Dennis & Judy Doyle (a)
29 Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am Krista Adams (b)	30	31 New Years Eve Miloud Atchi (b)				

### Food Pantry

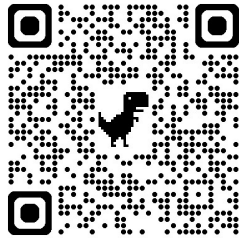
We collected 64 bags of flavored chips.  
in November. Thank you to everyone who  
donated!

**December we will be collecting**

**Cans of Green Beans.**



*Online giving now available*



# Merry Christmas



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Dana Robinson is in the Office  
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Pastor Chris is in the office  
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to write, so please only contact him for  
emergencies on Fridays.

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