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## CRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

Come join us on  
Friday, December 24th!  
Candlelight worship at:  
4pm (Interactive  
Service), 8 pm and 10 pm  
Plus, an online worship  
video option.



## PASTORS' MESSAGE

# Looking Forward To Something New!



As much as we all tend to like things to stay the same, that's not the way of this world that God has created. The world itself is changing as the winds blow and the rain falls. We change constantly throughout our life as we grow. Our faith changes as we encounter new challenges in our lives, and even Christ's Church changes over time.

All of that is to say that this will be our last edition of a monthly newsletter. We have been publishing The Carillon for decades. Some years ago, we added the Weekly Word as an electronic publication.

During the pandemic we added the Daily Devotions. And recently we released our new website ([bakermemorialchurch.org](http://bakermemorialchurch.org)) which is full of easily accessible information. It's time to reshape these faith formation and communications instruments into something a little more efficient, and hopefully even more effective for you.

This issue of the December Carillon will be our last monthly newsletter. The Weekly Word will continue, but watch for it to take on a new look in January. Our intent is to make every edition a "must-read" and an "easy read" by reducing repetition and adding short ministry update articles. Daily Devotions will continue in their current format and time and the website is available every day, 24 hours a day.

If you are already signed up to receive The Carillon on-line, you will continue to receive the Weekly Word as it changes. If you would like to sign up for either the Weekly Word or the Daily Devotionals, you can do that from the website home page ([bakermemorialchurch.org](http://bakermemorialchurch.org)), just click on the box marked "sign-up."

We look forward to something new, please let us know what would be most helpful to you!

Peace in Christ  
Pastor Mary and Pastor Kim

## PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

### ► All Church Meeting

On **Thursday, December 2**, please plan to attend an important meeting to discuss significant challenges with our 2022 budget. There are two meeting time options:

- **6:30 pm** via Zoom, go to <https://tinyurl.com/BakerMeetings>
- **7:30 pm** in-person in Wiley Hall

### ► Annual Charge Conference

**Monday, December 13** at 7 pm in the Sanctuary

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# Time for Advent

*In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,*

*“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”  
When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. —Luke 2:8-20*

**W**e have entered the time of Advent which begins four Sundays prior to Christmas. In Latin, Advent means “coming.” For Christians, it is a time of waiting or preparing for the coming of Christ by having a time of rest, slowing down and anticipation. We have the anticipation of celebrating the birth of the Christ child who has come to reconnect us with our God and guide us to a way of faith that is eternal. Yet, in our culture, we tend to be pulled in so many directions and we become even more busy with shopping, decorating, cooking, and the overall hustle and bustle of Christmas.

How do we refocus our attention on the true meaning of Christmas in such a busy world? This is a time to be intentional in our faith walk. In reading the book *Faithful Families: 100 Ways to Make the Season Sacred*, there were some wonderful ideas that you might consider. Maybe you have time at dinner where you sit together with others, light a candle, and share where you saw God at work. Another idea could be that you wake up a few minutes early so that you can read the Daily Devotional that so many authors of



Baker Memorial wrote this Advent season. Is there a spot in your home that you make a sacred space where you sit in silence or meditate on a specific scripture each day? Maybe you create a “Not to do list” this year and take some things off your list to not overschedule. Yet, another idea is to take time to think about others and create a daily act of kindness calendar where you do something nice for someone else. Lastly, share the Christmas story and discuss it.

At Baker Memorial, we believe that community and growing together is an integral part of our faith walk. Therefore, we have made sacred space for you to be in community during Advent. On Tuesday evenings, beginning November 30, Pastor Mary will be leading an Advent Study by Zoom. Register [tinyurl.com/AlltheGoodAdventStudy](https://tinyurl.com/AlltheGoodAdventStudy). On Sunday mornings, Pastor Mary will be leading the same Advent study at 10:30 **Recharge**. BakerYouth will focus on Advent with their Countdown to Christmas curriculum during 10:30 **Recharge** as well as BakerKids having their space at the same time. We encourage all ages to take time to be in community and learn.

As you pause to think about the birth of Jesus, may you focus on the joy, hope, peace, and love that the Christ child brings and how we can incorporate that into our daily living out in the world.

Happy Advent,  
Pastor Kim and Pastor Mary

## Community Prayer Tree & Electric Christmas Parade



The Tarmichael family, the winners of the Trunk or Treat drawing for a table and snacks at the Homecoming parade

A big thank you to everyone who came out to share their music talents, help provide outreach by handing out reflector lights, or just enjoyed a fun evening kicking off Advent.



## BakerYouth 4th Sunday Event

BakerYouth had all sorts of turkey fun at their 4th Sunday Event. Check out what's happening in December on page 5.



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# Children & Family Ministry

FOCUS: PREPARE TO WONDER

FAITH WORD: ADVENT

► **Family Bible Verse:** *Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord.* —Luke 2:11, Deep Blue Kids Bible CEB

**A**dvent Season is upon us. Did you know Advent is the time we wait and prepare for the birth of Jesus? Are you the one who patiently waits, or eagerly counts down the days until Christmas? Waiting is hard and doesn't come easy for most of us. It's especially challenging for children eagerly waiting to open their Christmas gifts. As an adult, waiting does not get any easier. How do you equip yourself for the challenges of the waiting processes? Do you lean on God? Trust God and His timing? Do you pray?

Our Children's **Recharge** will be learning about Advent this month. They will experience wonder during this Advent season through spiritual practices, discovery, biblical exploration, games, and faith conversation. Part of learning about Advent is spiritual preparation using readings and lighting the candles. Do you light Advent candles in your house? Do you discuss Christ's hope, peace, joy, and love?

This year, we are creating a family Advent activity to help prepare your family to wonder in your home. Remember to ask God to join you and hear you. Then thank God for being present and hearing your prayers. Celebrate joyfully as you lift up others around you.

As you light the candles, you are learning to take the time to prepare your hearts with joy, love, and peace. Through this you are learning to be patient with family, yourself, and others. Enjoy your family, sit silently in prayer, and reflect God's light to others through giving and sharing. Remember, Jesus was born to be peace to the world.

Try this scripture activity with your family during the week of Christmas.

**Day 1** | Read Luke 2:1

**Day 5** | Read Luke 2:1-5

**Day 2** | Read Luke 2:1-2

**Day 6** | Read Luke 2:1-6

**Day 3** | Read Luke 2:1-3

**Day 7** | Read Luke 2:1-7

**Day 4** | Read Luke 2:1-4

*Merry Christmas!*

Check out the extra resources for your family on the table outside the Children's Center. Take extras for your friends and family. It is important to share the story of Jesus' birth with others because it is a reminder that God is with us.



As we have many festive choices, family traditions, and activities to take part in this Christmas season, please take time to join your church family as well. See the list below for a few of my favorite activities for you to consider adding to your calendar. I hope to see you at one of them!

## DECEMBER DATES

- **Saturday, December 4** | Breakfast with Santa | 9 am
- **Sunday, December 5, 12, & 19** | 10:30 am | Children's Recharge | Winter Unit 1: Advent
- **Sunday, December 12** | Heaven and Nature Sing: An Interactive Nativity Experience for all ages from 2-4 pm
- **Friday, December 24** | Christmas Eve Candlelight Services | 4 pm interactive service—plus 8 & 10 pm
- **Sunday, December 26 & January 2** | No Children's Recharge for Christmas break
- **Wednesday, January 5** | Food, Faith, and Fun | 5:30 pm

## CHILDREN'S RECHARGE

Please consider sharing what you've learned over the years as a Christian by teaching or helping as a shepherd with our children's ministry. Click on the link to see what lessons you'd like to help us from Celebrate Wonder Scope and Sequence at <https://tinyurl.com/Bakerkidsrecharge>.

## THANK YOU TEACHERS/SHEPHERDS

Gina Armstrong, Renee Whittenhall, Beth Bayless, Mandy Hale, Pete Holmes, Kim & Carl Masters, Catherine Rosenquist, & Danni Killian

Peace & Joy,  
*Shelly Stienbarger*  
Director of Children & Family Ministry

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# Youth Ministry

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. —Isaiah 9:6-7*

As we prepare our hearts and minds this Advent season for Christmas, we can be reminded of our relationship with God and one another. Community is such an important part of faith walk as we journey together.

**CONFIRMATION:** The first 8-week session of Confirmation at Batavia ended as we went through the entire Biblical Narrative. We built community and learned together as we watched many Bible Project videos, had great discussions, and played a few games. We then started our second 8-week session at Geneva focusing on Church History. Again, the community that is being built up through our discussions, games, and learnings is encouraging. We especially loved the having the parents and mentors there to build even stronger relationships.

**RECHARGE:** Another great opportunity to be in community is **Recharge at 10:30** am on Sundays (except 4th Sundays). We encourage all 6th-12th graders to come and invite friends. It is a great place to meet other youth. The students have a safe place to ask questions with no judgement. Our current series is focused on Advent entitled "Countdown till Christmas". This is a series that allows the youth to focus on the meaning of Christmas and prepares their heart for knowing this God who is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Each week there is a video with current topics, a game, and great discussions. Thank you to the fabulous leaders who dedicate their time each week to be in relationship with youth.

Each week, there will be options of hot chocolate and water for the students, as well as bagged snacks such as popcorn, Cheetos, chips, etc.

Parents, there are resources for each of the Orange series.



Confirmation met at Geneva to learn about Church History.

Devotions and a Parent Cue resource are sent out via email for each one. If you are not receiving this information, please let Pastor Kim know, and she will be sure you are connected.

**4TH SUNDAY BAKERYOUTH EVENTS:** November was a blast as we bowled with frozen turkeys, played games, ate some delicious turkey snacks, and learned more about what we are thankful for this season. See the photos on page 3.

Our December event is on the 3rd Sunday, realizing that many people may be out of town. The date is December 19 and it will be a White Elephant Christmas party. So, look through the house and see what fun and silly item can be wrapped up to bring. We will have fun by decorating cookies, having a short lesson, and engaging in some other fun activities.

All BakerYouth ages 6th – 12th grade are invited. It is a time to gather for fun, connection, and devotion. These events are always open to friends, and the youth are always encouraged to invite them. Register for BakerYouth 4th Sunday Events below:

- **December 19** | White Elephant Party | <https://tinyurl.com/4thSundayWhiteElephant>
- **January 26** | Winter Serving | <https://tinyurl.com/4thSundayWinterServe>

Adults do you want to be part of the fun? We are always looking for volunteers to hang with our students. Each month is a different theme and activity. We are looking for pop-up teams with different adults to create plan, serve, and chaperone the various months. Would you be willing to help at one 4th Sunday event? Do you have ideas? Are you a behind the scenes person? Contact Pastor Kim if you are interested at 630.975.0696 or [pastorkim@bakermemorialchurch.org](mailto:pastorkim@bakermemorialchurch.org) with your availability.

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## MISSIONS CORNER

*Serving Christ here, near, and far away*

### MASK MINISTRY

A small ministry team of Baker/Lydia Circle seamstresses, and fabric and t-shirt donators, has closed up shop, but not before making a huge contribution to anti-Covid efforts. During the 20 months of this ministry, over 3,200 masks were made and sent to the Midwest Distribution Center, where they were shipped all over the world. A special thanks to Cheryl Freiburger and Chris Stumpf who were responsible for 3,000 of these masks.

### LAZARUS HOUSE

Lydia Circle is at it again, this time providing a hearty Thanksgiving meal to Lazarus House residents. The meal consisted of turkey, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, vegetable casseroles, Jello salads, and pumpkin pie. Thanks, Lydia Circle!

For those who want to contribute to the Christmas meal Lydia Circle will be preparing for Lazarus House, December 14 will bring you an opportunity to do so. If you or your church group would like to contribute a casserole or other item for the team to prepare, please contact Chris at: [cstumpf0308@gmail.com](mailto:cstumpf0308@gmail.com) Honey ham will be the main course and familiar sides would be appreciated to make another feast for the residents. *“He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.”* —Luke 1:53

### STUFF THE TURKEY

For health related reasons, the Salvation Army will not be preparing Thanksgiving meals for the underprivileged this year, so Stuff the Turkey will be put off until next year. In its place, the Missions Committee, on behalf of the entire church, donated \$1,000 to the Salvation Army.

### ANGEL TREE

Angel Tree tags will be available during Fellowship in Baker Hall. All gifts need to be delivered to Baker Memorial UMC by December 5th.

### CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

Orders are now being taken for Christmas trees. High quality and low prices on Frasier and Balsam Fir trees! Complete an order form (available during Fellowship), and your tree will be available for pick-up at Baker on the date you select. All proceeds go to Missions.

### BELL RINGERS NEEDED

The annual Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign has begun! Our location is at the north entrance of Jewel at Prairie St. and Randall Rd. through December 24. Please note that all ringing will be outside and masks are a must. Sign up to ring at <https://tinyurl.com/SAbellringing2021>. Questions? Contact Rick Carlson at [carlson.rc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carlson.rc@sbcglobal.net) or 630-779-0246.



### NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK TEAM

Want to join a team that fights hunger? Every third Monday from 9 am to noon, a group of volunteers from church meets at the NIL Food Bank located at 273 Dearborn Ct., Geneva. We would love to get at least 12 volunteers for December 20 to pack holiday meals. If you would like to join this team, contact Betty Erickson at [N9FYC@aol.com](mailto:N9FYC@aol.com)

### NEW ORLEANS-NOLA

The Missions Committee wants to determine if there is an interest in organizing a Spring week-long missions trip to New Orleans. We already have some people interested. New Orleans was recently battered by Hurricane Ida. The work would entail a number of different things, but mostly either building or refurbishing houses. And you don't have to have the handyman skills of Bob Vila to participate! Please contact Chris Stumpf or Gary Johnson if you are interested.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity is active building homes in the area, and at least one home is being constructed by them in Batavia. Anybody interested in volunteering, either to get warmed up for NOLA, or just to help out, should contact Gary Johnson.

### OTHER MISSIONS

For those of you unfamiliar with the work of this committee, please note that we support the following missions: Lazarus House meals; Northern Illinois Food Bank; Salvation Army Bell Ringing; Stuff the Turkey; Angel Tree; Christmas Tree Sale; Christmas giftwrap fundraiser; and Funeral Luncheon organizing.

## Parent Awareness Seminar on the 5th

Gain insight into the dangers facing our youth at this important youth safety event. On Sunday, December 5, Officer Kramer will lead a parent awareness seminar at 10:30 am and 11:30 am in Wiley Hall. All adults are invited.

## A Christmas Carol Dramatic Reading

What better way to bring in the Christmas cheer than by a dramatic reading of *A Christmas Carol*? Kane Repertory Theatre and Baker Memorial UMC invite you to join us at for some hot chocolate, Charles Dickens, and some St. Charles holiday spirit on December 17th at 7 pm.

The play will be read by a cast of 15 professional actors plus some St. Charles residents.

This event is free with a suggested donation of \$10. This is a general admission event (first-come, first-serve) with no ticket required! Have any questions? Email [info@kanerepertorytheatre.com](mailto:info@kanerepertorytheatre.com)

## One O'Clock Book Group



The One O'Clock Book Group meets the first Monday of each month in the parlor at 1 pm. The January 3 book selection is *Mrs. Mohr Goes Missing* by Maryla Szymiczkowa. All are welcome to join in this reading fellowship. For more information about the group, contact Shelley Campbell at [sscbooks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sscbooks@sbcglobal.net).

## Baptism at Baker

November was another busy month. We celebrated three baptisms last month. See the names and photos above. Would you like more information about Baptism, for your child or yourself, here at Baker Memorial UMC? The next Baptism class will be held Sunday, January 9 at 10:30 am. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/BaptismAtBaker2022>



(From left to right) Rory Holmes Kilinski, Lucille Blair Heyduk, Liam Henry David Herman and their families.



## Stewardship 2022

If you would like to download a 2022 stewardship card or sign up online, go to the church website home page: <https://bakermemorialchurch.org/> to get connected.

## Womens Retreat Update—New Info

Retreats and gathering are important to our faith journey. It is dedicating time away from our busy lives to be with God and community. Because of the current situation with COVID, we've decided to change the Women's Retreat to one day. Retreating one day is better than no days!

We will meet Saturday, April 23 from 9 am until 4:30 pm. The theme will be: Becoming a Woman of God: Unconditional Love.

The location has very good air exchange so masks will be optional. Cost is yet to be determined. If you need babysitting to attend, please let us or the church office know. Lastly, don't give away your Friday night yet! We may have fun activities to come. More to follow in the New Year. —Kim Starr, Betty Erickson, Meg Bingham.

## Day Guest Meal Sign Up

Tuesdays and Thursdays we host lunch for our Day Guest program. The sign up for volunteering and/or donating was updated. When you sign up, please note which method of meal donation you are volunteering for.

- Donate food for Mid-Valley students to prepare.
- Cook, serve and enjoy the day guests company.

Sign up and get more information at <https://tinyurl.com/DayGuestLunches>

## A Gentle Word About Giving

The work of God continues at and through Baker Memorial UMC. If you would like to donate to Baker Memorial UMC using a credit card or Paypal, go to <https://bakermemorialchurch.org/online-giving-2/>



## United Methodist Women This Month

- No **Leadership Meeting** this month. The next meeting is January 5 at 11:30 am.
- **Esther Circle** | Thursday, December 16 | 7pm  
Save the date! All women 22-45 are invited to an Ugly Christmas Sweater Party. Come join the fun and see who can find the ugliest sweater. If you don't have an ugly sweater, don't sweat it! More details to follow.
- See the Missions report on page 6 to read about **Lydia Circle's** good works!

## Support UMW with ShopWithScrip

Purchasing a gift cards this Christmas season? Please consider ordering through ShopWithScrip. This way you can support the work of UMW. It is easy to do! Just go to [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com), click on *Join a Program* and enter enrollment code **F9F62194624L3**. A verification code will be sent to you, after you have set up your account. You will be prompted to link to your bank, but you do not need to do this. Shop by picking the card you want, denomination and number of cards. When you checkout, you can choose to pay with credit card or check. Make checks out to Baker Memorial UMW, bring or mail your check to Baker Memorial UMC, 307 Cedar Ave., St. Charles IL 60174.

Betty Erickson is willing to place orders as well, just send your wishlist to [n9yfc@aol.com](mailto:n9yfc@aol.com).

## Prayer Quilt Ministry

Note that the group will not be meeting in December, because of the holidays. Normally, the group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is January 26 at 9 am in Wiley Hall.

## Join us for Faith, Food, & Fun

We welcome you to a night for all ages to come together and share a meal, grow in faith, and have some fun doing crafts, singing, or playing games depending on the night. The fun begins with dinner at 5:30 pm and the evening ends at 7. Free Will Offering. No registration.

- **December 1:** A Christmas ADVENTure
- **January 5:** Three Kings Day Celebration
- **February 2:** Love



# RECHARGE

Get plugged in and **Recharge** with small groups, fellowship, and fun for all ages. Here's the schedule:

### ► SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM

#### CHILDREN & YOUTH

**Nursery** | Open from 9:30-11:30 am each Sunday

**PreK & Elementary** | *Celebrate Wonder* curriculum

**BakerYouth** | 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 5th Sundays | Middle

School and High School each have their own groups

#### ADULT

#### Ongoing Groups:

**The Wired Word** | A Christian conversation about current events | Led by Debbie Conterato & Chuck Frieberger | *Multipurpose Room*

#### Short-Term Small Groups:

**November 28-December 21** | 7 pm via Zoom | **Advent Study: All The Good** | Led by Pastor Mary

**Begins January 9** | **Immerse: Messiah**

**Begins January 16** | **Grieving Back to Wellness**

Led by Pastor Mary

**Begins January 23** | **Half Truths** | Led by Rev. Mike Ebersohl

### ► WEEKDAYS

**Tuesdays, November 30-December 21** | 7 pm | **Advent**

**Study: All the Good** | Led by Pastor Mary. Sign up at [tinyurl.com/AlltheGoodAdventStudy](http://tinyurl.com/AlltheGoodAdventStudy) | on Zoom

**Begins the week of January 9** | **Immerse: Messiah**



November's theme was Thankful Serving. Thank you banners were made for our local first responders.



JOIN US FOR ADVENT!

## The First Carols

Sermon Series | Begins November 28

### Carols and Canticles

Sunday, December 12

Performed by the Chancel Choir  
at 9:30am worship service

## JOIN THE NIL FOOD BANK GANG!



DEC 20 | JAN 17

Every month, a group volunteers  
at the Northern Illinois Food Bank  
on third Mondays from 9-Noon

To get on the email list, contact  
[info@bakermemorialchurch.org](mailto:info@bakermemorialchurch.org)

## Heaven and Nature Sing

LIVE NATIVITY, MUSIC, AND CAROLS

DECEMBER 12 • 2-4 PM  
ENGSTROM FAMILY PARK, BATAVIA

[TRICITYMETHODIST.COM/ADVENT](http://TRICITYMETHODIST.COM/ADVENT)



A fun Christmas party with  
a White Elephant exchange.  
Find some silly, fun thing in your  
house and wrap it up. Let's see  
what exciting things  
we might go home with!

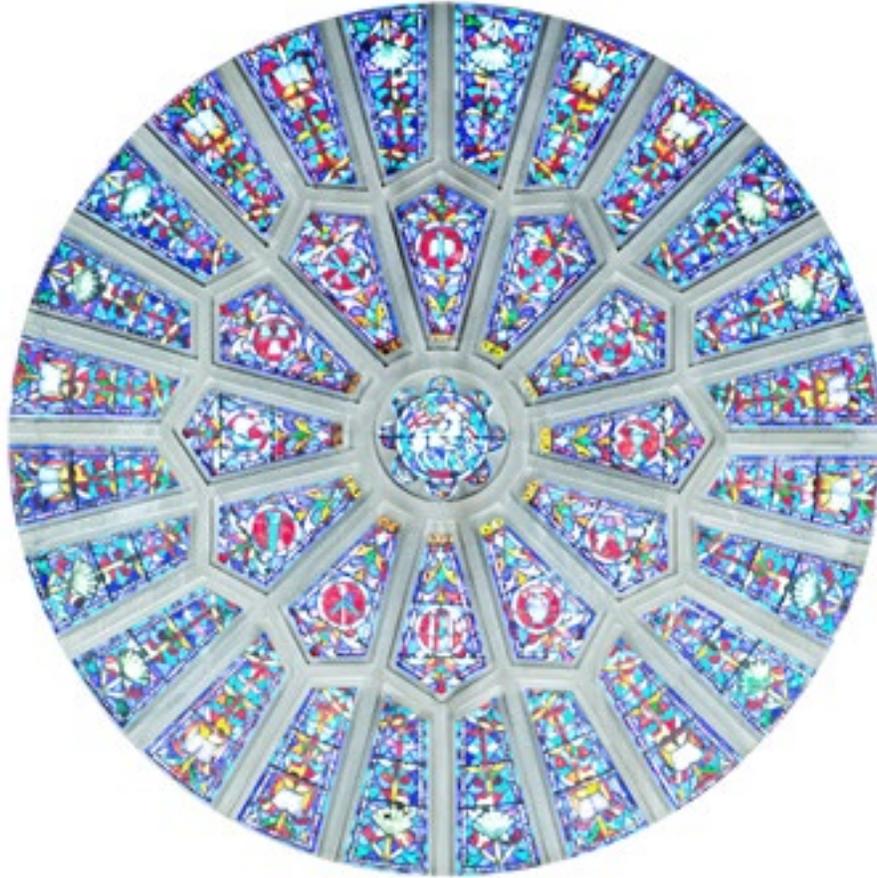
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## WHITE ELEPHANT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Register at [tinyurl.com/4thSundayWhiteElephant](http://tinyurl.com/4thSundayWhiteElephant)

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9:30am Worship 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Recharge for everyone  * Meets via Zoom	<b>NOTE: The first row of items occur weekly and will not appear on daily listings (except in case of schedule change)</b>	11:30am Day Guest Lunch 12pm Kiwanis 3pm American Music 8pm AA	6:30pm Chancel Choir	11:30am Day Guest Lunch 3pm American Music		
			<b>1</b> 9am Kitchen Cleaning <b>5:30pm Faith, Food, &amp; Fun</b> 7pm Chancel Choir	<b>2</b> 6:30pm All Church Meeting (Zoom) 7:30pm All Church Meeting (Wiley)	<b>3</b> 9am Indoor Farmers Market 7:30pm St. Charles Singers Concert Candlelight Carols	<b>4</b> 9am Breakfast with Santa
<b>5</b> 10:30 & 11:30am Parent Awareness Seminar 3pm St Charles Singers Concert: Candlelight Carols	<b>6</b> 1pm One O'Clock Book Group 7pm Spiritual Formation & Discipleship*	<b>7</b> 5pm Lydia Circle 7pm Recharge Advent Study: All the Good*	<b>8</b> 9:30am Phoebe Circle (off-site) 6pm Chancel Bells			<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 10:30am New Member Class <b>2-4pm Heaven &amp; Nature Sing</b> (Engstrom Park, Batavia)	<b>13</b> 7pm Church Conference	<b>14</b> 7pm Esther Circle 7pm Recharge Advent Study: All the Good*	<b>15</b> 6pm Chancel Bells	<b>16</b> 7pm Esther Circle	<b>17</b> 9am Indoor Farmers Market 7pm A Christmas Carol Dramatic Reading	<b>18</b> 7pm IL Brass Band Holiday Classics Concert
<b>19</b> 10:30am 4th Sunday BakerYouth Event: White Elephant Christmas Party 2pm Regional Barbershop Holiday Concert	<b>20</b> 9am NIL Food Bank 7pm Spiritual Leadership & Strategy and Administration*	<b>21</b> 10am Women's Emmaus 7pm Recharge Advent Study: All the Good*	<b>22</b> 1pm Sarah-Ruth	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b> 9am Indoor Farmers Market 4pm Interactive Candlelight Service 8pm & 10pm Candlelight Services	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <i>Office closed</i>			<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>New Years Eve</b> <i>Office closed</i> 9am Indoor Farmers Market	



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