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From Pastor's Desk:

- Advent, Isaiah, and Advent Wreath Candles

The Advent season is just around the corner. By the time you receive this newsletter and read this article, we will likely already be in Advent. Advent is an essential Christian season—a time to prepare for and wait not only for the birth of Jesus at Christmas but also for Christ's second coming. It reminds us that we live in the space "between the two." Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas, on November 30 this year, and ends on Christmas Eve.



Many people think Advent is simply a countdown to Christmas, but it is more than that. Advent marks the beginning of a new year in the Christian calendar. Our spiritual ancestors believed the best way to begin the Christian year was by reflecting on the beginning of Jesus' life. Advent invites us today to look back on our lives in 2025 and look forward to 2026 with renewed faith, following the baby Jesus who comes to us again.

As I prayed and prepared for this meaningful season, I decided to focus on two themes: **Isaiah** and the **Advent Wreath**. Since ancient times, the church has followed a set of readings—what we now call the lectionary—that covers the breadth of Scripture over a three-year cycle. According to this tradition, one book consistently appears in the Advent readings: **Isaiah**.

Why Isaiah? Our spiritual forefathers believed that Isaiah helps clarify the meaning of Jesus' coming. Isaiah called the people of Israel to repentance and offered hope through the promise of a coming Messiah and the Kingdom of God. Early Christians firmly believed that this promised Messiah was Jesus Christ, and that through him God's Kingdom draws near to us. This ancient hope—from the Old Testament through the New—deepens our understanding of the true meaning of Christmas.

In contrast to the long history of the lectionary, the Advent wreath is a more recent tradition, beginning in the 19th century. Its four candles represent **hope, peace, joy, and love**. I have always appreciated this tradition, but I often wondered why these four themes were chosen. As I studied the Advent lectionary and especially the Isaiah passages, I realized how closely these themes align with the Scriptures read during this season. It seems Christians drew these themes from the biblical texts, shaping the Advent wreath we use today.

With these traditions in mind—and seeing how strongly Isaiah connects with the wreath's four themes—I chose to preach an Advent sermon series this year



called “Isaiah’s Christmas.” Through this series, we will explore Christmas hope, peace, joy, and love through the lens of the prophet Isaiah.

I invite you to join us in worship this Advent season with holy expectation. May God use this time to deepen your understanding of Christ’s coming and renew your heart for the year ahead.

December Worship and Sermon

To glorify God and help our church family experience the living Jesus throughout the Christmas season, our church has prepared a series of inspiring and meaningful worship services. Please mark your calendars and join us as we journey through Advent together.

♦ November 30 – 1st Sunday of Advent

This Sunday marks the beginning of a new Christian year. We will light **the Candle of Hope** and explore the true meaning of Christmas hope through the prophet Isaiah. It will be a joyful morning as we enter the Christmas season with beautiful decorations, carols, and traditions—and as we welcome **five new members**: *Gary, Laurel, Penny, Lauren, and Katie*.

♦ December 7 – 2nd Sunday of Advent / Communion Sunday

On the second Sunday of Advent, we will light **the Candle of Peace** and reflect on the deep biblical meaning of peace through our Isaiah sermon series. In keeping with our church tradition, we will also celebrate **Holy Communion** under the theme of Advent.

♦ December 14 – 3rd Sunday of Advent / Children’s Christmas Program

Our children and youth will lead worship on this joyful Sunday! After more than a month of preparation, they will present their Christmas program based on the **Gospel of Luke**, including **Christmas songs, dance, a children’s handbell choir, a puppet show, and the nativity story**. This is always a highlight of the season—please come and support our young disciples.

♦ December 21 – 4th Sunday of Advent

On the final Sunday of Advent, we will light **the Candle of Love** and reflect on the deeper meaning of love through Isaiah and Matthew. Both the **Bell Choir** and **Chancel Choir** will offer music during worship. After the service, **from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM**, we will go **Christmas caroling** at local assisted living facilities and visit our homebound church members.

♦ December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:30 PM



Join us for our traditional and beloved **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:30 PM**. Through music offered by our choir and several gifted church members, we will celebrate the birth of Jesus. We will read from the Gospel of Luke and light all the Advent candles, including the **Christ Candle**. The service will conclude with the candlelight ritual and the singing of *Silent Night, Holy Night*. Please invite your friends and family—Christmas Eve is one of the most meaningful times to welcome people back into the life of the church.

♦ December 28 – 1st Sunday After Christmas

The Christmas season continues! On this Sunday, we will reflect on **Christmas joy**, symbolized by

the pink candle, through Isaiah's proclamation. This final worship service of the year will help guide your heart and mind toward God's direction for the coming year, **2026**.

December Worship and Sermon

DATE	CALENDAR	SERMON	WORSHIP
11/30	Advent 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Bible: Isaiah 2:1-5 / Matthew 24:36-44 ♦ Sermon: Isaiah's Christmas 1: "Hope in a Manger" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advent Candle - New Member Ceremony - Special Music
12/7	Advent 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Bible: Isaiah 11:1-10 ♦ Sermon: Isaiah's Christmas 2: "The Peace Jesus Brings" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advent Candle - Communion - Choir
12/14	Advent 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Bible: Luke 1:26 – 2:20 ♦ Christmas Children's Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advent Candle - Children's Program
12/21	Advent 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Bible: Isaiah 7:10-16 / Matthew 1:18-25 ♦ Sermon: Isaiah's Christmas 3: TBA (about love) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advent Candle - Bell Choir & Choir - Caroling
12/24	Christmas Eve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship at 6:30 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advent Candle - Choir & Special Music - Candlelight Ritual
12/28		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ -Bible: Isaiah 35:1-10 / Matthew 11:2-6 ♦ Sermon: Isaiah's Christmas 4: TBA (about Joy) 	

Small Group Ministry Update

Trillium

Check out a few photos from two recent excursions hosted by Trillium, a small group with a theme of God and nature. This first was to Kettle Moraine Scenic Drive for a motor tour to view the fall colors, followed by lunch at a shelter in the forest. The second outing was to the Milwaukee Public Museum to view a pow wow and the exhibits, in recognition of Native American Heritage Month. At the most recent "inside" meeting Shelli Dekker gave a presentation explaining native views of God and nature.

Submitted by Jeff Strong



The Next Trillium Outing: Visit Holiday Light Extravaganza

Have you ever piled into the car to view the Christmas lights around town? Jump start your holiday season with almost a million lights at the **Oshkosh Celebration of Lights**. The event, in it's 24th year, features animated light displays, a 100-foot-tall tree, sculptured scenes, and 120 decorated trees on the EAA grounds.

Trillium will be hosting a motor tour of the display on **Thursday December 4**. Have supper at home but leave room for something sweet. **Gather inside at church at 6 p.m.** and enjoy sweet treats and warm drinks. Fill up an insulated cup with some peppermint flavored hot chocolate, then head to the cars, crank up the Christmas music, and **depart at about 6:30 p.m.** for the trip north. Drive slowly through the display to take in all the lights and action, then head back.



Trillium has lots of drivers, so feel free to join and leave the driving to someone else. Open to all, this is a perfect outing for non-drivers or those who prefer not to drive at night. **Home pick up is available.**

Cost for the drive is \$15 plus a non-perishable food item per carload, paid upon entrance at the EAA grounds, so divvy up the fee among the vehicle occupants. This entrance fee supports numerous Oshkosh area non-profits. Please sign up in the Narthex or call the office by Wednesday December 3.

Submitted by Jeff Strong

A Warm Welcome to Our New Church Family

Meet **Dorene** and **Abigail Gellings**. Dorene is a graduate of Horace Mann High School, North Fond du Lac. She and Adam met while she was working at the Stretch Truck Stop. She says Adam had a "crush" on her for five years and they have been married seven years. Their daughter Abigail is a student at Eden Elementary School. When I asked Abigail if there is something she wanted to add, she said "I'm adorable!" Who would argue with that?



Dorene is a cancer survivor. She enjoys shopping, reading, puzzles, diamond painting and tying blankets. She also likes to play games and dolls with her daughter. They also like road trips to Nashville and Florida. Welcome to the Covenant family.



Submitted by Donna Miller

Game Day/Night



We had a lot of fun at our last Game Night which included a new friend. December can be a very busy month for some so we will hold off our next event until January. I will get together with the team and find the best day. I will post the new date in the January newsletter, bulletin and posters on the door and area apartments. I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe holiday and maybe get a few new games to share. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let me know.

Submitted by Shelli Dekker

Sunday School Halloween Trick or Treat

On Sunday, **October 30th**, our congregation had a great time enjoying our Sunday School kids and adults in their Halloween attire. Our kids joined the offering time with baskets to collect money for **UNICEF**. Due to your generosity we were able to make a donation of \$265. Our congregation again was very generous. **Thank You!!**



We also participated in the **TRUNK or TREAT** at Community UMC in North Fond du Lac. There were 8 decorated vehicles in their parking lot, giving candy and various other items, and balloons. Pastor Ho Lee, Miyeon, Jin, Ha-el and Tay had the game PLINKO to play which was a great success. Community also had hot chocolate and hot dogs available in the Church. The NFDL Fire Department also stopped by and anyone who wanted to climb into the fire truck.

We had a lot of polite kids and it was a big success.

Submitted by Mona Averbeck



Sunday School News

On Sunday, November 3, our Sunday school teachers met to discuss the curriculum for Sunday school during November and December. We will learn more Bible stories. In place of our weekly craft time, the children will practice for our Christmas program including the older children learning to play a Christmas song using the bells! **Thank you to Nancy Johnston** for offering to help the children to learn how to play the bells. We hope all will attend this special interactive **Christmas program on Sunday, December 14!**



Parents and Grandparents of Sunday school and Youth age children, please mark your calendars: Rehearsals with Youth and Sunday School Saturday, December 6 & 13 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM

We cannot emphasize enough how important it is for **ALL** to participate so they feel comfortable with the performance. **Youth**, please let Diane know if you **CAN or CANNOT attend!** Sunday school teachers would also appreciate knowing if younger children cannot attend.

Other important dates:

- * Our next Sunday school teacher meeting will be a lunch meeting held the beginning of January. Place & Time to be announced!
- * Tentative Family Fun Day is **February 1** with **Tubing** at Sunburst!

Submitted by Julie Tennie

December Sunday School Schedule

DATE	CALENDAR	SUNDAY SCHOOL	TEACHERS
12/7	Advent 2	- Children's Program Rehearsal on 12/6 at 9:00 AM - No Sunday School - Nursery	AnnaRose A.
12/14	Advent 3	- Children's Program Rehearsal on 12/13 at 9:00 AM - Christmas Children Program	All
12/21	Advent 4	-Theme: "Men Bring Friend to Jesus for Healing" - Bible: Joshua 1:1-11; 5:13-6:27	Julie / Kelly
12/28		- No Sunday School	-

Youth Group News

The Youth Group's planned Lock-in didn't happen due to Pastor Ho Lee being ill. We did still meet: ate pizza and junk food, decorated cookies, played games, and watched a movie. None of the girls attended but I think the five young men had fun. Thank you to Courtney Allickson, Sloan Averbeck, and her roommate Reese for making the cookies. The youth will be taking part in the children's **Christmas program** as **puppeteers** this year. We are going to try for the **lock-in** again on **December 20-21**. Hopefully, Jeff, Ho Lee, and I will all be healthy, because these kids have worked hard and deserve this perk.

Submitted by Diane Weider

Youth Begin Card Wash Card Fundraiser



Winter road salt and slop on your car is not far away. Get a clean car for yourself or others with the purchase of a **Kwik Trip car wash card in support of the next youth mission trip**. Each card is good for 5 Ultimate Car Wash visits at any Kwik Trip car wash site. Each card costs **\$36**, or \$7.20 per wash, compared to a usual cost of \$10 per wash. The youth make \$16 on each card purchased. The Ultimate wash does include an **underbody flush**. It's a win-win-win: great gift/stocking stuffer, great deal, and great support to the youth!

Submitted by Jeff Strong

Confirmation News

The third semester of the Confirmation Class concluded on November 30. All three confirmands—**Brayden, Kyle, and Lily**—participated actively and faithfully, completing all required assignments. Thank you to all our church members for your prayers and support for these young people. Please continue to pray for them as they **begin** their final semester on **January 11, 2026**.

Submitted by Pastor Ho Lee

Church Council

The History of Christmas: Tracing the Journey from Ancient Rome to Modern Festivities

Ancient Rome: Saturnalia and Its Festivities

Long before Christmas, ancient Romans celebrated Saturnalia, honoring Saturn, the god of agriculture and time. Beginning on December 17, the festival included feasting, merrymaking, gift-giving, and even a reversal of social roles. Homes and temples were decorated with greenery, candles symbolizing the returning sun, and public banquets filled the streets. This joyful season helped shape many customs later connected to Christmas.

The Birth of Christmas

The early Christians did not initially celebrate Christmas. The birth of Jesus Christ is not mentioned as a holiday in the Bible, and the actual date remains a subject of debate. It was only in the fourth century AD, under the rule of Emperor Constantine, that December 25th was officially designated as the date to celebrate Christ's birth. This date was likely chosen to align with existing Roman festivities, making it easier for pagan converts to adopt Christianity without giving up their beloved winter celebrations.

Transformation of Traditions

As Christianity spread throughout Europe, many pagan customs were absorbed and transformed. The use of evergreen trees and holly, the lighting of candles, and the exchange of gifts all have roots in pagan winter celebrations. The spirit of generosity and hope for renewal—qualities central to Saturnalia—became integral to Christmas as well.

Over centuries, Christmas evolved, blending religious and secular elements. In medieval times, it was celebrated with great feasts, music, and communal gatherings. The holiday continued to absorb local customs as it traveled across different lands, resulting in the diverse traditions we observe today.

Conclusion

The history of Christmas is a tapestry woven from strands of pagan ritual and Christian belief. From the lively festivities of Saturnalia to the solemn commemoration of Christ's birth, the holiday has always been a time of joy, goodwill, and celebration. Understanding its origins in Roman paganism not only enriches our appreciation of Christmas but also reveals how cultures shape and reshape their traditions, creating new meanings for each generation.

“Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas”

Tom Retzleff, Church Council Chair

Collecting Canceled Stamps

Marion Mission Storehouse

Marion Mission Storehouse is a non-profit organization in the United Methodist North Indiana Conference. They collect and sell canceled stamps in order to ship box carloads of medical supplies, clothes, shoes, etc., to the needy in Africa.



Canceled stamps are a throw-away item that can be recycled for this great cause. Just tear off your stamps (Include at least 1/2 inch of envelope around the stamp). They will be trimmed to 1/4 inch before we send them to Marion Mission. There is a **collection box in the Narthex** for your donated stamps. Many thanks for supporting this wonderful mission.

Submitted by Sandy Thern

Missions

Tis the Season! On **December 7th** and **14th** the loose offering will go towards **food gift cards** for the six families we have adopted. Rather than collecting food from the congregation for the families, we thought it would be better for the families to choose their own.

December 21st and **28th** the loose offering will go to **apportionments**. Apportionments help fund our annual conference employees, programs, and missions worldwide.

Our loose offering on **Christmas Eve** and our **Christmas envelopes** will be split between **the Warming Shelter** and the **church's general fund**. The Warming Shelter is open November through April and houses up to 36 people a night. It provides a meal, a hot shower, laundry, and a bed.

Angel Tree/Gifts for Families

Every year we sponsor families in need from Chegwin Elementary School and Pacto de Gracia. This year we are sponsoring **six families** and that **requires 67 gifts**. You can find the **Angel Tree in the fellowship hall**. It is adorned with ornaments that have gift suggestions on them. You pull the tags for the gifts you would like to purchase, find the correct family form on the table, and sign out your ornaments. You will wrap the presents (please include gift receipts if possible), attach the tags/ornaments, and return them by Sunday, December 14th. Just place them under the tree, and then on the forms you signed them out, sign them returned. If you aren't a shopper, see Diane for other options. In addition to the gifts, each family receives a gift card for food and a laundry basket filled with cleaning supplies. There is a lot of gratitude from these families each year.



Submitted by Diane Weider

Loaves and Fishes

Our faithful Covenant members served those in need with a great meal at **Church of Peace** on November 5th. We served **150** carry-out meals and those that received them were very appreciative. Nancy Johnston and I want to thank all who helped out by baking or donating scalloped potatoes and cookies and those who were able to help serve. **THANK YOU!!** We did have meals left over, however, there is a generous gentleman who took the leftovers to repurpose them the next day to feed 35 homeless people. **Robert** makes the rounds in Fond du Lac to pick up unused food and makes meals for these people. He has done this for 4 years, every day, and has only missed 22 days due to sickness or Dr appointments, and without any extra monetary donations. Say a prayer for him and his continued endeavors. We will be serving meals in **2026** on these dates: **January 14th, April 8th, July 8th, September 16th, and November 11th.**

“God’s blessings and a Blessed Christmas!”

Submitted by Mona Averbek & Nancy Johnston



Care Committee



The Care Committee has been working diligently the past several months on looking at our current membership. We have several members who have been inactive for a long time. We have reached out to them via phone calls and a letter asking them if they want to remain as a member or choose to have their name removed from our church membership. This has been an ongoing challenge but have made progress and now have a more accurate number of active members at CUM Church

Submitted by Jan Andrews

Christmas Caroling

Get ready to spread some Christmas cheer! Right after worship on **Sunday, December 21, from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm**, we'll bundle up, warm our voices, and head out together to sing carols for our church family and homebound members. It's a joyful way to share laughter, music, and the true spirit of the season. Come join the fun as we bring Christmas right to their doorsteps!

Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex!



United Women in Faith (UWF)

UWF November meeting is our annual Thank Offering program. We discussed the successful soup supper and dispersed those funds to various mission projects. We will assist the **men's group** with **\$300** for their clothing to schools. Discussion and suggestions for the **cookie walk on Dec. 13, and 14**. We will ask for help from congregation with this project. People come from quite a distance to purchase nice holiday treats and it takes a lot of cookies and candy for this event. We need **donations at church no later than 9am on the 12th** when we set up. Your specialties make this sale so successful and we thank you!!



Submitted by Dea Hebel

Soup Supper

A huge thank you to all who supported this event! We served **90 people** and **by 6 pm the soup was gone!** Some of it was purchased as a "carry out" and people appreciated that option. 10 varieties of soup were offered and we are very appreciative to the people who donated their soups. Likewise, all the donations for the **bake sale** which earned us **\$600!** Last but not least we **thank the workers** that night who were very busy. We earned **\$1795** and it has been designated to various missions and little food pantry.

Submitted by Dea Hebel



COOKIE WALK

Sara Circle's annual COOKIE WALK will be held **December 13th from 9-1 p.m.** and **Sunday December 14th** before the worship service and after the service from 10 am to 11 am. This is an



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Saturday, December 13

10 am – 1 pm

Sunday, December 14

10 am – 11 am

excellent opportunity to purchase the marvelous cookies and delicious candy made by our church members. The cookies are **\$12 per pound** and the candy is **\$15 per pound** and every ounce is worth every bite. So come and take the opportunity to lighten up your Holiday work load.

Also, any one who wishes to contribute various Christmas cookies and candy is more than welcome to contribute. The cookies and candy need to be brought to Church no later than **Friday, December 12th by 10 am.** If you have Christmas platters you may arrange your cookies on them, however, please **put your name on the platters**

so we know who they belong to. Come enjoy and admire all the hard work of our busy Christmas elves. All the proceeds of the COOKIE WALK are distributed to various local missions.

Submitted by Mona Averbeck

Trustees

Covenant's Trustees have completed various projects this past year with 2 major updates, the lighting in the Sanctuary and the repavement of our driveway and parking lot. At our November meeting we met with Frank Lopez, Lopez Roofing, in regard to the roof life of our Sanctuary area. At present time the roof has a 5 year life expectancy with annual maintenance as needed. At our December meeting we will be meeting with Johnson Controls in regard to the life expectancy of our boilers. The strategy is to be prepared for the facility needs that may occur in the next several years.

With God's love, guidance and understanding let us look forward to the future.

Blessings at Christmas,



Submitted by Bill Averbeck, Trustee Chair

United Methodist Men (UMM)

Covenant's United Methodist Men (UMM) met on November 8th at Rolling Meadows Restaurant at 8 am. We made a commitment to be more involved in the Loaves and Fishes program and the United Women in Faith (UWM) called Sara Circle and other groups at Covenant. We will be having a **spaghetti supper** on **Thursday, January 22, 2026, 4-6 pm.** with further information coming forth. The **banana project** will continue to be supported for the 4 designated schools, Chegwin, Parkside, Pier, and Riverside and any contributions to this effort will be appreciated. We have designated money to purchase emergency winter clothing such as gloves, socks and underwear for these schools also. The officers for **2026** are as follows: **President, Bill Averbeck; Vice President, Harold Stroud; Secretary, Jeff Strong; and Treasurer, Bill Dekker.**

Let's keep all in our prayers. Have a blessed Christmas season!

Submitted by Bill Averbeck, Trustee Chair



December Birthday

Dec. 1	Donna Miller	Dec. 11	Arya Schmitz
Dec. 3	Dennis Giese	Dec. 18	Brayden Hoffman
Dec. 5	Susan Strong	Dec. 19	Tay Lee
Dec. 5	Leigh Kohlmann	Dec. 29	Dea Hebel
Dec. 6	Jin Lee	Dec. 30	Lorraine Jagow



December Anniversary



Dec. 5 Patti & Jeff Stuebs

12/7	Food gift cards
12/14	Food gift cards
12/21	Apportionments.
12/24 & Christmas Envelopes	Warming Shelter & Church's general fund.
12/28	Apportionments.

2025 December Worship Volunteers

2025	Liturgist	Children's Time	Acolyte	Live-Streaming	PPT/Sound	Ushers
12/7	Jeff S.	Diane W.	Memphis A.	Mona A.	Tom R.	Bill D. (Head) Jan A. / Sandy T.
12/14	Jennifer C.	No Needed	Ivy T.	Ava A.	Tom R.	Bill D. (Head) Art A. / Dennis G.
12/21	Sloan A.	Julie T.	Abigail G.	AJ A.	Tom R.	Bill D. (Head) / Sandy T.
12/24	Donna M.	No Needed	Jin or Ha-el	Mona A.	Diane W.	Bill A. (Head) / Sandy T.
12/28	Mary B.	Shelli D.	Tay L.	Mona A.	Diane W.	Bill D. (Head) / Sandy T.

DECEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 7 9am Worship Service - Communion Sunday 10:15 am Choir Practice 10:45-11:15am Charge Conference	1 11:45am Staff mtg.	2 10am Trustee Mtg. 1 pm—3 pm Loom & Weaving 2:30 —3:30 pm Visitation	3 10am Sara Circle	4 Pastoral Visitations 6pm Trillium Outing Oshkosh Celebration of Lights	5	6 Pastor Day Off 9-11am Children's Program Rehearsal
14 9am Worship Service Children's Program 10-11am Cookie Walk 10:15am Choir Practice 10:30am Youth G. mtg.	8 10am Community Worship Service at Lake House 11:45am Staff mtg. 6:30-7:30 pm Church Council Mtg.	9 4:45 - 5:45 pm Finance Meeting 6 pm—8 pm Loom & Weaving	10 9:30am Bible Study	11 Pastoral Visitations	12 Pastor Sabbath	13 Pastor Day Off 8am Men's Breakfast 9-11am Children's Program Rehearsal 10am-1pm Cookie Walk 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Rummage Sale Pacto de Gracia
21 9am Worship Service 10:15am Choir Practice 10:30am Christmas Caroling	15 11:45am Staff mtg. 1-2pm Visitation 6pm—7:00 pm Bell Choir Practice	16 1 pm—3 pm Loom & Weaving	17 8am Women's Breakfast 9:30am Bible Study 5:30-8pm Champions Bingo	18 Pastoral Visitations	19 Pastor Sabbath	20 Pastor Day Off
28 9am Worship Service 10:15am Choir Practice	22 11:45am Staff mtg.	23 6 pm—8 pm Loom & Weaving	24 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Christmas Candlelight Service	25 Merry Christmas! The Church Office will be closed	26 Pastor Sabbath	27 Pastor Day Off
28 9am Worship Service 10:15am Choir Practice	29	30	31 9:30 am Bible Study			

Christmas Poinsettias



Poinsettias will be available this holiday season for you to enjoy.

This year's flower color will be red.

The deadline for ordering Poinsettias is on **Sunday, December 14th**

The cost is \$15 per plant. Please make your check out to **Covenant UMC** with a note on the memo line for **“Christmas Flowers.”**

Name: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Cut along the dotted line



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