

Announcements

Please see the table outside the Sanctuary (by the elevator) for sign-up sheets and other information. If you would like to have your ministry's announcement listed, please complete the form at the church office.

Poinsettia Orders — Poinsettia orders are now being taken through December 11. The cost for poinsettias are \$10.00 each. Envelopes are available on the table in the back of the Sanctuary. You may order poinsettias or make a donation to the Matthew 25 Ecumenical Food Pantry or the Ministerial Alliance. Poinsettias may be taken home after the Christmas Eve Service.

“Going Deeper Bible Study — We will not meet during the month of December. We will resume on January 9, 2019.

The Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study will be starting a Christmas Advent study during **December**. We meet in the fellowship hall at 10:00 a.m. Anyone is welcome to join us. Please come and bring a friend.

Martha Circle will hold our Christmas Brunch **Monday December 3** in our church fellowship hall at 9:30 a.m. Everyone brings a breakfast dish to share. Melinda Hustedde will have the devotions and Edie Huene will have the program. We will exchange gifts with and reveal who our secret sister has been throughout the year. Also choose our new one for the next year. All women of the church are invited to join us.

Christmas Caroling — **December 14** at 6:00 PM.

Christmas Cantata — The annual Christmas Cantata is Sunday, December 16 at 7:00 PM at St. Mary's Catholic Church. This year's cantata is "The Glory of Christmas" arranged by Lloyd Larson with David Wilton directing.

Live Nativity — **December 21** at 6:00 PM — Live Nativity on the south lawn.

Christmas Mitten Tree — Look for the tree near the elevator and attach mittens, gloves, hats and scarves. These items will go to needy recipients at the SPERO Family Services ministry in Mt. Vernon!

Christmas Families — We are supporting 2 local families this year for Christmas. Gift tags will be available on the table in the foyer. Thanks for supporting this great ministry!

SEVERE WEATHER - CHURCH CANCELLATIONS — We have signed up on KMOV Channel 4 to have the ability to post the closing of our church due to severe weather. This is for church services, Bible study and other events. To check our closings they will be posted on KMOV Channel 4. If you prefer to look it up online, go to www.kmov.com. In the menu bar on the upper left, select MENU. Then scroll down and select the down arrow to the right of WEATHER. Click on Closings and Delays. This will take you to the CLOSINGS screen where you can select CHURCHES / OTHER. This is where you can find if Pastor Steve has posted that the church event has been canceled.

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING FROM LAST WEEK

Attendance: Sunday School 2/21 Worship 67 | Offering: General Fund: \$2,841.00; Building Fund \$140.00



1st Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

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ORDER OF SERVICE

The asterisk () invites you to stand, but please feel at home sitting if standing is difficult.*

- WELCOME** Rev. Steve Barrett
- PRELUDE** David Wilton
- * **ADVENT READING** Rev. Steve Barrett
- READER:** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.
- PEOPLE:** Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.
- READER:** On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of hope and for the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be.
- OPENING PRAYER** Rev. Steve Barrett
- * **MUSIC** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" UMH #216
- * **GREETING / PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Please remain standing.)
- * **MUSIC** "This is the Day" UMH #261
- CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Ami Shanafelt
- JOYS & CONCERNS** Rev. Steve Barrett
- OFFERING-OFFERTORY**
- DOXOLOGY** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95
- CHANCEL CHOIR**
- * **SCRIPTURE** Micah 5:2 Carol Johnson
Luke 1:26-38
- GLORIA PATRI** "Glory Be to the Father" UMH #70
- SERMON SERIES** "Mary Did You Know?"
- SERMON TITLE** "Here Am I..." Rev. Steve Barrett
- HOLY COMMUNION**
- * **MUSIC** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH #211
- CLOSING PRAYER** Rev. Steve Barrett
- * **POSTLUDE** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" UMH #196

VISITORS AND GUESTS

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SCHOOL begins at 9:00 AM. We have classes for all ages, preschool through adult.

WORSHIP BEGINS AT 10:00 AM. Our service is a blended service of traditional and contemporary music.

NURSERY – The nursery is available during Worship for children age 0-5.

VISITORS AND MEMBERS - Please sign the pew register and pass for others to sign. Ushers will pick up from center aisle before children's message.

ELECTRONICS NOTICE – Please feel free to use your cell phone, iPad, etc. for taking notes during the service. Out of respect for the people around you please silence these devices. Thank you!

NOTE – If you would like to meet with the pastor or are interested in joining the church, please check the appropriate box on the Attendance Register or the

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday, December 03, 2018	1:00 PM	Martha Circle Meeting
	6:00 PM	Trustee Meeting
Wednesday, December 05, 2018	8:30 AM	Matthew 25 Food Pantry
	2:00 PM	Communion Service at CHC Assisted Living
	6:30 PM	Youth Choir
Thursday, December 06, 2018	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, December 12, 2018	8:30 AM	Matthew 25 Food Pantry
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, December 13, 2018	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Administrative Council Meeting
Friday, December 14, 2018	6:00 PM	Christmas Caroling