

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.



Our heartfelt thanks to our youth for presenting to us today "The Greatest News of All"! We appreciate all of the time and effort put in by each one of you. Thanks also to Alison Davison, Amy Bass, and all of the other adult helpers for their contribution to joyous event.

POINSETTIAS — Thank you to all who purchased Poinsettias for the sanctuary at Christmas. Orders are still being taken. 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.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA — The annual Christmas Cantata is Sunday, **TODAY 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.

YOUTH CHOIR — **December 19 at 6:30 PM.**

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL — **December 19 at 7:00 PM.**

THE THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Join us as we go through 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.

LIVE NATIVITY — **December 21 at 6:00 PM** on the south lawn. Baked goods are needed as refreshments of cookies and hot chocolate will be served.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE — **December 24 at 7:00 PM**

OFFICE HOURS — The church office will be closed for Christmas December 24 - 26. (Open on Thursday, December 27.) The office will be closed for New Year on December 31 and January 1.

GOING DEEPER BIBLE STUDY — We will not meet during the month of December. We will resume on January 9, 2019.

PRIME TIMERS — We will resume meeting in January. Watch for the date!

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.



Third Sunday of Advent Children's Christmas Program

December 16, 2018

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ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING FROM LAST WEEK

Attendance: Sunday School 27; Worship 81

Offering: General Fund: \$3,258.00; Building Fund \$320.00

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: "And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.'"

Today we remember Mary, innocent and powerful, sacred and scared, worried and waiting as the Savior of all grows in her womb. She sings boldly when she might be meek; she bears her role in history with the confidence of a warrior; she is the beginning of a mighty revolution as the proud are brought down and the lowly lifted up.

PEOPLE: Today we give thanks for the Mary's among us, who step out of the roles society has planned; unintended pioneers determined to do as God asks; fearless and fearfully stepping out in faith, and beckoning us to do the same.

READER: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Mary, mother of God, bearer of the Way.

OPENING PRAYER Rev. Steve Barrett
*** MUSIC AND MARCH TO THE MANGER** UMH #219
"What Child is This"
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
OFFERING-OFFERTORY
DOXOLOGY UMH #95
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
CHANCEL CHOIR
*** SCRIPTURE** Edith Huene
 Luke 2:22-38
GLORIA PATRI UMH #70
"Glory Be to the Father"
SERMON SERIES Rev. Steve Barrett
 Mary Did You Know?
SERMON TITLE Rev. Steve Barrett
 "Signs"
MUSIC DVD
 "Adore Him"
BENEDICTION
CLOSING VIDEO

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 yellow Guest/Prayer Request cards located in the hymnal racks and

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday, December 16, 2018	10:00 AM	Children's Christmas Program and March to the Manger
	7:00 PM	Christmas Cantata - St. Mary's Catholic Church
Thursday, December 17, 2018		Newsletter Deadline
	9:00 AM	Matt 25 Mobile Market - Immanuel UCC
Wednesday, December 19, 2018	8:30 AM	Matthew 25 Food Pantry
	6:30 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, December 20, 2018	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study (Next Meeting Jan 10)
Friday, December 21, 2018		First Day of Winter
	6:00 PM	Live Nativity
Monday, December 24, 2018		Christmas Eve - Offices Closed
	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
Tuesday, December 25, 2018		Christmas Day - Offices Closed
Wednesday, December 26, 2018		Offices Closed
	8:30 AM	Matthew 25 Food Pantry
Thursday, December 27, 2018		Office is Open Today
Monday, December 31, 2018		New Year's Eve - Offices Closed
Tuesday, January 1, 2018		New Year's Day - Offices Closed