

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 being taken through **December 11**. The cost for poinsettias are \$11.00 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.

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL — **December 12 at 7:00 PM.**

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING — **December 13 at 6:00 PM.**

CHRISTMAS CAROLING — **December 14 at 6:00 PM.**

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND MARCH TO THE MANGER — **December 16 at 10 AM.**

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.

YOUTH CHOIR — **December 19 at 6:30 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** — Live Nativity on the south lawn.

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

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

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.



2nd Sunday of Advent

December 9, 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

A 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: "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.'"

Today we remember the shepherds, workers for the common good, steadfast watchmen isolated and alone, far from the warmth of home, doing the job no one wants. And yet God saw them, God valued them, and God declared the greatest news of all to them alone.

PEOPLE: Today we give thanks for the shepherds among us, back-breaking laborers on whom our economy stands, those we overlook or rarely see, yet rely on for our very survival. The ones who have much to teach us about watching for God in the darkness.

READER: On this second Sunday in Advent, we light the second candle as a symbol of the shepherds, agents of the gospel and those who first declared the greatest news...that a child had been born to us...a child given to us.

OPENING PRAYER Rev. Steve Barrett

* **MUSIC** "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" UMH #218

* **GREETING / PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Please remain standing.)

* **MUSIC** "This is the Day" UMH #261

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pauletta Goodin

JOYS & CONCERNS Rev. Steve Barrett

OFFERING-OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

CHANCEL CHOIR

* **SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:8-20 Kathy Beckemeyer

GLORIA PATRI "Glory Be to the Father" UMH #70

SERMON SERIES Mary Did You Know?

SERMON TITLE "Worthy of Our Praise" Rev. Steve Barrett

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* **MUSIC**

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
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
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
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
Friday, December 21, 2018		First Day of Winter
	6:00 PM	Live Nativity
Monday, December 24, 2018	9:00 AM	Card Ministry
	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday, December 25, 2018		Christmas Day