



Sheridan First United Methodist Church

# CHIME NOTES

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And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

.....Luke 2:13-14.....

It seems like everyone is trying to get into the Christmas spirit. Stores have been lining their aisles with Christmas goodies and décor since mid-October, TV shows have switched to the theme of giving and love, and Santa's are everywhere you look. And why shouldn't they, after all it is that time of year... the meaning of the season, right?

Yet, the very first Christmas seemed to do without all of these things happening. The very first Christmas somehow started a frenzy in Bethlehem and all Judea without the power of TV, without Candy Canes and decorations, without Santa Claus, and without Christmas sales. Even more amazingly, the very first Christmas involved a poor couple, no one important, a carpenter named Joseph and his young wife Mary, who would lay the most precious child of all in a lowly feeding trough.

Looking back on Black Friday, I am constantly reminded how far we have come from the true meaning of Christmas. Christmas wasn't just about giving, or feeling loved, but it was about true love. Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Christ... Emmanuel, God with us... the Savior who came into this world to die... for everyone, even those who killed him. Jesus was God's gift... not to the deserving... not just to Israel, but to everyone... for God so loved the world...the whole world!

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I think that sometimes Black Friday and this season of frenzy as we know it today... often brings the worst out of people... People who seem to have forgotten that love isn't hurting another to give your child what they want, but rather to do what is right and moral. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:6 says, Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. People seem to have forgotten that Christmas isn't just about showing love for those you care for, but for those who are the least among us, and those you do not even know. Just as God came to die, for those who were undeserving, and those who He did not know in a spiritual relationship. (Luke 13:25

Today, let us remember the true meaning of Christmas... Peace on Earth, Good will toward ALL, for the Savior has come to show us how to love, and to give us the greatest gift of all... his love. Instead of buying fancy toys, think of how you can give to those who would normally go without. Ask yourself how you can help out others who are not as fortunate as you. Pray for the persecuted Christians around the world... pray for those who have faced natural disaster and tragedy... loss of loved ones and loss of home and possessions. Show them the true meaning of Christmas, the gift of God's love, and love others as God first loved you. May the true meaning of Christmas shine through you, enlightening those around you. Merry Christmas.



# Angel Alert



You don't want to miss our Children's program on Sunday December 16th during the 10:00a.m. Worship Service.

The children have been busy with the musical practice, and Enrichment. Sunday November 25th was Christ the King day.

# Silent Auction



Just a sample of some of the items for sale at the Youth Mission Silent Auction. Bidding until December 9th. You may stop in and bid during church office hours.



# Learn and Play Preschool



Learn and Play Preschool has been learning about Thanksgiving. We learned about the pilgrims and the Indians. Pastor Carol shared her Peace Pipe.





Happy Anniversary

George & Cathy Good	12/4
Jim & Nita Sweeney	12/29

Stacey Harwood	12/1
Linda Pickett	12/2
Charlene Haughey	12/5
Becky Lauterbach	12/5
Pam Harwood	12/11
Rachel Adams	12/12
Mary Walker	12/12
Randy Brimberry	12/13
Robert Snedaker	12/13
Garrett Welch	12/13
Elaine Cannon	12/14
Nita Sweeney	12/15
Sandy Moore	12/16
Valerie Adams	12/20
Mike Reef	12/22
Mary Ann Lowder	12/25
Jim Sanborn	12/27
Greg Bray	12/28
Bob Godby	12/28
Cole Bales	12/30
Hope Baringer	12/31

Sunflower items needed for November and December.



Hand soap  
Multi-purpose cleaner  
Razors (women)  
Toilet cleaner  
Trash bags (kitchen 13 gallon)

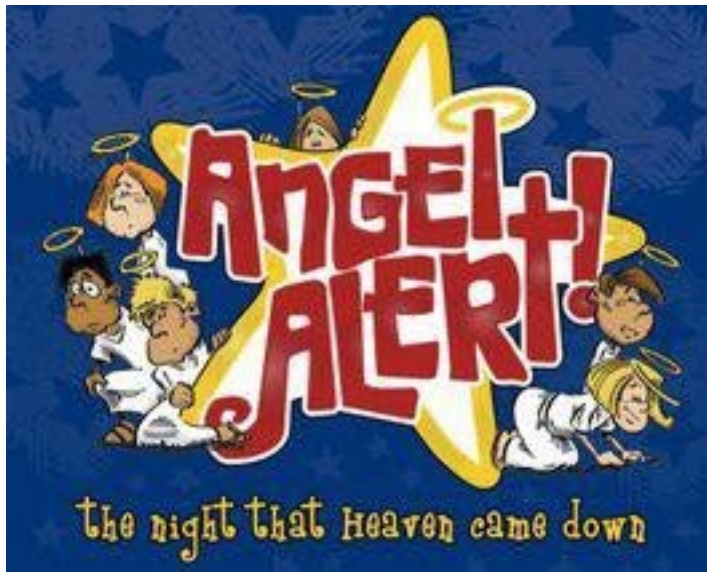
## PRAYER REQUEST

### A Call to Prayer

The council of Bishops invites United Methodist to intentional prayer from 2:23p.m.-2:26p.m. each day, until the Special Called Session of the General Conference in February.

# Silent Auction

Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser  
The Silent Auction to support the Youth Mission Trip is now underway. You may view items during of-office hours which are Tuesday-Friday from 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m. and 1:00p.m-3:00p.m Bidding ends on December 9th.



As we prepare for the Christmas season, you won't want to miss the children's program on December 16th during the 10:00a.m. worship service.

Children's Christmas Party.  
Sunday December 16th  
2:00p.m.-4:00p.m  
Santa will be visiting!



Christmas  
Eve  
Service

Christmas Eve Service on  
Monday December 24th  
at 10:00p.m.

Everyone is Welcome!

James Arthur  
Apt 102  
334 S Cherry St.  
Westfield, In 46074

Mark Blessing  
5029 Skipping Stone Dr.  
Indianapolis, In 46237

LeeAnn Bridwell  
305 S. Georgia St.  
Sheridan, In 46069

Don Mendenhall  
610 Crownpointe Dr.  
Lebanon, In 46052

William Oberthur  
Room 4, The Lodge  
1667 Sheridan Rd.  
Noblesville, In 46062

Mary Anne Ogle  
Room 19  
1667 Sheridan Rd.  
Noblesville, In 46062

Helen Pickard  
22398 Mulebarn Road  
Sheridan, In 46069

Kate Pickett  
Room 205  
1667 Sheridan Road  
Noblesville, IN 46062

Janet Butcher  
104 Jaret Drive  
Sheridan, In 46069

Renate Ridge  
Room 106  
776 North Union St.  
Westfield, IN 46074

Ruth Sanders  
Room 208  
7235 Riverwalk Way N.  
Noblesville, IN 46062

Melba Stephenson  
22490 Mulebarn Rd.  
Sheridan, In 46069

Tresa Ann Waitt  
Apt. 230  
334 S. Cherry St.  
Westfield, In 46069

Mary Walker  
925 W. 236th St.  
Sheridan. In 46069

Joan Perkins  
Maple Park Village  
776 N. Union St.  
Westfield, IN 46074

Beverly Frederick  
808 Ginger Lane  
Apartment A  
Sheridan, In 46069

Jackie Pickett  
Room 51  
1250 West 146th St.  
Westfield, In 46074

Please remember our homebound with a card, a call, or a prayer this week. If you know of someone who needs to be added to our list, please let us know.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Church School 10:00a.m. Worship	3	4 Sunflower Pantry 1:00p.m.-3:00p.m.  Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30	5 Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:00p.m.	6 Learn & Play Preschool 10:00-12:00  Lunch Club 12:00p.m.	7	8  UMM Breakfast 7:30a.m.
9 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship	10	11	12 Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m.  Choir 7:00p.m.	13 Learn & Play Preschool 10:00-12:00  Lunch Club 12:00p.m.  Koinonia Circle 7:00p.m. at Martha Rockey's	14	15
16 9:00a.m. Church School 10:00 Worship Children's Program  4:00-6:00 Children Christmas Party	17 Trustee Meeting 7:00p.m.	18 Sunflower Pantry 1:00-3:00p.m.  5:30p.m. Girl Scouts	19 Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m.  Choir 7:00p.m.	20 Learn & Play Preschool 10:00-12:00  Lunch Club 12:00p.m.	21	22
23 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship	24 Christmas Eve Service 10:00p.m.	25 Merry Christmas	26 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00  Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m.  Choir 7:00p.m.	27 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00 Learn & Play Preschool 10:00-12:00  Lunch Club 12:00 p.m.	28 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00p.m.	29
30	31 Lunch Club?	January 1  Happy New Year	January 2  Lunch Club 11:30-1:00	January 3  Lunch Club 11:30-1:00P.M.	1/4  Lunch Club 11:30-1:00p.m.	