



Sheridan First United Methodist Church

CHIME NOTES

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“We Gotta’ Tell Everybody!”

*When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds (**Luke 2:15-18**).*

Many years ago, when our children were just three and seven years old, Byron and I took them on a special overnight trip. We drove to a large church in northern Indiana to participate in the Bethlehem Walk. It was an interactive living nativity that was comprised of life sized sets of first century Bethlehem and actors reenacting the scenes from Jesus’ life. Our children were excited to see all the real animals: goats, sheep, ducks, chickens, donkeys, and best of all...real camels! The scenes depicted the visit of the Angel Gabriel to Mary, the birth of Jesus, and scenes from his life, death and resurrection. For three weekends before Christmas people from all over the state came to hear about the real meaning of Christmas. It was awesome!

We were guided through the sets by a tour host who would tell us the story of Jesus as we wandered through each of the sets. When we got to the manger, our tour host invited all the little children to come forward and see the baby Jesus. They crowded in close, eyes wide, like they had never seen anything like it before. They watched in awe as Mary sang “Silent Night” as she cradled baby Jesus in her arms. Joseph was standing by Mary with his hand on her shoulder. And as soon as Mary had finished her song one little boy shouted, “Look Mom, it’s Jesus! Wow! We gotta’ tell everybody!” We all chuckled and thought it was really cute...but to that little boy, Jesus was real!

I have thought about the little boys words many times. He was absolutely right. We gotta’ tell everybody! The shepherds did just that after the angels told them where to find the baby Jesus. And after finding him they had to tell the Good News of great joy; salvation had come for all people! They couldn’t keep quiet! They told everyone who would listen to them that the Messiah was born. Honestly, how could they keep it to themselves, having seen what they had seen? How can we ourselves keep quiet, having heard the Good News, experiencing Christ first-hand, and having been redeemed by Christ our Savior?

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In the great commission in Matthew 28:16-20 Jesus tells his disciples to go and tell the Good News to all nations. If you, like so many other Christians today, ever feel unqualified to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, simply remember the shepherds. They were the most unlikely messengers to proclaim the Messiah's birth. They were a rowdy bunch... poor, unclean, rough; second class citizens...the outcasts of their day. God sent the angels to the shepherds to proclaim the news, he could have just as easily chosen the angels to tell all the citizens of Bethlehem that the Messiah was born... but God chose the shepherds. He used them as the first-ever evangelists of the Gospel. Just as the shepherds could not keep quiet about what they had seen after they found baby Jesus, so it should be for us. We gotta' tell everybody! How could we do anything less? Be excited about your faith in Jesus Christ as your Messiah. Share the joy of your salvation with everyone who will listen. This Christmas season, share the good news, not just of Jesus as the baby in the manger, but of Jesus, Son of God, who came to dwell among us... who came and sacrificed his life for us so that we could live forever with him in heaven. Celebrate the gift of Christmas, and proclaim the joy of your salvation to the World! Have a blessed and Merry Christmas!

CHIME NOTES NEWS:

YOUTH LOCK-IN : Grades 6 through 12 December 29th 7:00 P.M. TO 7:00 A.M.
Permission Slip and Information can be picked up at church or on the church Web Site :
www.Sheridanfirstunitedmethodist.org

SHERIDAN REHAB CENTER WORSHIP: Our church will be providing a 30 minute worship service for our friends at Sheridan Rehab on Sunday, December 10th at 2:30 p.m. The church family is invited to come and help Pastor Carol and Valri Fox celebrate the season of Christ's birth with our wonderful seniors and friends.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES:

December 24th at 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Did you know that Christmas Eve is on Sunday this year? Because it is on a Sunday the Church Council decided to change our services to accommodate our church families Christmas gatherings. We know it is a very busy day for many of you. So, on Sunday morning, December 24th , we will NOT have our 8:30 a.m. service and there will be NO Sunday School. We will have our regular 10:00 a.m. service and the Candlelight Service will be at 10:00 p.m. We will NOT have our 7:00 p.m. Family service. The Children will be able to sing Happy Birthday to Jesus and enjoy cake and punch during the fellowship hour after the 10:00 a.m. service. We will go back to our regular schedule for Christmas Eve next year, 2018. Please, come and worship with us as we celebrate the birthday of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

HANGING OF THE GREENS



LEARN AND PLAY PRESCHOOL

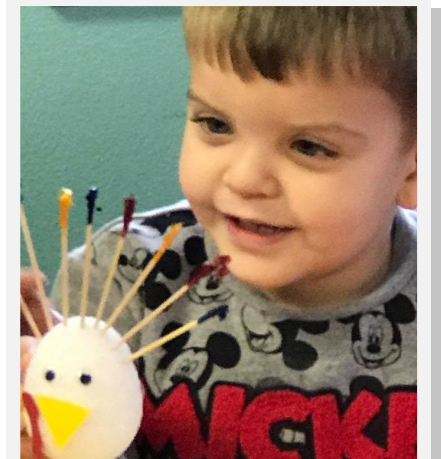


During the month of November, we learned about Thanksgiving and the Indians while we did our centers. We even made cornbread. We have had some fantastic fun while learning.



→ Making a Styrofoam turkey helps with our fine

← Learning our names with turkey feathers.



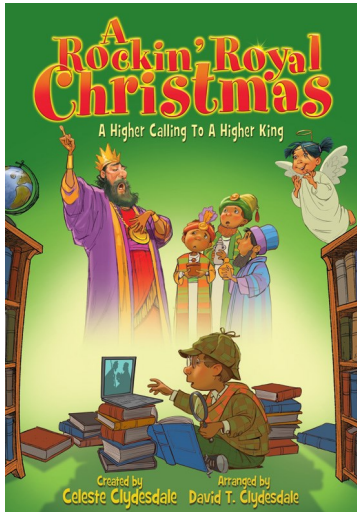


We got to make
cornbread and then
eat it for lunch!

The kids really enjoy
when we do cooking
and when we do
science experiments.



Education News



A Rockin' Royal Christmas Children's Christmas Musical

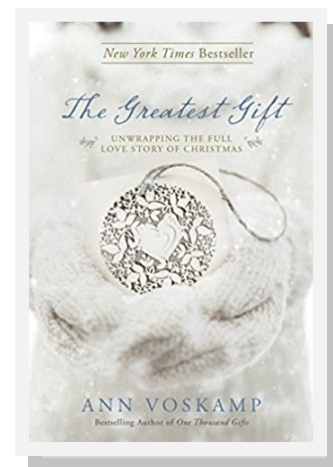
Sunday, December 10

10:00 Worship Service

Special thanks to Nikki Davis and Amanda Summers for leading the program again this year.



The Children's Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 10, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. We will have games, decorate cookies, and even have a visit from



Women's Bible Study Advent Study

In this study by Ann Voskamp we will reach back into the pages of the Old Testament to explore the lineage of Jesus -- the greatest gift --- through the majestic advent tradition of "The Jesse Tree," each day featuring its own exquisite ornament highlighting the Biblical story .

Beginning with Jesse, the father of David, *The Greatest Gift* retraces the epic pageantry of mankind, from Adam to the Messiah, with each day's profound reading pointing to the coming promise of Christ, so that come Christmas morning you find that the season hasn't blurred past you but your heart's fully unwrapped the greatest gift you've always yearned

ENRICHMENT

In Enrichment, we are studying Joseph, Jesus' earthly father. We are learning how he taught Jesus to be a carpenter and how he changed his life to be the earthly father of Jesus! We talked about his being humble, and how we can be humble.



SCHOOL, CHILDREN'S MOMENTS, & ENRICHMENT



Sharing a few pictures from Sunday School, Children's Moments, and Enrichment. These are our young people — our future!



Special thanks to Pam Eidson, Randy Minardo, Jeanna Pearson, and Martha Rockey who come back each Sunday to assist with Enrichment and help these kids come to know the Lord.



Happy Anniversary

Stacey Harwood	12/1
Linda Pickett	12/2
Charlene Haughey	12/5
Becky Lauterbach	12/5
Noah Edwin Blessing	12/11
Pam Harwood	12/11
Rachel Adams	12/12
Mary Walker	12/12
Randy Brimberry	12/13
Bob Snedaker	12/13
Garrett Welch	12/13
Elaine Cannon	12/14
Nita Sweeney	12/15
Valerie Adams	12/20
Mary Ann Lowder	12/25
Jim Sanborn	12/27
Greg Bray	12/28
Silas DeVaneyIII	12/28
Bob Godby	12/28
Cole Bales	12/30

George & Cathy Good	12/4
Joey & Beth Miller	12/5
Jim & Nita Sweeney	12/29
Nick & Lori Christy	12/31

Sunflower items needed for December.



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



Remembering Our Homebound Members

Mark Blessing
5029 Skipping Stone Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46237

Mary Walker
925 West 236th St.
Sheridan, In 46069

Kate Pickett
Room 118
803 S. Hamilton Ave
Sheridan, In 46069

Mary Grace Pickett
Room132
334 S. Cherry St
Westfield, IN 46075

Tresa Ann Waitt
334 S. Cherry St.
Apt. 230
Westfield, In 46074

William Oberthur
Room 12
1667 Sheridan Rd.
Noblesville, In 46062

Helen Pickard
22398 Mulebarn Road
Sheridan, In 46069

James Authur
Apt.102
334 S.Cherry Street
Westfield, In46074

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

Melba Stephenson
22490 Mulebarn Rd.
Sheridan, In 46069

Robert Fox (Sr.)
937 E. 186th Street
Room # 210
Westfield, In 46074

Renata Ridge
1853 West State Road 38
Sheridan, IN 46069

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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3 1st Sunday of Advent 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Church School 10:00a.m. Worship	4	5 Sunflower Pantry 1:00-3:00p.m.	6 Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:00p.m.	7 Learn & Play Preschool 10:00a.m. Lunch Club 12:00p.m.	8	9 UMM Breakfast 7:30a.m. Children's Musical Practice 10:00-11:00a.m.
10 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship A Rockin' Royal Christmas 2:30p.m. Nursing home service 3:30-5:30p.m Children's Party	11	12 Lydia Circle 1:30p.m.	13 Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:00p.m.	14 Learn & Play Pre-school 10:00a.m. Lunch Club 12:00p.m.	15	16
17 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Church School 10:00 Worship	18 Trustee Mt. 7:00p.m.	19 Sunflower Pantry 1:00-3:00p.m.	20 Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:00p.m.	21 Learn & Play Preschool 10:00a.m. Lunch Club 12:00p.m.	22	23
24 10:00 a.m. Worship 10:00p.m. Christmas Eve Service	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 Lunch Club 11:30a.m.-1:00p.m. Finance Mt. 7:30p.m.	27 Lunch Club 11:30-a.m-1:00p.m. Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:00p.m.	28 Lunch Club 11:30a.m.-1:00p.m.	29 Lunch Club 11:30a.m.-1:00p.m. Youth Lock-IN 7:00p.m.	30 Youth Lock-in ends at 7:00a.m.
31 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship						