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The Newsletter of Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church

Our Mission: To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ and Share His Love

In 273 AD, the date was set for Christmas and the birth of our Savior Jesus. While dates have been suggested for the birth of Jesus from January 2 to May 28, all we can truly know is that the precise date is obscured by time. What we do know is that a baby was born to Mary and Joseph in a cattle stall in Bethlehem as they were on a journey to record their lives in a Roman census. The doctrine of our life is about the birth, not the date.

We are reminded that shepherds brought lambs, Kings brought gifts, and Angels brought song.

I pray and hope each person that reads this small composition or even countless people who will not read this passage will do one important task- Rejoice. In the culture of Jesus and his birth, the Jews would celebrate from 6 pm to the next day at 6 pm. Moses wrote about a time frame for Sabbath. Today what do we record? How will this Christ-Mass be different from others? In 1914 the soldiers of devastated fields in France in WW1 had a Christmas truce. In our time what will we do to put aside the hurt and pain of the world and rejoice?

If this were to be a Christmas unlike any other what would we do? I pray and hope it would be to rejoice in the newborn King!

St. Luke 2:10 Do not be afraid; for see-I am bringing you the goodness of a great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. Rejoice this makes this Christmas impactful for us and others.

Rejoice and be glad,

Jim



Scriptures and Sermon Topics for December

December 4th - Second Sunday of Advent Isaiah 11: 1-10, St. Matthew 3: 1-12 A Forward Nudge Children's Christmas Play- The Names of Jesus

December 11th - Third Sunday of Advent
Choir Cantata
Joy to the World-A celebration of carols by Jay Althaus

December 18th- Fourth Sunday of Advent St. Luke 1: 46-55 In the Unexpected - Praise!

> December 24th - Christmas Eve St. Luke 2: 1-10 Just JOY!

> December 25th - Christmas Day 10:00 Service A Moravian Love Feast



Thanks to Juanita
Smith for the beautiful
Cornucopia on the altar
for Thanksgiving.
This was made possible
by the Robert Carter
Memorial Flower Fund.

Trunk or Treat



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I would like to thank everyone who prayed for me when I was sick last month. You don't really appreciate the prayers of humble Christians till you need them.

As all of you know, one of my finest qualities is nagging. If you were to become ill the first temptation might be to Google it, but please resist. People post the most outrageous garbage on the Internet just to sell advertising. Please go to real doctors or P.A.'s if you are sick.

Please, take your medication list with you to your appt. (Better yet, take the bottles). Be prepared when you go into the office to have that Q-tip pushed up your nose and halfway into your brain. The Covid test is quite accurate and takes only 10 minutes. About medications, you absolutely have the right to question why are you being prescribed this drug or that? You might have to try more than one antibiotic before you find one that you can tolerate (I went through three). Also, if it's a respiratory issue you may have to use an inhaler for a while...Inhalers are very good but some of them can cause a temporary rapid heart rate. Steroids are prescribed because they reduce the swelling and pain in the lining of the lungs, but they can have nasty side effects. Please make sure you taper off them as ordered. If the dr's office offers a discharge summary, please, please take one and read it. And PLEASE read the literature that comes with your meds. Oh, the stories I could tell.

You are important! I waited too long because I thought, oh, it'll go away on its own. Bronchitis can easily worsen into pneumonia. I could hear wheezes and crackles whenever I was out of bed, and I should have known better. I was also told by my dr. that I could be heard breathing from across the room. That was startling.

Also, I wasn't thankful at all. I drove my car with a full gas tank to the pharmacy and got my meds for under \$7.00. I could access a video on my phone that explained all about my antibiotic and included phone numbers. I live in a mansion with a full refrigerator and a full pantry. I drank warm tap water (recommended) out of my kitchen faucet instead of walking for miles with a bucket to a well. At night I lay on a soft couch with a warm blanket and listened to light classical on Music Choice. And hated it. Nurses make crummy patients.

Lastly, please remember that doctors, N.P.s and P.A.'s are human, too. Please pray for them before you go into the office. And be thankful! I am so, so thankful for all of you. Happy Thanksgiving, my beloved

Judy Melton, R.N., F.C.N.





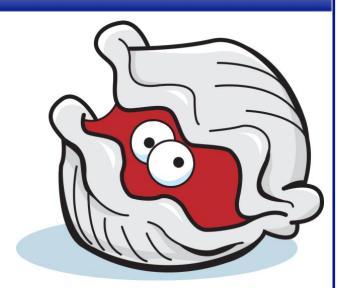
Duncan Memorial Women Fundraiser Featuring Tana's Kitchen Chicken Pot

Order deadline 12 January 2023

Back by popular demand the Duncan Memorial Women are having a Tana's Chicken Pot Pie Fundraiser. We are selling three varieties: Chicken, Veggie and Chicken Shepherd's Pie (gluten-free). Each 9 inch deep dish chicken pot pie is mouthwatering, overflowing with scrumptious all white meat chicken, vegetables and made with their famous buttery crust. Pies are \$23 each and will serve four people. Watch for the order form in your bulletin.

Oyster Sales

The United Methodist Men will be selling oysters at Christmas this year. They are \$40 a quart and will be sold on a pre-paid basis only. Please send in your payment to order your oysters by December 12th and they will be ready



for pickup on December 17th from 9:00 a.m. till 12 noon.

TIME TO ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS

Honor loved ones this Christmas by placing a **poinsettia** in the sanctuary in celebration or in memory of them. We are requesting that you order only **red poinsettias**, please.

Please complete the form below and return to the church office no later than December 12th. They will be placed in the sanctuary for the service on the 18th and 24th. You may take them home after the Christmas Eve service.



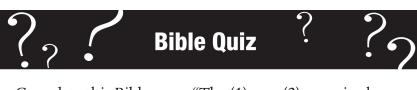
CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA TRIBUTE		
GIVEN BY:		
PHONE NUMBER:	NUMBER OF POINSETTIAS	
IN HONOR OF:		
IN MEMORY OF:		



7:00 p.m. December 24th



Join us on
Christmas Day
@ 10:00 a.m. for
a Moravian
Love Feast, in
the sanctuary.



Complete this Bible verse: "The (1)____ in the (3)____, and the (3)____ has not overcome it."

- A. (1) Word; (2) speaks; (3) silence
- B. (1) light; (2) shines; (3) darkness
- C. (1) kingdom of God; (2) reigns;
 - (3) world
- D. (1) Spirit of God; (2) shines;
 - (3) world
- E. None of the above



Dec 31



Dec 1	ivancy Hetzei	
Dec 5	Michael Peffer	
Dec 12	Adam Owens	
	Nancy Tinsman	
	Bart Youngblood	
Dec 13	Margaret Dillow	
	Jacob Griffith	
Dec 15	Alice Mansfield	
Dec 16	Ella McDonald	
Dec 17	Gary Fultz	
	Riley Duncan	
Dec 19	Patrick Hudson	
	Jean Wege	
	Ronald Wenner	
Dec 21	Samuel Legard	
Dec 22	Robert Sell	
Dec 26	Julie Wernle	
Dec 27	Jessica Clotzman	
	Alice Dean	
	Cynthia Newcomb	
Dec 28	Larry Dodson	
	Tiffany Youngblood	
Dec 29	Juli Luzzi	
Dec 30	Lee Campbell	

Catherine Stump



In the Military	Our Members	Family & Friends
Richard Harris	Don Braithwaite	Janice Caston
T. Patrick O'Connor	Mary Jane Ewing	Kevin Denison
John Peffer	Jean Hinson	Don Hughes
Ethan Powell	Jeanne Hudson	Dwayne & Shelly Kappanuf
Jared Tinsman	Audrey Hudson	Karen Keating
Jessica Young	Susan Lewis	Judy Key
	Len Lawson	Kevin Lambert
	John Willingham	Stephanie Moore
Shut-ins	Ellen Wilcox	Martin Neises
*Gary Cook		Donna Patterson
*Sam Legard	Families Grieving	Easton Tavenner
*Marilyn Olsen	Family or Charlotte Stickles	
*Marguerite Rutherford		
Hilda Sealock		
*Nursing home or Assisted-living home		



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A Christmas Harvest

Christmas is the harvest time of love. Souls are drawn to other souls. All that we have read and thought and hoped comes to fruition at this happy time. Our spirits are astir. We feel within us a strong desire to serve. A strange, subtle force, a new kindness, animates man and child. A new spirit is growing in us. No longer are we content to relieve pain, to sweeten sorrow, to give the crust of charity. We dare to give friendship, service, the equal loaf of bread and love.

-Helen Keller