



*January*  
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*"How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n. No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in. O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!" (O Little Town of Bethlehem, vs 3-4)*

The beautiful voices joined together on Christmas Eve are still ringing in my ears as I write this newsletter article. It was wonderful to see new friends and old as we celebrated again the birth of the Christ child. The words of *O Little Town of Bethlehem* especially spoke to me during the service, particularly the parts about Christ entering in the hearts of those who receive him and the request to "be born in us today". My hope for us all this Christmas season is that we open our hearts widely so that Christ can be born anew in us.

Thank you all so much for all of the Christmas cards, gifts, goodies, and generous monetary gift. I feel very blessed to have served as your pastor for the last six years and look forward to continuing our ministry together to share God's love and grace through our words and actions.

In January, when Sunday School resumes on the 12th, the adult class will begin an Augsburg Fortress study called "Dialogues on the Refugee Crisis". If you are interested in participating in this study with us, please see Bruce Johnson or myself for the study materials.

Also, as we begin 2020, our newsletter will be changing to a quarterly newsletter after a survey was conducted in the congregation and discussed in council. There will no longer be monthly contributions from our team directors but a section of the newsletter will be devoted to upcoming events for the teams. In the off months, all members will receive an email with the next month's worship servers, calendar, announcements, prayer concerns, and birthdays/anniversaries. We are always welcome to feedback on this new format and look forward to your suggestions.

May you be surrounded by peace, joy, hope and love in the new year as you respond to God's grace in love.

See you in church!

*Pastor Robin*





**Sunday Evening Worship and Praise Services continue on Sundays at 5:00 p.m.** Please help us spread the word! This is a 45-50 minute, "come as you are" service with singing, a short message, and communion.

## Women's Activities



**Women's Dinner** - Our next women's dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. on **Monday, January 27th**, at the **Sunflower Chinese Restaurant**, 7370 Sawmill Rd., Columbus, OH 43235 (614) 764-7888. If you need transportation, please let Pastor Robin know.

**Women's Bible Study - Monday, January 6, at 7:00 p.m.** Come and join us as we discuss Chapters 6 & 7 from the book, *Finding Rest in a Busy World*, by Margaret Feinberg. Susan Wolfe facilitates the discussion. Meetings occur on the first Monday of each month.

## Meals on Wheels for January and February

Friday, January 17	Himmel-McDaniel	Friday, February 21	Biemel
Saturday, January 18	Engen	Saturday, February 15	Wolfe

**If you would like a home visit by Pastor Robin**, please let Pastor Robin or Tracy know so we can get one scheduled. It does not need to be a pastoral emergency... just an opportunity to get to know you better.

**Gluten Free Communion Wafers are available.** If you have trouble with the regular communion wafers or with the bread served, please let Pastor Robin know. We do have gluten-free wafers available. **Large print bulletins are also available for worship.** Please ask the usher for assistance.

**Kroger Plus Fundraising Information:** If you would like to register your Kroger card for the Community Rewards Program, please contact Pastor Robin or the church office. Thank you so much for participating in this fundraiser! We received over \$800 last year!

**Thrivent Members** - For those of you with choice dollars don't forget that Fellowship can be a recipient of those dollars. Thank you to all who have donated this way in the past!

**Do You Order From Amazon?** If so, then try Amazon Smile to support Fellowship Lutheran Church! First, go to Amazon Smile and choose Fellowship Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH as your charity. Then, shop as usual and Fellowship will receive a percentage of your purchase. It's that easy!

## Attendance Information

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
11/3	48/10	12/1	66/9
11/10	75/8	12/8	49/12
11/17	46/12	12/15	66/6
11/24	58/11	12/22	58/12
		12/24	132
		12/29	24/6

**Welcome new members Ray and Carol Ward (Barb Fisher's parents)!**



*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: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. **Luke 2:8-11 NRSV***

As I write this, we are a few days before Christmas and we will be rolling into the new year with a new beginning soon.

Council has continued to work on our strategic focus. In January, we will be holding a planning session to focus our efforts going forward. Some key items will be to get more action going in forming ministry teams. Some are working well, some are still just starting out. We will also do a review of Fellowship's vision statement now that we have finished our exploration of the Power Surge book.

Since we no longer have a January congregational meeting to do, we will be holding a town hall to discuss the outcome of our planning work, review our ministry teams' annual reports, and have open discussion between the leadership team and members. We will be holding that on February 2 at 9:00 AM during the Sunday School hour. Please come out and hear what we are planning and bring up any topics that you are interested in.

### **Financial Status**

As of the end of November, our financial status is in line with our normal annual progression. As Nov. 30, our Operating Fund balance was \$2,514 compared to \$1,238 last year.

### **Coming Soon – New Giving Method**

We are investigating some offerings from Vanco that would enable us to take offerings via the web or smart phone app. Vanco is our provider for EFT and these offerings would not add any cost to the congregation, but would enable the ability to give or update your EFT on the fly. If you'd like to look at it, search for GivePlus in your phone's app store.

I wish everyone will have had a wonderful Christmas. I hope you have had an opportunity to celebrate Jesus' birth with friends and family. As we look forward to the new year, I encourage you to seize the opportunity to grow your relationship with God and your discipleship of Jesus. Fellowship has many opportunities to "share God's love and Grace through our words and actions." I encourage you to find teams that are already there, or to create a new team that fits your talents and passions in 2020.

Your Servant in Christ,

Todd Engen

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## **January, February and March**

### **Executive**

**February 4, 9:00 AM** – Town Hall meeting to review annual reports and leadership plans for 2020 as well as discussion of other congregational topics

### **Outreach**

**Smoky Row and LSS Food Pantries** - The collection of items for our local food pantries will continue. The items most needed include: non-perishable food staples, such as beans corn, rice, and pasta; baby diapers size 2-3-4, and wipes; toiletries such as shampoo/conditioner, soap, toilet paper; winter coats (all sizes, hats, and gloves; and light bulbs. Place the items in the plastic tubs located in the Narthex.

**Souper Bowl, January 26 and February 2** - Enjoy a snack, pick your favorite team to win the Super Bowl, and donate funds to the LSS and Smoky Row Food Pantries. Have fun, and give generously!!

### **Education and Youth**

**Men's Breakfast** - The next men's breakfast will be on Saturday, February 8, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. All men are welcome. Come and enjoy breakfast and fellowship.

### **Worship**

**Ash Wednesday service - Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Healing Services - Sunday, March 1st at both services**

**Midweek Lenten soup suppers and services** - During the Lenten season, we will meet each Wednesday evening, **beginning March 4th** at 6:15 pm for a soup supper followed by a service at 7:00 pm. Please consider contributing to a Wednesday evening Lenten supper. These light suppers (soup and sandwiches or salad) are served just before our service. Two or three families can provide each meal. The Board of Worship will provide paper and plastic ware, as well as peanut butter, jelly and bread. Supper will start at 6:15, and the church will be open at 5:00 so you can begin preparations. Plan to serve approximately 15 - 20 people. Everyone is invited to attend these meals to share in what Lutherans like best... fellowship and food.

**FOR OUR MEMBERS:**

- Maxine Brunner**
- Sam Brunner**
- Major N Crispin**
- Bob Drake**
- Barb Fisher**
- Margery Gress**
- Cheryl Hamilton**
- Jean Johnson**
- Hazel Lambert**
- Leena LeMay**
- Sonja Meighen**
- Joshua Mott**
- Sue Perry**

**FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:**

- Joan Albert**, Ruth Albert's mother...
- Lynn Brown**, Debbie Bear's mother...
- Kim & Denny Durkin**, Heather Tonn's co-worker...
- Lyn Fitzer**, Bill Lude's friend...
- Mike Gerdeman**, Karen Harris' friend's brother...
- Chris Johnson**, Bruce Johnson's sister-in-law...
- Brook Keller**, Barb Fisher's friend...
- Charles Roll**, Dianna Roll's father-in-law...
- Mary Lou Scheeser**, Stacy Niedecker's aunt...
- Angela Spratt**, Frank and Leena LeMay's daughter...
- Marty Timco**, Ruth Albert's co-worker...
- Baby Hayden Valesky**, Votino's great nephew...
- Peter Zeug**, Sonja Meighen's brother...

**FOR OUR SHUT-INS:**

- Lynn Brown**, Debbie Bear's mother...

**DEATHS:**

- Thelma Allemang**, Kathy Farel's aunt...
- Lisa Cooke**, Pat and Cindy Frey's co-worker...
- Carol Fredrickson**, Todd Engen's cousin's wife...
- Bonnie Manzari**, Carol Jaeger's cousin...

**January Birthdays**

Gwen Cardimen	1/7
Carol Jaeger	1/9
Will Colombo	1/11
Hayden Laucher	1/12
Dave Bear	1/13
Jenny DeVantier	1/17
Michael King	1/17
Anna Oliver	1/22
Kim Johnston	1/23
Major N Crispin	1/25
Margery Gress	1/28
Josh Mott	1/28
Abigail Cardimen	1/30



*Happy Birthday to those celebrating birthdays this month! This list reflects the information we have in our computer at this time. We welcome your corrections and additions!*

**January Anniversaries**

Kohei & Yuriko Tateyama	1/1
Bruce & Jean Johnson	1/20
Frank & Leena LeMay	1/28



# Worship Server Schedule for January 2020

<b>Date</b>	<b>January 5</b>	<b>January 12</b>	<b>January 19</b>	<b>January 26</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Stacy Niedecker	Ruth Albert	Paul Wargowsky	Chris Tonn
<b>Acolyte</b>	Lilly Cardimen	Charlotte Tonn	Gwen Cardimen	Aleigha Crispin
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Chad Laucher	Jeanine Biemel	Cindy Frey	Kathy Farel
<b>Communion Asst.</b>	Ruth Albert	Kathy Farel	Bruce Johnson	Bill Lude
<b>Ushers</b>	Votino	Chad Laucher Tom Mott	Bill Lude Major Crispin	Abigail Cardimen Jillian Mott
<b>Counters</b>	Bill Farel Dianna Roll	Jim Jaeger John Votino	Andy DeVantier Lori Hobbins	Bill Lude Pete Cardimen
<b>Greeters</b>	Laucher	Votino	Karen Harris	Crispin
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Kathy & Tracy Farel	Kathy & Tracy Farel	Kathy & Tracy Farel	Kathy & Tracy Farel
<b>Hymn Selector</b>	Cindy Frey	Cindy Frey	Cindy Frey	Cindy Frey
<b>Host</b>				

**Church Staff**

Pastor	Rev. Robin Wargowsky
Treasurer	Heather & Chris Tonn
Financial Secretary	Tracy Farel
Office Secretary	Tracy Farel
Organist	Michael Cherup
Sub. Organist	David Fleisher
Sunday evening pianist	Amy Wargowsky
Choir Director	George Biemel
Custodian	Kenneth Hunt

**Executive Committee**

President	Todd Engen
Vice-President	Mike Rankin
Secretary	Ruth Albert Pastor Robin

**Congregational Life**

Director	Chad Laucher
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**Education & Youth**

Director	Bill Lude
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**Outreach**

Director	Carol Jaeger
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**Stewardship & Support**

Director	John Votino
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**Worship**

Director	Sonya Thelin
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***Thank you for your leadership!!!***



# January 2020 Calendar

## Weekly Recurring Events

### Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School (except 1/5)
- 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. - Columbus Joeun choir practice
- 12:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. - Columbus Joeun service/meal
- 5:00 p.m. - Worship and Praise

### Monday

- 6:00 -7:30 a.m. - Columbus Joeun prayer
- 8:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous

### Tuesday

- 6:00 -7:30 a.m. - Columbus Joeun prayer
- 4:00 - 9:30 p.m. - Sound Aloud

### Wednesday

- 6:00 -7:30 a.m. - Columbus Joeun prayer
- 7:00 p.m. - Choir

### Thursday

- 6:00 -7:30 a.m. - Columbus Joeun prayer
- 4:00 - 9:30 p.m. - Sound Aloud
- 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. - Columbus Joeun service

### Friday

- 6:00 -7:30 a.m. - Columbus Joeun prayer
- 8:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous

### Saturday

- 6:00 -7:30 a.m. - Columbus Joeun prayer

## Other Events & Meetings

### January 1, 2020 (Wednesday)

- Happy New Year! - office closed

### January 5, 2020 (Sunday)

- 11:00 a.m. - Take down Christmas decorations
- 11:30 a.m. - Executive Committee

### January 6, 2020 (Monday)

- 7:00 p.m. - Women's Book Study

### January 10-12, 2020 (Friday-Sunday)

- Youth Quake in Cincinnati

### January 14, 2020 (Tuesday)

- 7:00 p.m. - Worship

### January 17, 2020 (Friday)

- 6:30 p.m. - BAPS

### January 20, 2020 (Monday)

- Martin Luther King Day - office closed

### January 23, 2020 (Thursday)

- 10:30 a.m. - Care Team & Lunch

### January 25, 2019 (Saturday)

- 10:00 am - 1:00 pm - Council Retreat

### January 27, 2020 (Monday)

- 6:00 p.m. - Women's Dinner

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>29 10 am - Worship 11:30-4:45 - CJMC 5 pm - Worship</p>	<p>30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Women's Bible Study 8 pm. - Narc. Anon.</p>	<p>31 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 4:00-9:30 pm - Sound Aloud</p>	<p>1 New Year's Day 6:00 am - CJMC Pray</p>	<p>2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 4:00-9:30 pm - Sound Aloud</p>	<p>3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8 pm. - Narc. Anon.</p>	<p>4 6:00 am - CJMC Pray</p>
<p>5 10 am - Worship 11:00 am - Take down decorations 11:30 am - Executive 11:30-4:45 - CJMC 5 pm - Worship</p>	<p>6 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8 pm. - Narc. Anon.</p>	<p>7 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 4:00-9:30 pm - Sound Aloud</p>	<p>8 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Choir</p>	<p>9 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 4:00-9:30 pm - Sound Aloud</p>	<p>10 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8 pm. - Narc. Anon.  Youth Quake.</p>	<p>11 6:00 am - CJMC Pray  Youth Quake.</p>
<p>12 9 am - Sunday School 10 am - Worship 11:30-4:45 - CJMC 5 pm - Worship Youth Quake.</p>	<p>13 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8 pm. - Narc. Anon.</p>	<p>14 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 4:00-9:30 pm - Sound Aloud 7:00 pm - Worship</p>	<p>15 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Choir</p>	<p>16 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 4:00-9:30 pm - Sound Aloud</p>	<p>17 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:30 pm - BAPS 8 pm. - Narc. Anon.</p>	<p>18 6:00 am - CJMC Pray</p>
<p>19 9 am - Sunday School 10 am - Worship 11:30-4:45 - CJMC 5 pm - Worship</p>	<p>20 <i>Martin Luther King Day</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8 pm. - Narc. Anon.</p>	<p>21 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service</p>	<p>22 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Choir</p>	<p>23 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 10:30 am - Care Team 4:00-9:30 pm - Sound Aloud</p>	<p>24 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8 pm. - Narc. Anon.</p>	<p>25 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 10:00 am - 1:00 pm - Council Retreat</p>
<p>26 9 am - Sunday School 10 am - Worship 11:30-4:45 - CJMC 5 pm - Worship</p>	<p>27 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Women's Dinner 8 pm. - Narc. Anon.</p>	<p>28 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 4:00-9:30 pm - Sound Aloud 11:30 pm - CJMC</p>	<p>29 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Choir</p>	<p>30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray</p>	<p>31 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8 pm. - Narc. Anon.</p>	<p>1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray</p>

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*Our Purpose:* To share God's love and grace through our words and actions.

*Our Vision:* To be a "called and gathered" family of faith whose members so fully experience the undeserved love of God that we are moved to express that same love of God, in our relationships with one another and our whole community . . .

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