



Tree of Love

It's that time of year again and our Tree of Love is in the Narthex! We will be assisting two families from Circle of Concern with a total of six children and two adults this year. Please take a tag[s] and return the gift[s] to

the church by December 8 if you are able to do so. Please do not wrap gifts for the children unless you use a gift bag. If you wish to write a check, please note "Tree of Love" on the memo line. If you would like to give cash, we will do the shopping for you. Just drop it off at the office, place it in the mailbox for Gary and Rachell Holt or hand it to them, or place it in the collection plate. Please note "Tree of Love" on your envelope.

Let's celebrate the most important birthday of the year, the birth of Christ, by giving gifts to two needy families in our community!

Christmas Cantata "Resounding Joy!" December 15

Our cantata theme this year is JOY, and LOTS of it! There's lots of it in the bible. "The babe in my womb leapt for joy" says Mary's cousin Elizabeth. The angels bring "tidings of great joy". The shepherds "rejoiced with exceeding great joy". David Welch will read many of these scriptures between the choral pieces.

The Choir sings of "bells ringing merrily on high", that "this is a time for joy", "on this day earth shall ring". They sing that "angels from the realms of glory told a most amazing story" and urged the shepherds "run to Bethlehem". All of these have lively settings and a load of percussion from Tim Crockett. Paul Fuhrmann, with Bob and Tim, have a crazy fun "Drummer Boy" duet. There are quiet moments as well, with "Still, Still Still" and "Peace on Earth".

Cantata days are always good moments to invite friends to church.

Salem in Ballwin UMC

Parish Notes

December 1 - December 8, 2019

The Millennium Mission Candle

The Candle is lit today by Fran Sneathen. She is thankful for another year and blessed with loving family and wonderful friends. The Candle can be lit on Sunday mornings in memory of someone or in honor of someone. A \$10.00 minimum donation is requested. Request forms are located in the narthex.

December's Mission is Mozambique Covenant

Mozambique and Missouri's partnership began in the 1980's and was formally created through the Mozambique Initiative in 1998. The Mozambique Initiative has grown from a ministry that began only facilitating church relationships to a ministry that includes safe water and sustainability projects, seminary sponsorships, and construction of primary school buildings.



Needs Circle of Concern

**Critical - Canned Pasta - Snacks - Jelly - Beans/Rice
Ramen Noodles - Condiments - Dry Potatoes - Size 6
Diapers -Body Wash - Feminine Hygiene - Dry Pasta - Pasta
Sauce - Dinner Helpers - Bar & Hand Soap - Laundry Soap**

Missions

Missions is hosting a Christmas party at West County Care Center on Friday, December 20. Please consider helping us by setting up, serving the residents, cleaning up, or donating finger foods or cookies. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Thank you!

Missions

