

#### <u>Christmas Cantata "Resounding Joy!"</u> <u>December 15</u>

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.



#### Christmas Eve

Come together with friends, family, and guests for our candlelight service of lessons and carols at 7:00 pm. It's easy for all to participate - everything is on the screen! We'll be graced with Dan and Bob Jones leading Silent Night with their lovely guitar accompaniment during the candle lighting.

# Salem in Ballwin UMC Parish Notes December 8 - December 15, 2019

# The Millennium Mission Candle

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 at 2:00 pm. 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!

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