

COLEMANVILLE COMMUNICATOR

Your Monthly Newsletter of Happenings at
Colemanville United Methodist Church



December 2024

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United Methodist Church

"To Love Others, As God Loves Us"

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Address Services Requested

Worship Service:

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8:40 a.m.

Sunday School

10:15 a.m.

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Our Mission: To love others as God loves us... To be a lighthouse radiating God's love!



A Meditation on Advent

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height
In ancient times did'st give the Law
In cloud, and majesty and awe
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

The third verse of the Advent hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" expresses a profound longing of God's people for the coming of the Lord. In the Exodus story, the Lord is Israel's liberator from slavery in Egypt. Proclaims Deuteronomy 5:6 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land Egypt, out of the house of slavery." The late German theologian, Jurgen Moltmann, explains that the expression "the Lord God" in the context of Israel's history with God refers none other than to the "descending" God who remembered God's promise to God's people, who heard their cries of suffering, and who led them out of captivity in Egypt. In other words, the Lord is the compassionate One who dwells with God's people in suffering and saves them from oppression.

This Lord of the Old Testament is the same as the one who is named Jesus Christ in the New Testament. Thus, the advent of the Lord Jesus Christ to the world is the descent of God into the heart of humanity and creation to bring about justice for the oppressed, hope for the hopeless, dignity for the desecrated, and divine love for the unloved. In our times, the Lord comes to create compassionate, just, and non-violent communities and nations. His will is the well-being, common good, and flourishing of all human beings.

Christ our Lord is at work for the healing, sustainability, and blossoming of the Earth. Christ comes for the salvation of all. If this is the core meaning of the coming of the Lord, then we as followers of Jesus Christ are expected to live wholeheartedly a life of compassion, mercy, kindness, peace, and love for others and the cosmos as the incarnate Lord has exemplified. Jesus Christ our Lord descends and saves through us.

May the season of Advent and Christmas not only warm but also break open our hearts to be more compassionate co-workers of the Lord in bringing enduring Hope, Peace, Joy and Love to the suffering world and groaning Earth.

Have a wondrous Christmas and a shining New Year!

Pastor Manny



POINSETTIA ORDERING

The cost is \$9 for a 6.5" bloom. Orders must be turned in by **December 1st**. Checks can be made payable to Colemanville UM Church. Please place your orders and checks into Michelle Smith's mailbox.

MINCEMEAT 2024

THANK YOU to everyone who assisted with Mincemeat 2024 -- from set up, selling, ordering, making, baking, and clean-up! This project was absolutely a group effort! On Wednesday 52 people helped make twelve batches of mincemeat equaling approximately 660 quarts. On Thursday 56 people assisted with baking 1,251 pies. At the time of writing this article, 7 pies and 11 quarts of mincemeat were still available to purchase. Thank you, God, for once again providing the workforce for us to complete this task.



A short meeting will be before the UWF Christmas party on December 9th.

Questions/Concerns can be addressed with UWF board members: Linda Reburn- President, Pat Collins- Vice President, Darlene Hunsberger- Secretary, Donna Eshleman- Treasurer



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- December 1st** – Poinsettia Orders Due
- December 1st** – Outreach Giving Day
- December 3rd** 6:30 pm – Church Council Meeting
- December 4th** 6:30 pm – Advent Meditation - CUMC
- December 7th** – 11 – 4 pm Boehm’s Kids Christmas
- December 7th** 6:30 pm - Movie Night
- December 8th** – Red Bird Missions items due
- December 9th** – 12 pm UWF Christmas Party
- December 9th** – 7 pm Bishop Day
- December 11th** – Community Meal – Chicken Pie
- December 15th** 8:40 am Service - Organ Dedication
- December 18th** 6:30 pm – Advent Meditation - BUMC
- December 22nd** – Band playing carols for prelude
- December 16th – 19th** – Cookie Bake
- December 24th** 7:00 pm – Christmas Eve Service at Colemanville UMC
- December 24th** 10 pm – Candlelight Service at Boehm’s Chapel
- January 1st** 12 pm – Pork and Sauerkraut meal



OUTREACH GIVING DAY

- December 1st** – Join us for Outreach Giving Day
 - 11:15 am - noon - Service Project
 - 12 pm - 1 pm - Lite Lunch
 - 1 - 1:45 pm - Christmas program including singing Christmas carols and making a craft
 - 1:45 - 2:30 pm - Special Giving BINGO (help our Outreach Committee give some Outreach money away to charities.)



RED BIRD MISSION

Hats, scarves, gloves/mittens as well as small toys/books will be collected for and mailed to children served by Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. These items may be placed on/under the Christmas tree in the sanctuary until December 8th



MOVIE NIGHT

The Outreach Committee will have a Christmas Movie night (for all ages) on December 7th at 6:30 pm. Two movies will be shown: The 2012 PureFlix movie “Christmas Angel” will be shown downstairs on the big screen. From grade-school class oral reports on one’s most improbable Christmas wish, student Olivia begins to notice a few coming true. She and her friend Lucas believe it’s the long-abandoned house next door to her that grants the wishes--if they’re made while throwing a rock at it. Olivia soon meets a reclusive old woman (Della Reese) living inside, and together, they begin to review the wishes left at the gate. As Olivia wishes for a new husband for her single mom, the landlord of the abandoned house (a doctor) comes into their lives, but Olivia would rather her mom had the peppy new substitute teacher. Some things must be left in God’s hands. The second movie will be shown in the library (this one is better for younger ones) and is called "Buck Denver Asks...Why Do We Call It Christmas?" from Phil Vischer, creator of Veggie Tales (a combination of the Muppets and Veggie Tales). There will be snacks during Intermission and each child will receive a small gift. So we can better prepare, please sign up in the Narthex or call the office. Hope to see you there!

UWF CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 9th at 12 noon - UWF Christmas Party - See or call Jean Garrett (717)284-3606 to sign up for food. All are invited for a fun and festive time. There will be an ugly sweater contest as well. So, visit the thrift shops to find one. Hope you can join us.

BISHOP DAY

December 9th at 7 pm – A district-wide service will be held at Lampeter UMC

PENNY JAR

The Penny Jar is located on the table in the Narthex. Funds collected through December will go to the Millersville Meals on Wheels. Thank you, from the Mission Committee.



COMMUNITY DINNER

Our Church Outreach community meals are growing, and we want to be able to serve you better. We ask that you please reserve your meal by the date below:

Deadline:

December 7th

Meal Date:

December 11th

December's meal will be Baked Chicken Pie

To order please call (717) 305 – 0215

Take-outs will be available from 4:30-5 pm for shut-ins only. Dine-in will be seated from 5:15 – 6:15 pm.

Join us at 6:15 pm for activities.

ORGAN DEDICATION

December 15th – Organ dedication during the service with guest organist Alice Lauver.



COOKIE BAKE

The cookie bake will be held in the church social hall from December 18th – 21st from 9 am – 9 pm. Cookies and fudge will be baked Monday through Wednesday and on Thursday the baking will be finished, and trays packed. All are welcome to come and help out. Bring your favorite recipe. Fun and fellowship with others. If you have any questions, please ask Darlene Hunsberger, Gladys Drumm, or Linda Reburn. Hope you can join us!

COLEMANVILLE BAND

The Colemanville UM Church band will be playing the prelude on December 22nd. All are welcome to join the band. Any questions contact Jill Kelley at (717)872-2552.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Colemanville's Christmas Eve candlelight service will be on Tuesday, December 24th at 7:00 pm.
Boehm's Christmas Eve candlelight service will be on December 24th at 10 pm.



CONESTOGA FOOD BANK

Conestoga Food Bank – It's the holiday season, and they have holiday food needs. Items needed: Canned fruit (ie. Pears, Peaches, Fruit Cocktail), Apple Sauce, Canned vegetables (ie. Peas, Corn, Lima Beans, Gr. Beans), Instant Oatmeal, Instant Pancake Mix, Syrup, Pop Tarts, Jelly/Jam, Pasta Sauce, Alfredo Sauce, Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Potatoes, Flavored Potatoes, Flavored Rice, White Instant Rice, Canned meat (ie. chicken, tuna), Helpers (ie. Chicken, Tuna, Hamburger), Canned Ravioli, Hearty Soup, Creamed Soup, Canned Soup. Please no expired items, they cannot be accepted.



COMMUNITY AID DONATIONS

Community Aid: Please give our Partner number #40101 when dropping off clothes at the Columbia Avenue/Good Drive location. Colemanville UMC will receive six cents per pound on donations. Donations are usually accepted Monday-Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



PORK & SAUERKRAUT MEAL

There will be a homemade Pork and sauerkraut meal on Wednesday, January 1st at 12 pm. Please make your reservations by calling Jere Breneisen at (717)284-3399. If you would like to donate a cake, please see Jere. Thank you.

TOOLS FOR MINISTRY

February 22nd at Salem UMC in Manheim.

PRAYER REQUEST

Dorinda Brown; Tillie King; Charlie Rineer; Cana Booth; Justine Olsham; Cara Evans; Dana Reisinger; Steve Peifer; Linda Reburn; Matthew Hsia; Haley Bianco; Fran Rankin
Shut ins: Grace Aukamp; Bill & Corie Cauler; Edie Harrington; Edna Searle

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Outreach Giving Day Poinsettia Orders Due	2	3 Church Council Meeting 6:30 pm	4 CUMC Advent Meditation 6:30 pm	5	6	7 BUMC Kids Christmas 11 - 4 pm CUMC Movie Night 6:30 pm
8 Red Bird Due	9 UWF Christmas Party Bishop Day	10	11 Community Meal	12	13	14
15 Organ Dedication	16	17 Cookie Bake	18 BUMC Advent Meditation 6:30 pm	19	20	21
22 Band Playing Prelude	23	24 Colemanville Service 7 pm Boehm's Service 10 pm	25	26 Office Closed	27	28
29	30	31 Pork & Sauerkraut Meal	1	2	3	4



Christmas

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