



The Herald

GOOD SAMARITAN

United Methodist Church

December 2024

Important Dates December

*Dec. 1st-1st Sunday of Advent-10AM- Christmas party 11:30-Fellowship Hall
*Dec. 2nd-Monday, Trustees Meetings 7PM
*Dec. 3rd-Annual Charge Conference 7PM

*Dec 8th-2nd Sunday of Advent-10AM
*Dec. 14th UWF Christmas Luncheon at noon-home of Bonnie Jones-call for info.

*Dec. 15th-3rd Sunday of Advent
*15th-Simbang Gabi 4PM
*Church Council/Finance Meeting-Dec.. 17th 6:30PM

*Dec. 22nd-4th Sunday of Advent (Christmas Cantata)
*Traditional Christmas Eve Service 7PM

Choir practice Saturdays at 9:30AM
Sundays-9AM Sunday School
10AM Worship Services
*Food Pantry open every Thursday-6:30 to 8:30PM

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From the Pastor

Growing up, every year without fail my dad would spend days putting up lights and large manger figurines. I would begrudgingly help him, especially since my mom worried he would fall off the ladder. But when we were done, I had to admit that it was all worth it. There was something almost euphoric about seeing how our house lit up the whole block.

When I was in my late 20's, my dad's brother passed away from a heart attack. Of course we were all devastated. Especially my father who played a paternal role in my uncle's life. Since he passed later in the year, I was almost certain that this would be the year that my dad wouldn't go all out for Christmas. Because I knew that this Christmas would not be the same.

So I was surprised when I drove up to my parent's house and I saw him decorating. I said that I was surprised that he still decided to with us all feeling so down. But he told me that what we are going through means that we need to celebrate Christmas all the more. That always stuck with me.

Our theme for this Advent season is Heaven and Earth based on the work of Will Willimon. In his book he says, "...let's take time to meditate upon the God who has, in the advent of a Babe of Bethlehem, Mighty Savior, Light of the World, taken time for us. Jesus' name means "God saves," which is a Bible way of saying that Almighty God has turned toward us."

What a reason to celebrate no matter what is happening in our lives. God has turned toward us. Jesus came to save us. Because of that sin and death no longer have power over us. There is no greater hope in our lives than knowing that we worship a God who would come to us when we were lost and hopeless. And as a church we have plenty of opportunities this month to join together to celebrate that fact.

December 1st—First Sunday of Advent. Christmas party potluck and White Elephant gift exchange following the service.
 December 14th at 12pm – UWF Christmas luncheon. All women are invited.
 December 15th at 4pm – Simbang Gabi. A cherished Filipino worship and fellowship tradition in anticipation of Christmas.
 December 22nd at 10am - Christmas Cantata during worship.
 December 24th at 7pm– Christmas Eve candlelight service.

I hope that you can join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Yours in Christ,
Ashish

DECEMBER HAPPENINGS



****First Sunday of Advent Worship Service- December 1st -10AM**
 -All invited to our Christmas party, potluck, white elephant gift exchange at 11:30 (bring a gift wrapped, take a gift wrapped)
****Second Sunday of Advent Worship Service-December 8^h-10AM**
****UWF Christmas Luncheon all women are invited-December 14th at noon-off site-call church for information-RSVP by December 7th**
****Third Sunday of Advent -December 15^h-10AM**
 -Simbang Gabi (Filipino traditional worship Service at 4PM)All invited
****Fourth Sunday of Advent- December 22nd-10AM(Christmas Cantata)**
****Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Service-December 24th-7PM**
***Dedications in Memory of or in Honor of will be displayed at Christmas Eve Service on the screen. *see page 5 for a form if you are interested.**



Meetings this month- You are invited to join.

*Dec. 2nd , Monday-Trustees
7PM

*Dec. 3rd, Annual Charge
Conference 7PM

*Dec. 17th, Tuesday-Church
Council/Finance 6:30PM

Date	Name
1	Te'Anna Peoples
6	Murray Williams
10	Noli Manglicmot
12	Joey Barras
14	Debbie Hickman
16	Pastor Ashish Singh
19	Janet Reinhart
21	Karen Sharp
22	John Robinson
25	Joel de Guzman
27	David Lasaine
29	Hedy Campbell
29	Justin Delawder
31	Joe Daniello Jr.
31	Bonnie Jones
31	Sarah Torres-DeStefano

**All are invited-Annual Christmas Party on December 1st at 11:30
-potluck-bring a dish to share, white elephant gift exchange
(bring a gift wrapped and take a gift)**



**Simbang Gabi-Join us for A Filipino traditional Worship
Service on December 15th at 4PM**



Please share this invitation with your friends, family & neighbors.



YOU'RE INVITED! Join Our Welcoming Community As We Celebrate Christmas

****First Sunday of Advent Worship Service- December 1st -10AM**
-Christmas party, potluck, white elephant gift change at 11:30

****Second Sunday of Advent Worship Service-December 8th-10AM**

***UWF (United Women in Faith) Christmas Luncheon, December 14th at noon off site**
*see page 7 for invitation-please RSVP by December 7th

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Christmas flower dedications

the money will be used for children's missions

Looking for a way to honor loved ones this Christmas season for only \$10 each. Checks may be made payable to Good Samaritan Church with a memo of "Christmas flowers"

Place completed forms with payment in the offering plate or mail them in, or use Zelle with our church email.

By December 17th

In Memory of _____

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By _____

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By _____

The names will be displayed at our Christmas Eve Service
(Due to allergic reactions no live Poinsettia Plants will be in our church. There will be no plants to take home)

Kid's Corner



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Advent is a time we wait and prepare for the birth of Jesus. Advent can be full of excitement, like baking cookies, or it can be a time of quiet reflection as we watch the flames on Advent candles

**Please join us every Sunday at 9:00 am
in the classrooms downstairs for
Sunday School!**



Inviting all women– We hope you can join us.

WOMEN'S GROUP CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON-

When:-Saturday, December 14TH At Noon

-PLEASE RSVP-BY DECEMBER 7TH-WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY TO PLAN FOR.

Where : At the home of Bonnie Jones -

362 E. Normandy, Addison, IL. 60101

RSVP TO BONNIE JONES 630-333-7561

bkjones20@sbcglobal.net

OR CALL LINDA AT THE CHURCH 630-543-3725.

goodsamaritanumc@sbcglobal.net

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!! BRING A FRIEND– You don't have to be a member at Good Sam. Let us know how many you plan to bring..

Grab bag gift approximately \$15.00

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Worship Service in person and on line
"Facebook Live" Sundays 10AM

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Every Sunday at 10AM in
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**Community Food Pantry -
Every Thursday 6:30 to
8:30PM .Good Samaritan
Church**

