



The Herald

GOOD SAMARITAN

United Methodist Church

December 2025

From the Pastor

Important Dates

December

*Nov. 30th-1st Sunday of Advent-10AM-

*Dec. 2nd-Tuesday, Trustees Meetings 7PM

*Dec 7th-2nd Sunday of Advent-10AM
*7th-Simbang Gabi 4PM

*Dec. 9th-Annual Charge Conference 7PM

*Dec. 14th-3rd Sunday of Advent

*Dec. 20th UWF Christmas Luncheon at noon-off site-see page 7

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

*Dec. 21st 4th Sunday of Advent 10AM

*All Church Christmas Party-see page 3

*Traditional Christmas Eve Service 6 PM

Choir practice Sundays 9AM
Sundays-9AM Sunday School

Every year, after finishing decorating the outside of our home, I like to do a reveal. I call the family outside and turn all the lights on at the same time. I love the look on their faces when the house lights up. But last year, I was met with “but what about the round globes that you normally put on the tree?” I soon realized that in all my work, I had overlooked the lighted globes that my family loves.

Each year as Christmas approaches, we turn again to the familiar stories in Matthew and Luke—the manger, the angels, the shepherds, the star. I have read these accounts so many times that I sometimes fail to fully grasp its significance because I overlook some of the details. We tend to breeze through the details to get to the serenity of the nativity scenes we have all come to know and love.

But the truth is that the environment in which our Savior came into the world was far from serene. After days of arduous travel, Mary and Joseph could barely find a place to give birth. When he was born he was laid in a manger, a dirty feeding trough for animals. The first to hear the good news were shepherds—ordinary workers who held little social status and essentially lived out in the wilderness. The next were Magi—outsiders, foreigners, seekers who traveled far.

From his birth, Jesus was surrounded by people who society tended to overlook. He himself, was initially ignored. The Christmas story makes it clear: God sees what other’s fail to. Rich or poor, near or far, certain or searching, God sees each and every one of us. And as a church we have plenty of opportunities this month to join together to celebrate that fact.

November 30th – First Sunday of Advent where we will begin to explore other divine birth narratives in the Old Testament

December 7th at 4pm – Simbang Gabi. A cherished Filipino worship and fellowship tradition in anticipation of Christmas.

December 20th at 12pm – UWF Christmas luncheon. All women are invited.

December 21st – Christmas play during worship and luncheon following the service.

December 24th– Christmas Eve candlelight service.

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

Yours in Christ,

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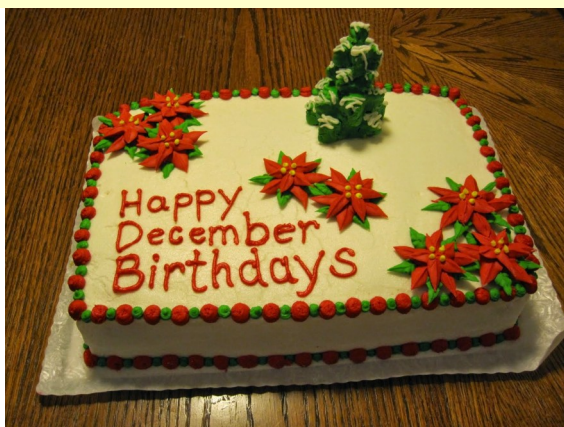
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DECEMBER HAPPENINGS



- ♦ Simbang Gabi (Filipino traditional worship Service at 4PM) All are invited-see page 3
- ♦ UWF Christmas Luncheon all women are invited-December 20th at noon-off site-(see page 7 for invitation) RSVP on or before by December 14th
- ♦ All Church Christmas Party after worship service.-All invited to our Christmas party, potluck, white elephant gift exchange at 11:30 (bring a gift wrapped, take a gift wrapped)
- ♦ Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Service-December 24th-6PM
- ♦ 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 , Tuesday-Trustees
7PM

*Dec. 7th, Tuesday, Annual
Charge Conference 7PM

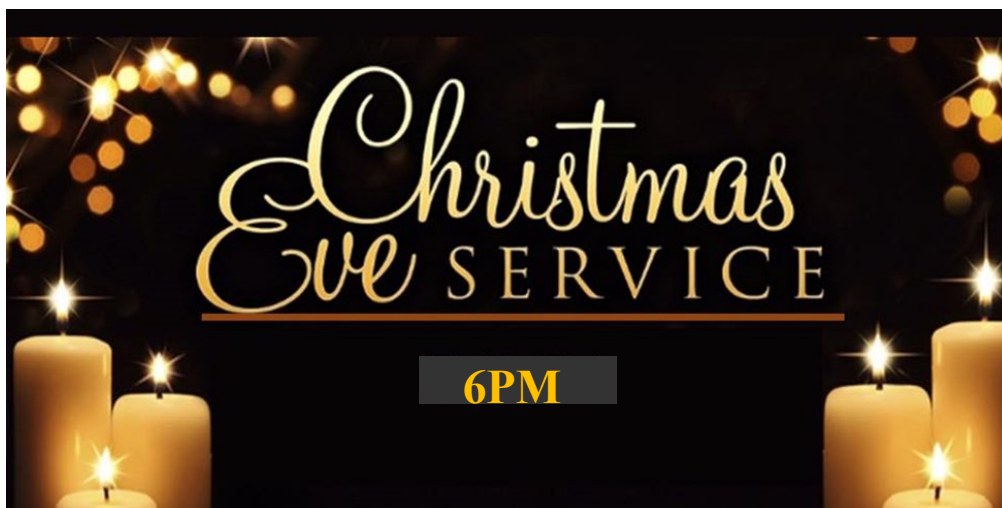
*Dec. 23rd, Tuesday-Church
Council/Finance 6:30PM

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 21st at 11:30-potluck-bring a dish to share, (bring a gift wrapped and take a gift) approximately \$15



Simbang Gabi-Join us for A Filipino traditional Worship Service on December 7th at 4PM-All are invited



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



YOU'RE ARE INVITED!

Join Our Welcoming Community As We Celebrate Christmas

ALL WORSHIP SERVICES ARE IN PERSON OR ON FACEBOOK LINE

****First Sunday of Advent Worship Service**– November 30th -10AM

****Second Sunday of Advent Worship Service**-December 7th-10AM
--Simbang Gabi (Filipino traditional worship Service at 4PM)

****Third Sunday of Advent Worship Service**-December 14th-10AM

*UWF (United Women in Faith) Christmas Luncheon, December 20th at noon off site
*see page 7 for invitation-please **RSVP** on or before December 14th-
(All Women are invited you do not have to be a member of the church)

****Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship Service** December 21st 10AM
All Church Christmas party, potluck, white elephant gift change at 11:30

****Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Service**-December 24th-**6 or 7PM?????**





Christmas flower dedications

the money will be used for Heifer International

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 19th

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



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
downstairs for Sunday School!**



Inviting all women– We hope you can join us.

WOMEN'S GROUP CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON-

When:-Saturday, December 20TH At Noon

-PLEASE RSVP-BY DECEMBER 14TH-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
person and on Face Book Live
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**Community Food Pantry -
Every Thursday 6:30 to
8:30PM .Good Samaritan
Church**

