

# TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Connecting People to God and One Another*

## DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Pastor: Jeff Radley  
608-297-2326  
Office Hours:  
Monday-Wednesday-Friday  
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

### WHAT'S GOING ON IN DECEMBER

- Sunday School Program
- Live Nativity
- Praise Worship
- Advent Continues
- Christmas Eve Service
- Caroling Party
- Pampered Chef Fundraiser

### REGULAR FEATURES

- Usher/Greeter List
- Calendar
- Church Finances
- Thrift Shop News
- Prayer Concerns
- Birthdays

## ADVENT/CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

**Advent** began on November 29 and will continue through December 18. Please join us each Sunday as we prepare for the coming of Jesus.

**Live Nativity:** Our annual portrayal of the birth of Christ will be Wednesday December 14 at Rendezvous restaurant. The time will be 5 – 7:30 PM. This will be a community wide event so all are welcome to join us.

**Christmas Eve Service** will be at 5:00 PM and will include traditional carols, candles and communion.

**Christmas Morning** This year Christmas is on Sunday and we have our regular church service at 10:00 AM.

Invite all your friends and family to join you in these wonderful Advent and Christmas activities.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

### Sunday December 18



The Sunday School kids are busy planning their program for this year. It will be held during worship on Sunday December 18. Please plan to attend this service in support of our kids and teachers who put in so much time to prepare. Dress rehearsal practice will be Saturday

December 17 at 10:00 AM

## LIVE NATIVITY

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14

This year sees some changes in our traditional Live Nativity. It will still be cold and we will still have costumes and snacks, however it will be open to the whole community and will be held at Rendezvous



restaurant on Highway 22 near the bridges. We are in need of volunteers – people to portray the nativity scene, set up help, clean up help, snack donations and help with food. Please consider helping out where you can and sign up on the sheets during worship or call the church office to sign up.

## CHURCH WEBSITE



With winter approaching remember to check out the church website, [www.montellotumc.org](http://www.montellotumc.org) for updates on cancellations and plans due to weather. While on the site check out all the great pages – if you miss church you can even hear the sermons, just click on the home tab and then the worship tab.



*Romans 12:3-8 New Living Translation (NLT)*

*3 Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your*

*evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. 4 Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, 5 so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.*

*6 In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. 7 If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. 8 If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.*

Everyone who has ever attempted a jigsaw puzzle knows it takes time and patience to complete the whole picture. One piece or even several pieces that make up a small area can only give us a partial idea of the whole picture.

Our own spiritual journey is similar to the puzzle analogy. As we go through life, we are often confronted with situations that can be compared to assembling pieces of a puzzle. In the beginning, the pieces are scattered and seem discombobulated. All the pieces appear to have come out of the same box but each piece is meaningless until all the pieces find their proper place.

The local church is much like a puzzle. Some puzzles have more pieces than others. They come in all shapes and sizes. Some puzzles look like small boats, some like miniature horses, dolphins, and airplanes with moving parts. Some puzzles stand upright, replicas of castles and other famous landmarks. But no matter what the puzzle looks like; no matter what size or shape it takes; no matter how many pieces are used to form it, every puzzle has been designed and manufactured.

The Christian church has been designed, down to each individual person, by our great Designer, Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul informs us that every person is a piece of the puzzle, designed by God to bring glory to God's Kingdom. Just as a puzzle designer and manufacturer help their consumers by printing a picture of the puzzle on the top of the box, our great Designer has put a picture of the church inside the Bible for us to study.

Each piece of the puzzle has been uniquely designed, and every piece is significant! It takes every piece to reveal the completed picture. Have you ever put a puzzle together and then discovered, at the end a missing piece? You look all over for it. The missing piece gives us a loss of enjoyment and an empty feeling.

In this analogy of the church, everyone loses when someone is missing. The church suffers loss of total effectiveness; the world loses the benefit of our full testimony! What will it take for everything to come together in this puzzle called the church?

Paul answers that it is humility, self-sacrifice, and an entirely new way of thinking about one another. We all, interlocked together, reveal to the world, the picture God designed us to exhibit. And God's name is glorified with accomplishment and purpose, as each individual finds their fit in the body of Christ.

Advent is a great time to ponder just what kind of shape our individual puzzle piece is, and how it fits into the Kingdom for the Glory of our glorious God!

Blessings to you,  
Pastor Jeff



*January Newsletter  
Deadline  
December 21*

## STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

“Then opening their treasure chests they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” (Matt. 2:11)

“The point is to emerge from Christmas relaxed, contented, happy to have kept this season. To emerge closer to your family than you were when Advent began. To emerge with some real sense that Christ has come into your world.” (Hundred Dollar Holiday by Bill McKibben, pg 92)

Lynn and Dave came home from an afternoon of Christmas shopping and started balancing their checkbook. Normally, they tried to put off doing this in December to avoid facing the facts of how much they overspent on gifts. But this year was different.

Early in the year their pastor suggested a new method of budgeting called the 80-10-10 plan. She explained it this way, “I know it sounds like a telephone ad, but it’s a stewardship model that encourages people to live on 80 percent of their income, give 10 percent and save 10 percent. Remember, John Wesley taught: ‘Gain all you can, save all you can, give all you can’.” The more Dave and Lynn implemented this plan into their life, the less financial stress they felt. When the car needed some unexpected repairs, they had enough money saved to pay for it. And this was the first time in their 10 years of marriage that they didn’t put at least half of their Christmas gifts on credit. In fact as they balanced the checkbook that cold December day, they were excited to discover they still had enough money to make an extra year-end gift to UMCOR for emergency relief.

We invite you to consider the 80-10-10 method of financial planning as you prepare to honor the Christ child this Advent and Christmas season and throughout the year ahead.

Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation  
750 Windsor Street Ste 305, P.O. Box 620  
Sun Prairie, WI 53590-0620  
1-888-903-9863 or  
wumf@wumf.org

## CHURCH FINANCES

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Giving</u>
November 6	63	1534.00
November 13	59	1650.00
November 20	56	1554.00
November 27	44	3451.67

## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN-Live Simply

From the church’s very first day, the concepts of living simply, generosity and stewardship were present and intertwined. When the Spirit fell on Pentecost, those young Christians immediately started sharing what they had with each other and with others in need. Like those first Christians, generosity naturally happens in our lives when we realize that we are to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Throughout this month think about how you and your congregation can live more simply and more generously.



As of this writing we are in midst of our annual stewardship campaign. Pledge cards have been mailed out to all. Please prayerfully consider your support for the church in the coming year, fill out your card and return it to the church office either by mail or drop it into the offering plate on Sunday. If you are in need of another card there are extras on the table in the narthex or talk to Vikki.

## 2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Next year’s offering envelopes have been ordered and will be here later this month. To help cut down on the cost of mailing we will have them in the narthex for pick up. If you cannot get here to get yours please let Vikki know and we will get them to you.



## ELECTRONIC GIVING



Do you have a hard time remembering your giving envelope each Sunday? Would you like to not have to write a check to the church each week? Then electronic giving might be for you. You can have funds transferred directly from your checking or savings account to the church account – it can be done bi-monthly, monthly or quarterly.

Only regular offering to the general fund can be done electronically all special giving must be done manually, it's safe secure and easy just ask someone who already does it. If you are interested ask Vikki for a form to fill out.

## GIVING ON LINE

You can now manage your giving online! Giving on line is easy and allows you to make a one-time donation or to set up recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at [montellotumc.org](http://montellotumc.org)
2. Click on the Giving Tab
3. Click on the link
4. Follow the on screen directions to create an online profile and to schedule your giving.

## DONATE FROM YOUR SMART PHONE

A mobile version of our online giving page is available to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the QR code you see here or in the Sunday bulletins using your smart phone's QR reader and locate the online giving page.



For questions on any of our electronic giving options please talk to Vikki in the church office

## SCRIP SHOPPING CARDS



**ShopWithScrip®**  
Powered by Great Lakes Scrip Center

Many stores and businesses sell their shopping

cards to the church at a discounted rate. If you buy these cards through the church you still get the full face value of the card and the church gets the discount so it costs you nothing extra to support the church. If you are thinking of a large purchase such as a new TV or computer why not ask Susan to order extra cards for you to pay for it. It would make a great addition to your giving to the church. They would make great Christmas gifts too!

Susan usually has the basic Walmart and Kwik Trip cards on hand all the time. If there is a special store you are interested in purchasing cards talk to Susan and she will see if they are available

## KWIK TRIP REWARDS PROGRAM

If you use a Kwik Trip card to pay for your gas and purchases you know about the Kwik rewards program. Did you know you can have your rewards donated to a group of your choice? Trinity is signed up with their rewards program, our number is 150881. If you would like to supplement your church giving by donating your rewards just call Kwik Trip at 608-781-8988 and let them know. As a bonus Kwik Trip adds about 30% to the total donated. For more information talk to Vikki in the church office.

## KWIK TRIP MILK MOOLA

The church now has its own account with the Milk Moola program through Kwik Trip. We will get \$ .05 for each milk jug cap or top of the milk bags that we send in. We will soon have a new container for you to drop your tops into. This is a great way for the church to raise a little extra money, bring in all your tops.



## THE IMPORTANCE OF HAND WASHING



This past Sunday's Children's Time during worship, focused on why hand washing is important for everyone. It is

especially important as the cold and flu season is upon us.

A discussion and musical video reminded the children when to wash their hands. We talked about always washing hands after playing, before and after eating, as well as after using the bathroom are extremely important to reduce the spread of germs. The use of soap is the recommended method of washing your hands for at least 20 seconds. This can be done by singing "Happy Birthday" twice. If soap and water aren't available, the use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers will also reduce the spread of germs. Each of the six children, were given a personal size hand sanitizer to carry with them.

We also discussed the personal hand sanitizer bottles that are placed in every pew at Trinity. As we are a very friendly and caring church family, especially during the Passing of the Peace, individuals were also reminded and encouraged to use the hand sanitizer placed in the pews. Let's all try to keep our church family and others healthy by the simple method of good hand hygiene.



## 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

Mindy Trimble is a Pampered chef consultant and she has volunteered to host a fundraiser for the church. Pampered Chef has great products that make your life in the kitchen easier. They also make great Christmas gifts!

She has created the link for the fundraiser. People can click on the below link and place their order and it will automatically go towards the church's total. The church will get a check for 15% of all sales and she will also donate her commission on it as well which will be 15%, so that is a total of 30% profit for the church on each order.

This is an awesome way to get some Christmas shopping done without having to deal with the crowds and helping a good cause. Almost everyone will love a gift from Pampered Chef because we all have to eat and Pampered Chef makes meal prep easy and fun.

She has to close the fundraiser out by the 14th no later. So she will need all paper order forms and payments by the 14th. This is to ensure delivery of all products prior to Christmas. If you have your things shipped to her it is a flat \$5.25 if you choose to have it shipped to you it is \$7.25 for orders under \$100.

Also remember if you spend at least \$75.00 you get a free gift from Pampered Chef.

Hopefully this is a fun way to raise some money for the church!

<https://pamperedchef.com/go/MontelloTUMC>

## **INK CARTRIDGES AND ALUMINUM CANS**



Remember the church recycles ink cartridges and aluminum cans. Just drop your empty cartridges in the box inside the front door and your aluminum cans in the box next to the shed on the east side of the parking lot. We have volunteers who take them in for payment.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



It takes many volunteers to help the church run smoothly. Won't you consider helping out, some of the opportunities available are:

### **HEAD USHERS NEEDED**

We are in desperate need of volunteers to be head ushers. The responsibilities are not huge – make sure lights are on and sound system is on. Assist with visitors and direct ushers with bulletins and offering and count the number of people in worship. There is always someone around to help you out. If you would like to know more talk to Vikki.

### **COFFEE HOUR**

We are looking for volunteers to host our after service coffee hour. Refreshments need not be fancy – a few cookies or fruit is great. On the Sundays there are no volunteers there will be no coffee hour. If you would like to sign up there is a sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex next to the church office.

## **GIVING TREE PROJECT**



We have been given 15 names of children to help have a happier Christmas. If you have taken a tag please remember to bring your wrapped gifts (with the tag attached) to the church by Monday December 5. If you did not get a tag and would like one please call the church office we have a few left.

## **BULLETIN DEDICATIONS**

Each Sunday the opportunity is available to anyone who wishes to donate the bulletins for the worship service. The cost of \$12 (the cost of the bulletins) will allow you to have a message printed in the Sunday bulletin honoring a loved one, celebrating a special event – whatever you wish. Please sign up on the sheets on the bulletin board next to the office, or you can call the church office, 297-2326 to make a dedication. There were no dedications this past month.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Anyone wishing to provide flowers for the altar on Sundays may do so by signing up on the sheet on the bulletin board next to the church office. You may bring flowers from your garden or have them delivered to the church on Friday from your favorite florist.

## **GREIF THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS**

As we approach the holidays, this can be a difficult time for those who have suffered a loss. Trinity United Methodist Church will be sponsoring a two hour Grief through the Holidays presentation, provided by Agrace Hospice, on Wednesday, December 14th from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. We would like to invite those individuals within the community that have suffered a loss, to join us for this very informative and supportive presentation. Please contact Trinity United Methodist Church at 297-2326, if you are interested or have any questions. There will be on-site child care provided, as well as refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there!

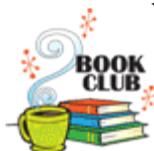
## **WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP**

The Prayer Group finds its numbers at two since the "Snowbirds" have taken off. They have decided to discontinue meeting until sometime in April when most of the members can be together again.

## WOMEN'S OUTREACH UPCOMING EVENTS

December 9 11:00 AM Word Worms  
January 13 10:00 AM Word Worms  
February 10 10:00 AM Word Worms

## WORD WORMS



Word Worm members will be going to lunch at Mekan Lodge on Friday, December 9. They will meet at the Lodge at 11:30 AM to share their views of the book, then have lunch.

Those who need to carpool should be at the church by 11:00 AM. Please let Shirley Dagner know, 608-297-2913, if you need a ride.

This month's book is [A Cedar Cove Christmas](#) by Debbie McCumber. Amazon says: Mother-to-be Mary Jo Wyse arrives in Cedar Cove on Christmas Eve, searching for her baby's father. David Rhodes had said he'd be in town. But he isn't. Which leaves Mary Jo stranded, pregnant and alone. And there's no room at the local inn....

So Grace Harding brings Mary Jo home to her nearby ranch. She and her husband, Cliff, have a houseful of guests, but they offer her a room over their stable (currently sheltering the animals—including a donkey and a camel—for Cedar Cove's Nativity pageant!).

When Mary Jo goes into labor that night, a young man named Mack McAfee, a paramedic, comes to her rescue, just as her brothers—the three Wyse men—show up in town. The people of Cedar Cove join them in celebrating the birth of baby Noel. But no one has more to celebrate than Mack. Because this Christmas brings him faith, hope and love...

Join us for some lively discussion and a great lunch.

*"Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas."*

—Dale Evans

## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

*Our Country, Our Leaders, Our Military*

*Kerry Dagner*

*Rosalie Milner*

*Scott Turner*

*Jack Giencke*

*Pearl Hunborg*

*Peggy Giencke*

*Irene Lazar*

*Jon Ebert*

*Ed Koelbl*

*Carmen Gardner*

*Eunice Hutchings*

*Cindy Lardy*

*Dale Liepert*

*Guy & Karen Wilson*

*Mary Reiche*



Carl, Wayne Reiche's brother  
Dick Charles, friend of Karlene Utke  
Danielle Vultaggio, Karlene Utke's daughter  
Kim, Nola's daughter-in-law  
Jeff, Julie Kenney's brother  
Kathy, Linda Napralla's sister  
Marie, friend of Radleys  
Heidi, Andy Zellmer's cousin  
Marilyn, friend of Beth Turner  
Bob Vohland, Shirley Dagner's brother  
Charles, Linda Napralla brother-in-law  
Marsha, Sharon Ahles cousin  
Cindy, Nancy Thalacker's daughter-in-law  
Tom, friend of Roger Eddingsaas  
Lowell, Karlene's friend  
Edna Mae Cragin, friend of Karlene  
Amy, Jan Ebert's niece

## THE PRAYER CHAIN



We have a wonderful group of prayer warriors just waiting for your prayer requests. If you have someone or something you would like us to pray for please call the church office to have it added to our chain. Prayer helps – let us help.

# WISH LISTS

## CHURCH WISH LIST

- That people will continue to support their Church during these hard economic times
- Funds for Apportionments

## MEMORIAL WISH LIST

- Funds for Educational Scholarships
- Funds for Prayer Garden Endowment
- Funds for music, library, and grounds landscaping

## PRAYER GARDEN WISH LIST

- \_ Funds for Prayer Garden Endowment
- \_ Plaques in honor of loved ones, especially ones who may have had a connection to Trinity.

A plaque on the Memorial Arbor is a nice way to honor a loved one, especially one who has a connection to Trinity. Visit the garden and view the arbor. A plaque costs \$40 and if you would like order one, please call the church office.

Gifts are always welcome as memorials or in honor of special occasions. They may include insurance policies, IRA's, bequests and gifts included in wills. Such gifts may be designated or left to the Memorial Committee's discretion. It is suggested that one check with the committee before designating a gift not on the Wish List. Think about including a portion of your IRA, stocks or other assets in your will.

## SONG OF THE MONTH

Let them praise his name  
with dancing,  
making melody to him  
with tambourine and lyre.  
Psalm 149:3, 1923V



The December worship song of the month is Days of Elijah by Hillsong. If you would like to familiarize yourself with it you can listen to it on youtube.

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Thanks to all who purchased red poinsettias to help decorate our sanctuary for Advent.

- Sharon Ahles (1) Kevin & Timothy Patrick  
you are so missed
- Susan Alexander (1) In memory of Claire
- Sandy Kilbride-Becker (1) Merry Christmas!
- Alonzo and Samantha Cartwright (1)  
Merry Christmas! In loving memory  
of Fred & Jean Cartwright
- Shirley Dagner (1) Merry Christmas!
- Roger & Margaret Eddingsaas (1)  
In memory of Clair & Dorothy Yoss &  
Howard Eddingsaas
- Art & Arlene Grubbe (2) In memory of  
Delores Hephner and Lloyd Welborn
- Her Family (1) In memory of Joan Thompson
- Gene & Susan Hutchings (2) In memory of Bob  
Hutchings & Jenny Hurley
- Mary Kamin (1) Merry Christmas!
- Mary Kramp (1) In memory of Alan Keith,  
Bea & Ole Gardner,  
Bette Detert & John Gardner
- Cody, Heidi & Noah Maass (1) In memory of  
Our loved ones
- Pat & Sue McFarland (1) In celebration of  
our family
- Jeff & Dorthy Radley (1) Merry Christmas!
- Alice Rueb (2) In memory of Lloyd
- Linda Tanner (2) Blessed Christmas wishes  
for everyone!
- Victor & Vikki Trimble (1) Jesus is the Reason!
- Beth & Todd Turner (14) Happy Birthday Jesus!



## CHRISTMAS CAROLING



Bundle up and join us on Wednesday December 21 for an evening of caroling around town. We will meet at the church at

6:00 PM to carpool. If you know of shut ins who would like to have us stop by please call the church office so we can include them.

## MISSION NEWS

The November Noisy Can brought in \$64.26 for the Marquette County Food Pantry. The December Noisy Can will go to the Salvation Army. Remember all money collected in the county stays here to help Marquette County residents. Save your change.



We have been doing a food collection for the Food Pantry. Our goal is 1000 items, however as of this writing we are quite short of our goal. We will continue to collect donations for the next couple of weeks. Please won't you buy a couple of extra things when you are shopping? They are in great need.

## HOLIDAY TRAIL

We had a great day for the Holiday Trail here at Trinity. Shoppers found a delicious lunch, lots of awesome baked goods and beautiful Christmas items from the Thrift Shop for sale.

Huge thanks to all who helped in any way. If you donated baked goods, donated supplies for the luncheon or helped work before, during or after – we could not have done it without you. We raised over \$800.00 for the church.

## NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome Ray & Cheryl Kriegl to membership at Trinity. Ray & Cheryl moved to Montello from new Lisbon about a year ago. When you see them be sure and say hello and welcome



## CHRISTIAN RADIO STATIONS

With the new interest for contemporary Christian music here is a list of a few of the Christian Radio stations in Wisconsin. You might just hear some of the songs we use during worship.

Depending on where you are you might not get all of these:

- |                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| AM 1240 – WHWA             | FM 102.5 WNWC   |
| FM 97.1 – WIXL             | FM 89.3 – WEQS  |
| FM 101.7 – WEMI            | FM 107.7 – WORQ |
| Sirius XM 63 – the Message |                 |

*The Almighty appeared on earth as a helpless human baby, needing to be fed and changed and taught to talk like any other child. The more you think about it, the more staggering it gets. Nothing in fiction is so fantastic as this truth of the Incarnation.*

—J.I. Packer

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Eunice Hutchings
- 5 Wayne Reiche
- 5 Ramona Hill
- 6 Roger Davis
- 8 pat McFarland
- 11 jacob York
- 12 Annie Busse
- 18 Courtney Gardner

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Cindy Lardy  
 Celebrating 31 years  
 December 30

Dennis & Sharon Shcrimpf  
 Celebrating 54 years  
 December 29

Cody & Heidi Maass  
 Celebrating 11 years  
 December 31

## CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

### Angel

*Angel*, which means “messenger” in both Hebrew and Greek, is a spirit-being God created to perform tasks for him. In the Bible, angels appear in human form (always as men) to deliver divine messages. Angels appear separately to Joseph and Mary, announcing Jesus’ upcoming birth, and “a multitude of the heavenly host” (Luke 2:13) tells shepherds of the Savior’s arrival. Scripture offers little information about angels, though we know some rebelled against God. Among the holy angels, categories include cherubim and seraphim.



# Puzzle!

Use the clues to fill in the blanks.  
 The only vowel used is the letter A.

1. The mountain where Noah's ark rested. (Genesis 8:4)  
 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Jacob's grandfather and Ishmael's father. (Genesis 18:1, NW)  
 \_\_\_\_\_
3. She sometimes laughed inappropriately. (Genesis 18:12)  
 \_\_\_\_\_
4. He had a talking donkey. (Numbers 22:28)  
 \_\_\_\_\_
5. This bird is both a color and a species. Did he come from the Islands?  
 \_\_\_\_\_
6. This can refer to a hat, canal, country or isthmus.  
 \_\_\_\_\_
7. The country with the largest area in the Western Hemisphere  
 \_\_\_\_\_
8. This animal is an early entry in the dictionary.  
 \_\_\_\_\_
9. A magician's exclamation  
 \_\_\_\_\_
10. A brand name for motorcycles and pianos  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Answers: 1. Ararat, 2. Abraham, 3. Sarah, 4. Balaam, 5. canary, 6. Panama, 7. Canada, 8. aardvark, 9. abracadabra, 10. Yamaha

## BIBLE QUIZ



How many wise men followed a star to Bethlehem to worship Jesus?

- A. two
- B. three
- C. four
- D. We don't know because the Bible doesn't say.

Answer: D (See Matthew 2:1-12.)

**December 2016 – January 2017 Schedule**

	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>
December 4	Andy Zellmer Sue Zellmer Gene Hutchings*	Heidi Maass Noah Maass	Susan Hutchings
December 11	Mary Kamin Leta Vinz Gene Hutchings*	Cindy Bloom Robin York	Roger Eddingsaas
December 20	Gene Hutchings Susan Hutchings Gene Hutchings*	Karlene Utke Peg Harris	Contemporary Service

December 24

**V O L U N T E E R S   N E E D E D**

December 25	Roger Eddingsaas Margaret Eddingsaas Gene Hutchings*	Eunice Hutchings Dorothy Radley	Susan Hutchings
January 1	Morris Vinz Leta Vinz Shirley Dagner*	Barb Steuck Mary Reiche	Beth Turner
January 8	Jack Daniels Tanya Daniels Shirley Dagner*	Maureen Becraft Karlene Utke	Cindy Lardy
January 15	Cindy Bloom Robin York Shirley Dagner*	Mary Kamin Mary Kramp	Contemporary Service
January 22	Sue Zellmer Susan Hutchings Shirley Dagner*	Roger Eddingsaas Margaret Eddingsaas	Leta Vinz
January 29	Jack Daniels Tanya Daniels Shirley Dagner*	Beth Turner Sue Zellmer	Ed Talacker

*If you are unable to perform this duty on the above date, please find*

*a replacement and call the church office by*

*Thursday morning. 297-2326. Notes: \* head usher*

**COMMUNION HELPERS**

December 4, 2016

Shirley Dagner & Tyler Bloom

January 1, 2017

Mary Kramp & Beth Turner

February 5 2017

Sue Zellmer & Susan Hutchings

October Giving:

	TOTAL DEP	DESIGNATED	NET DEP
October 2	1780.00	138.00	1642.00
October 9	861.00	0.00	861.00
October 16	1340.00	70.00	1270.00
October 23	2015.38	488.38	1527.00
October 30	1187.56	200.00	987.56
ACH Dep	1723.22	0.00	1723.22
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8907.16</b>	<b>896.38</b>	<b>8010.78</b>

Checking Balance 9/30/16	1929.12	
Receipts	15141.84	*
Paid Outs	11693.29	
Checking Balance 10/31/16	5377.67	

ACCOUNT	BEG BAL	IN	OUT	END BAL
Kitchen	955.53			955.53
Local Missions	2198.23			2198.23
Youth	339.89			339.89
Reserve Acct	1210.51	0.53		1211.04
Sunday School	448.05			448.05
Men's Prayer Breakfast	149.39			149.39
Trustees	2140.71			2140.71
Scholarship	2041.94			2041.94
Thrift Shop	5417.58		247.62	5169.96
SCRIP	14.34	41.09		55.43
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>14916.17</b>	<b>41.62</b>	<b>247.62</b>	<b>14710.17</b>

\*Includes 6234.68 misc income

** 400.00 for Doors & Locks	Reg	
	Checking	6506.96
	CD	8203.21
		<u>14710.17</u>

ACCOUNT	2015	THIS MONTH	YTD SPENT	BALANCE
<b>PROGRAM EXPENSES</b>				
1104 Fellowship/Hospitality	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
1105 Education	1000.00	0.00	401.33	598.67
1106 Pulpit Supply	800.00	0.00	200.00	600.00
1107 Music	200.00	0.00	30.78	169.22
1108 Church Growth & Caring	2000.00	172.50	1682.25	317.75
1109 Missions	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
1110 Youth	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
1111 Office Supply	2000.00	40.45	1482.60	517.40
1113 Worship Supply	2000.00	358.75	1736.10	263.90
1114 Telephone - Church	2400.00	204.52	2016.58	383.42
1115 Electric - Church	2500.00	178.79	2463.13	36.87
1116 Natural Gas - Church	2000.00	145.00	1050.10	949.90
1117 Telephone - Parsonage	600.00	50.00	500.00	100.00
1118 Electric - Parsonage	1500.00	54.02	837.19	662.81
1119 Natural Gas - Parsonage	750.00	46.00	389.74	360.26
1120 Water/Sewer - Parsonage	420.00	37.80	402.01	17.99
1121 Insurance	4000.00	163.50	3510.30	489.70
1122 Kitchen Supplies	350.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
1123 Equipment - Office	1850.00	219.02	1314.57	535.43
1124 Financial Campaign	400.00	227.66	268.41	131.59
1125 Postage	1200.00	8.16	596.44	603.56
1126 Property Maintenance	3500.00	317.19	2628.17	871.83
1127 Annual Conference	700.00	0.00	1238.75	-538.75
<b>PERSONNEL</b>				
1128 Pastor's Salary	30212.00	2501.68	25064.77	5147.23
1129 Accountable Reimbursement	2000.00	0.00	183.67	1816.33
1129A Furniture Allowance	1800.00	150.00	1500.00	300.00
1130 Pastor's Personal Pension	2120.00	192.71	1879.07	240.93
1131 Pastor's Health Insurance	16884.00	1407.00	14070.00	2814.00
1132 Books & Continuing Education	1800.00	50.31	85.28	1714.72
1133 Conference Pension Plan	6530.00	593.55	5935.50	594.50
1134 Pastor's Travel	2500.00	211.52	1776.23	723.77
1135 Secretary Salary	15635.00	1630.89	12503.00	3132.00
1136 Janitor Salary	2964.00	265.57	1975.37	988.63
1137 Musicians	2600.00	120.00	1740.00	860.00
1138 Worship IT	1040.00	0.00	0.00	1040.00
1138 Social Security	2000.00	344.48	1028.93	971.07
<b>APPORTIONMENTS</b>				
1139 Clergy & Lay Leadership	2713.00	100.00	1256.00	1457.00
1140 Circuit Development	4736.00	100.00	1456.00	3280.00
1141 Connectional Ministries	8267.00	100.00	1258.00	7009.00
1142 Conf. Support Ministries	1206.00	0.00	1056.00	150.00
1143 Local Congregational Support	406.00	0.00	406.00	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>136483.00</b>	<b>9991.07</b>	<b>95922.27</b>	<b>40560.73</b>

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