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Joys & Concerns

Recently hospitalized or under special care... Pam Burns, Sue Hessner, Mary Lou Hinkley

Recovering from surgery... Gloria Bergman, Penny McCanles

Recovering from fall... Chuck Narwold

Calendar**December 1**

7:00 pm Church Council – rm. 4
 Mission Committee – Church Library

December 2

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry – Heywood Room
 7:00 pm Trustees – Church Library
 Advent Study – Heywood Room
 Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

December 3

7:30 am Men's Bible Study – Heywood Room
 6:15 pm Tower Bells – rm. 5
 6:30 pm Cherub Choir – rm. 204
 Troubadour Choir – rm. 217
 Youth Choir – Wesley Hall
 Prayer Shawl Group – Heywood Room
 7:15 pm Confirmation Class (7th & 8th grades) – Confirmation Room
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir – Wesley Hall

December 4

9:00 am Women's Spiritual Enrichment – Heywood Room
 7:00 pm Thursday Night Worship – Wesley Hall

December 5

10:00 am Women's Advent Study – Heywood Room
 6:00 – 8:00 pm Recipes in a Jar Assembly – Confirmation Room

December 6

10:00 am Christmas Cantata Rehearsal -Sanctary

December 7 Second Sunday of Advent/Cantata Sunday

8:00 am Worship in Chapel
 Agape Rehearsal - Sanctuary
 9:00 & 10:30 am Christmas Cantata
 9:15 am Sunday School
 Confirmation Class (6th grade) – Confirmation Room
 6:00 – 8:00 pm Recipes in a Jar Assembly – Confirmation Room
 7:00 pm Advent Study – Heywood Room

December 8

6:00 pm Baking Circle – Fellowship Hall Kitchen
 7:00 pm Annual Church Conference – Wesley Hall

Remember Your Estimate of Giving

Please return your estimate of giving card this week. The Finance Committee relies on these estimates in setting next year's budget. Estimates can be changed at any time.

Vivaldi's "Gloria" Sunday, December 7, 9:00 & 10:30 am Services

Presented by the Chancel Choir plus soloists and Chamber Orchestra. This work was originally created for the choir of the Ospedale della Pietà, an orphanage for girls in Venice where Vivaldi served as a priest and music teacher. This is his most famous choral work from the Latin Mass. An opportunity for special offerings for the music ministry will be extended on that Sunday. If the music ministry is important to you, we welcome special gifts which help to fund our instrumentalists, music purchases and other musical needs.

Annual Church Conference Monday, December 8, 7:00 pm

Every member and friend is encouraged to attend the annual congregational meeting. The agenda includes the presentation of the 2009 budget and the election of officers. Rev. Barry Watson, one of the pastors at Brookfield Peace UMC and one of our neighboring Circuit 29 churches, will preside.

Now Showing! One Afternoon Only! "A Simple Christmas Story"

Come join the cast on Saturday, **December 13**, at 3:00 pm in Fellowship Hall as they tell the story of a comedic battle between a writer, who wants to portray the Biblical Christmas story, and a Hollywood producer, who wants to jazz things up so it will sell. Who is going to win?

Price of admission is a non-perishable food item. All donated items will go to the local food pantry. Everyone is welcome!

Early Christmas Service Thursday, December 18, 7:00 pm

We invite you to our special early Christmas candlelight service. It is for people who have to work, are traveling, or for other reasons are not able to be in worship on Christmas Eve. Our Chancel, Bell, and Agape Choirs lead the service with beautiful music. We will sing many of your favorite Christmas carols. As "*Away in a Manger*" is sung, the holy family will be present with us, with one of the newest babies playing the part of the Christ Child. Everyone will be given a candle to light as "*Silent Night*" is sung at the close of the service. Feel free to invite family and friends to this service.

Christmas Eve Services

We continue with two Christmas Eve Services on December 24th, one especially for families at 4:00 pm and the traditional Candlelight Service at 11:00 pm. Pastor Jan is interested in finding children and youth who might like to participate in the Family Service at 4pm, either sharing music (vocal or instrumental) or giving a reading. If someone in your household might be interested in participating, please give their name to Pastor Jan.

◆ 4 pm – Christmas Eve Family Service

Child friendly sharing of carols, a special "Christmas Treasure Hunt," special music, and concluding with candle lighting — no sermon at this service.

◆ 11 pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

With music by the Chancel Choir.

Advent Devotional Books

Please feel free to pick up an Advent Calendar of Devotions found on the tables outside the sanctuary and the chapel to use during the weeks of Advent. This little book is set up in the Upper Room style. Large print versions of this book are also available. Donations are appreciated for these books, 65¢ for the regular edition and \$1.65 for the large print.

Christmas Library Books

A selection of books from our library will be displayed in Fellowship Hall for your enjoyment, and they may be check out. Look for them **December 7 & 14**. Could be they will warm your heart!

The Mitten Tree is in the Parlor

Come pick out a mitten and shop for a needy boy or girl. We have children from United Methodist Children's Services, Milwaukee Christian Center, Northcott and other agencies. **Bring your gifts back by Sunday, December 14**. If you don't want to shop, pick a mitten and we will shop for you. Sponsored by Church & Society.

Recipes-in-a-Jar

The Confirmation students are once again taking orders for their Recipes in a Jar (order forms in bulletin), **through December 14**, after each worship service in Fellowship Hall. This is a fun mission project that the kids take on each year. The jars make great gifts for the holidays, and the proceeds go to a mission project chosen by the class.

Sandwich Service Project

In December, we will again need a crew at our church on **Saturday the 20th** to make peanut butter sandwiches, bag cookies (Christmas cookies?) and fruit, and pack the lunches. We will need supplies and workers. Please call Mary Spearo at 414-475-0848. Since the date is so close to Christmas, we hope many hands can speed the work!

WAUMC Cookbooks

The Mission Committee is selling the "hot off the press" cookbook: *Goodness, Pure & Simple - Favorite Recipes from WAUMC*, as a fundraiser for Rev. Paul Webster and his mission in Zambia, as well as other mission projects. These cookbooks make great gifts for teachers, parties, holidays, etc. The cookbooks cost \$10 ea. and will be sold in Fellowship Hall on Sundays and in the church office during the week. Come check them out!