



The Marion Food Pantry is in need of chicken noodle soup and peanut butter or any non-perishable food items. Their wants are Kleenex and hand soap. Items may be dropped off at church or at the House of Hope in Marion. For more information call 715-754-2665.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Please keep Vicki Nyhouse in your prayers.

TUESDAY MEN'S GROUP

The men's group meets each Tuesday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. This is open to any men of the community.

2024 LAY READERS & COMMUNION ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Lay readers and communion assistants for 2024 are needed. A sign up sheet is located on the round table in the Welcome Area. You can sign up for Lay Reader, Communion Assistant or both. Questions can be directed to Jackie Baldwin.

TRANSITION TEAM NEARING COMPLETION

The Transition Team is coming close to finishing the Senior Pastor Profile and Church Profile. Please contact the Transition Team if you have any questions or wish to voice your visions of what a Senior pastor looks like in your heart and mind. Once this is finalized it will go to the Call Committee once that has been established. The goal is to have the Call Committee established at the up-coming annual meeting in January.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Jan. 1

Happy New Year

Tuesday, Jan. 2

Men's Group 8:30 am

Quilters 9 am

Wednesday, Jan. 3

NO Confirmation

Sunday, Jan. 7

Sunday School 9 am

Worship 10:30 am

Youth Serve Lunch 11:30 am

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Senior Pastor Janice Kuder

Dec. 31, 2023

OPENING SONG

"ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH"

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

CALL TO WORSHIP

"ON JORDAN'S BANKS THE BAPTIST'S CRY"

On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

We hail you as our Savior, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without your grace we waste away
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

Stretch forth your hand,
our health restore,
And make us rise to fall no more;
Oh, let your face upon us shine
And fill the world with love divine.

All praise to you, eternal Son,
Whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit, evermore.

PRAYERS

Petitions are spoken, each ending:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy; **People: Hear our prayer.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution, Lord's Prayer, Communion Song

Special Music by Tia Bestul

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 91:1-12

Judy Anklam, Lay Reader

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:1-20

MESSAGE

Nancy Heiman, Lay Leader

SONG OF RESPONSE & OFFERING

“WHAT CHLD IS THIS?”

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet
with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, This is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard
and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe the son of Mary!
Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox an ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe the son of Mary!
So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe the son of Mary!

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BENEDICTION & CLOSING SONG

“GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS REJOICE”

Good Christian Friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow,
And he is in the manger now.
Christ was born today!
Christ was born today!

Good Christian Friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
And we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian Friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

Have a blessed week!

2024 USHERS & GREETERS ARE NEEDED

Ushers and greeters for 2024 are needed. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the Welcome Area if you are able to help with this or contact Jackie and let her know if you are available.

TADYCH'S MARKETPLACE FUNDRAISER

Please continue to save your Tadych's Marketplace receipts. You can place the receipts in the slot on the kiosk in the Welcome Area. Questions can be referred to Jackie Baldwin.

AGAPE TREE

The small Christmas tree in the welcome area is marked Agape. There are ornaments on the tree for which items are needed for the center. You may take an ornament with you to remind you to pick up the items that are needed and place them under the tree or you can just drop off items as you see fit.