

# Christ Connection

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## What's Happening at Christ UMC?

### Sunday, Dec. 17, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

- 8:45 am: Early Service—Sanctuary
- 11:00 am: Traditional—Sanctuary
- 11:00 am: Crosswalk—Fellowship Center

### Monday, Dec. 18

- 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, Dec. 19

- 10:00 am: Int. Line  
Dancing (Gym)
- 12 Noon
- 6:30 pm: PSPR (Library)
- 7:00 pm: Cub scouts (Gym)

### Wednesday, Dec. 20

- 10:00 am: AA (Lib.)
- 6 p.m. No Wed. Night Meal & Program  
See you in January!
- **6 pm: Senior Single Dinner hosted by Youth**
- 6:30 James Study (Rm. 201)
- 6:30 pm: Youth
- 7:15 pm: No Choir till January

### Thursday, Dec. 21

- 8:45 am: Sing to the Lord
- 10:00 am: Bazaar Babes (Cornerstone)
- 10 am: Beg. Line  
Dancing (Gym)
- 6:30—8 p.m. Girl Scouts (Upstairs)

### Friday, Dec. 22

- 7:00 pm: AA (Conf.)



## Upcoming

- Dec. 21: Bible Detective Academy at Christ UMC 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. for all ages
- Dec. 22: Youth Lock In Christmas Party from 7 pm - 7 am
- **Christmas Eve has our** regular services plus a special 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. service in the Sanctuary
- New Year's Eve: No Crosswalk
- Resurrection Jan. 19-21

## Kids in Christ News:

### It's the Season for...Bible Detectives!

Join the Bible Detectives Academy at the Christ UMC Police Department—and we need you to help solve a MYSTERY! All ages are welcome, lunch provided and it's free! Our gift to the kids (and shopping parents...shhhh!) on December 21, 2017, begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. Lunch is provided. Sign ups will be outside the Narthex OR you can sign up online at [www.christumcknox.com](http://www.christumcknox.com) using the Sign Up link under the Children's section of our Ministry page. We hope to see you there! **Kids' Christmas Card Fundraiser:** Handmade Christmas Cards for sale! We will continue decorating these "footerpieces" in art class in our upcoming rotation. These cards will be packaged into bundles and made available for purchase to our church family for their Christmas communications. **PDO Holiday Schedule:** No Parents Day out on Dec. 20, 27, and Jan. 3.

### FROG Class Fundraiser to Help Families

The FROG Class will be helping families in our community who are in need during this Christmas Season. We are selling \$5.00 tickets for a chance to win **\$400 Gift Certificate** toward the purchase of a set of new Bridgestone or Firestone tires. **We will only sell 100 tickets.** The drawing will be on December 24, 2017 after worship. Please do not miss this opportunity to help some families in need. Please see FROG Class members or contact Bobby Stair at (865-776-0580).

### Senior Singles Invitation from the Youth

The CUMC Youth would be honored if the single Seniors of CUMC would join us for dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 6 p.m. This is not a fundraiser, just a way to wish you Merry Christmas. If you can join us or know of other single seniors, please call the church with contact information to RSVP. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

### United Methodist Men

UMM is selling **blank note cards/envelopes** reproduced from an original painting by **ARCHIE CAMPBELL** for their mid-winter fund raiser between now and December 31. Twelve cards and envelopes for \$8. Samples of the cards are posted on the bulletin board near the monitor outside the Fellowship Center.

### United Methodist Women

Prisca Partners 10:00 a.m. the 2nd Monday of the month, Conference Room (Focus: visitation to our home bound). Next meeting: Jan. 8.

Sing to the Lord 8:45 a.m. on the 2nd Thursday of the month. (Focus: UMW mission statement). Next meeting: Jan. 11.

Istoria Circle 6:30 p.m. last Tuesday of each month, UMW room, 6:30 p.m. for fellowship; 7 p.m. for discussion.



## Members and Friends— Your Church is Counting on You in 2018

And always! The new year is just around the corner and 2018 will be a year of new opportunities and growth for our church’s ministry. Your continued support makes great things happen in the life of our church! Your pledge card allows us to plan and budget for the coming year. If you did not get a chance to turn in your pledge card last Sunday, we would be so grateful to have it turned in this week. Ministry is a team effort and we are thankful that we can count on each other as we go forward. And as always, to God be the glory!

### Giving

#### Last Week You Gave\*

- \$11,278 to the General Fund
- \$397 more than the Weekly Budget for 2017
- \$3,238 to the Building Fund
- \$1,300 more than the Weekly Loan Service Commitment
- \$354 to other Designated Funds

#### Giving for the Year through Dec. 10, 2017

- \$514,784 the General Fund
- \$29,266 less than the Year-to-Date Budget for 2017
- \$124,770 to the Building Fund
- \$27,870 more than the YTD Loan Service Commitment
- \$27,411 to other Designated Funds

\*There are 53 Sundays in 2017

Attendance:   Worship 319   Sunday School 192

### Memorials and Honorariums

A donation was given to the Building Fund by Betty J. Clement and by Jan Miller in memory of **Perlie Byrge**. Harrison and Kate Ambrose gave a donation to the Building Fund in memory of **Mike Vandergriff**.

### Thank You

*“On behalf of the students of Copper Ridge Elementary School who benefitted from receiving a Thanksgiving Basket, we want to thank Christ United Methodist Church members who donate the hundreds of dollars’ worth of food items. With your donations, we were able to help 35 families have a wonderful Thanksgiving meal...Thank you again for your generosity, Sincerely, Copper Ridge Elementary Staff.”*

Date:	Dec. 17	Dec. 24	Dec. 31
Sanctuary 8:45	Pastor Megan	Pastor David	Pastor Megan
Sanctuary 11:00	Pastor Megan	Pastor David	Pastor Megan
Crosswalk 11:00	Pastor David	Pastor Megan	—
Sanctuary 5 pm	—	Pastor Megan Communion Candlelight	—
Sanctuary 11 pm	—	Pastor David Communion Candlelight	—

### Youth News

- \* Don’t forget to drop off cards for our Youth Christmas Card fundraiser. Leave a kind donation for their efforts at spreading the joy!
- \* Nursing Home Visit 12/17 immediately after church. We will join the Children’s Choir visiting a nursing home. The children will sing and we will help the residents make Christmas decorations. Come out and help us bring some Christmas Spirit and cheer.
- \* Celebrating Seniors Dinner 12/20 at 6pm.
- \* Christmas Party / Lock-in 12/22 7pm to 12/23 7am. Laser tag, games, make your own pizza.
- \* No youth 12/24; 12/27; or 12/31

**Tuesday is our “official” food pantry day, but we never refuse to help those in need of food from our church pantry, especially during the holidays. Vicki, John, Peggy or any of the staff are here to help you.**

