



Volume Celebration Times!

December 2013

 **CHRISTMAS** 
CHURCH SERVICES:
 will be Sunday,

 **CANDLELIGHT**
CHRISTMAS EVE
SERVICE
 Monday,
 December 24th
 at 7 pm - Come
 and join in the celebra-
 tion of Jesus' birth.

 **Cookie Sale**
 On Sunday Dec. 22nd (cookies will
 be all plated & gift wrapped). Pro-
 ceeds to benefit Youth Mission trip being
 planned. If you can bake some for this
 event, please bring to church on Sat. Dec.
 21st. Thanks!

Merry Christmas

 **ADVENT SUNDAY CELEBRATION!**
 December 1st
 Lunch following the second service (a tureen
 dinner/church providing the meat), then family
 crafts, cookie making for the kids, and hanging
 of the greens.
 Everyone welcome to participate 
ADVENT



Greetings people of God,

Christmas is just around the corner. One of the busiest seasons of the year and the one quarter of the business that can make or break a business. So much depends on how we spend our time and money. God has made us a priority. Do we make God a priority?

In John 1:1-13 scripture talks about Jesus being with God in the very beginning and that Jesus is the light of the very world He helped create. It says that all who receive Jesus and believe in Him, now have the right to become children of God. Are you a child of God?

Children of God are Holy Spirit filled and make God's will a priority. When I think about the business of this great Holy season, I wonder what God thinks about his people who are so busy they can't find time to worship or carry on their relationship with Him.

I wonder about the people who claim Jesus as Lord and Savior but don't worship him or darken the doors of the church. Who claim they are so busy they don't have time for God.

The other day a man said, "I don't need the church to believe in God and I don't need the people who say they are Christians." To me, that's like a quarterback saying I don't need the rest of the team after all I believe in the name of my football team.

God created the church to build his kingdom, a place he would gather his people and teach them about His kingdom and his ways. A place where we can gather to support one another in Jesus name and be filled with God's Spirit so as we go into the world, the light of Christ within us will shine for others to come to Christ and believe. Jesus is God's greatest gift to us.

I pray that this Christmas season we will renew our commitment to God

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and carry His light into the world, a world that desperately needs the love of God. I pray that we will get back to our first love and serve God and others in the world. By being a witness of God's great love.

May the light of Christ be in you and may you find a renewed spirit and commitment to serve God and one another and be in fellowship with one another.

Merry Christmas and God's blessings.



Pastor Rodney

Family Activities Coordinators



Like Playing Hot Potato with a Fruitcake - Keep your eyes out for the traveling fruitcakes (not a new musical group). If you receive one, please pass it on to any other congregant as quickly as possible. The number has been doubled this year so that every ERUMC church person can have their hands on one, although briefly, during Advent.

PARSONAGE

OPEN HOUSE

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Sun., December 8th

2 - 5 pm

All Welcome

Come when you can

Friends

A smile—is a sign of joy.
A hug—is a sign of love.
A laugh—is a sign of happiness.
And a friend like me? Well,
That's just a sign of good taste!
We'll be friends until I am senile.
Then we'll be new friends.

- via George Goldtrap



ERUMC December Calendar

Wed. Dec. 4: **Garden Club** noon- 3:30pm

Fri.– Sat. Dec. 6,7 (7 pm) & Sun. Dec. 8th (6 pm) **Living Nativity** (here)

Tues. Dec. 10: - **UMW Christmas Luncheon**—noon
- **Trustees Meeting** 7 pm

Sat. Dec. 14: **Ladies Prayer Breakfast** @ St. Pat's RC Church 8-9 am

Sun. Dec. 15: **Gospel/Country Music** 2:00 pm—5:00 pm

Wed- Fri. Dec. 18—21: **FH Reserved for Angel Gifts & Food Bskts.**

Wed. Dec. 18: **dCOM Mtg.** - FH 8am-5pm - **all day**

Dec. 22: **Christmas Services** - 9 am and 10:20 am

Dec. 24: **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** 7 pm

Wed. Dec. 25: **Merry Christmas!!**

Wed. Jan 1: **Happy New Year!**

Thurs. Jan. 9: **Ministry Council Meeting** 7:00pm

Insane Fitness: M, T, Th, F (5-6 pm) / Wed. (4:30-5:30pm) / Sat. 10-11 am

Every Mon. - **Bible Study** @ 7 pm

Every Wed.. - **Yoga Class** 6-7 pm

Every Weds. **Choir practice** at 7 pm/ **Praise practice** at 8 pm



Not in action yet.



Ugly Sweater Contest Have you dug out that Ugly Christmas sweater yet? Remember, any sweater worn to either service on Sunday, Dec. 15th is fair game.



Angel Tree Presents and Food Baskets

The **ANGEL tags** will be available Sun., Nov. 24th- please take one, buy a gift, attach the tag and return gift to the tree—all gifts need to be returned to the church by **Monday, DEC. 16** for delivery on Dec. 19th & 20th. We are also collecting non-perishable food. Thanks!

For more info, call Kim Buck, our Missions Coordinator— 358-6039
PLEASE—if you take a tree tag—we need gift & tag here by above date!!!

United Methodist Women

Women Serving God- Women Serving Women

***Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday,
December 10th at noon.***



Ladies Prayer Breakfast

December 14, 2013 at St. Patrick's
RC Church—8-9 am. Bring a friend
and join us.

Men's Prayer Breakfasts — Sat.—Dec. 7th and 21st—7-8 am.





Valentine's Day Prime Rib Dinner - It's coming back by popular demand! Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 15th and plan to bring your sweetheart to the Prime Rib Dinner. Reservations required. Much help needed. You won't want to miss it! More info will be forthcoming.



A Living Nativity— Come celebrate the Magic of Christmas and relive the Birth of our King!

Friday, Dec. 6th (7pm) / Sat. Dec. 7th (7 pm) and Sunday Dec. 8th (6 pm). Here at the church—Free to the public. Refreshments will be served following the program. Come see the live camel on Sat. Dec. 7th. Transportation available by calling 358-2433 by Dec. 5th for a ride.

We still need a few more people to help with The Living Nativity. Please call or see Cathy Uhl (358-6190) if you could help on any or all nights.



Please consider helping families that may be struggling to feed themselves or their children by donating **Angel Gift Cards**. Tops Friendly Markets will donate one \$25 gift card for every \$500 worth of cards purchased. Checks or cash in envelopes may be dropped in the collection plate, but be sure to write Angel Card on them, so the money goes to the proper area.

“Vegetables and fruit are available during the growing season, but it is expensive to eat healthy during the winter months.”

Chuck Lindberg

It's **Christmas Eve**, at last. The children are finally fast asleep and I look around the house. The presents are under the tree. The turkey is ready to bake. The pies, all three are cooling on the shelf. Tomorrow will be a busy day. I should go to bed myself but here I stand instead so full of love and joy. Thank you, dear God, thank you for your new-born baby boy. -Marjorie Spalsbury

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2013-2014 Worship Volunteers

If you are unable to fulfill your duty- please find someone to replace you and let Helen know so we can notify the right folks for Sunday Worship if you can fill a duty- Please Call Helen right away! (358-2433) Thank you for being a huge part of a meaningful worship experience for everyone!

Greeters	Reader	Coffee Hour
Dec. 1: Dawn Durow	Dawn Durow	Judy Turner
Dec. 8: Cindy Howard	Jeff Pagett	Helen Ranks
Dec. 15- Margaret Milford	Jackson Andrews	????
Dec. 22- Phyllis Frink	Judy Turner	????
Dec. 29 - Helen Ranks	????	????
Jan. 5- Helen Ranks	Debbie Stormer	????
Jan. 12- The Brigg's	Annette Waite	Louise Freeman
Jan 19- ????	????	????

Special Music

Louise Freeman 358-2635
Dec. 1 - Pagett Family
Dec. 8—Walter Warriner
Dec. 15—Peter Dauphin
Dec. 22 - Judy M./Debbie S.
Dec. 29— Marcus Evans
Jan. 5 - Holly Graham

Acolytes

Irene Dye 397-3754

Dec. 1: Caliana Wheeler & Catlin Parks
Dec. 8: Darin Botzenmayer & Hailey Darcy
Dec. 15- McKenna Park & Brynn Pagett
Dec. 22-
Dec 29 - Luke & Mason Pagett
Jan. 5- Piper Keyes & Riley Palmer

Altar Flowers

Karen Belt- 358-9466

Dec. 1- Pat Kibbe
Dec. 8- Donnalee Shields
Dec. 15- Poinsettia's
Dec. 22- Poinsettia's
Dec. 29 - Poinsettia's
Jan. 5- ????
Jan. 12- Karen Belt