



The Herald



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Celebrate the Savior

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FROM THE PASTOR

“All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people” (John 1:3-4).



The Apostle John was referring, of course, to Jesus, the only begotten Son of God:

“God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father” (from the Nicene Creed). Jesus made the world, every part of it. Long before Jesus came to live with us as a baby in a barn in Bethlehem, He was coming.

In Jesus was life, and that life was the light of all humanity! This is a great truth of what we call “Christmas.” “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it” (John 1:5).

Nothing can overcome the light of Jesus Christ! The light is not controlled or extinguished by the darkness. The light of Bethlehem shines as a beacon to those who believe in Jesus.

Jesus came to live with us on the first Christmas Day. Jesus is with us today, through the sent Helper, the Holy Spirit. And Jesus will return for us on the last day. What a true knowledge of comfort!

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Dan



- December 3 1st Sunday of Advent: Mark 13:24-37; Psalm 80; Communion
- December 10 2nd Sunday of Advent: Mark 1:1-8; Psalm 85
- December 17 3rd Sunday of Advent: John 1:6-8, 19-28; Psalm 126
- December 24 4th Sunday of Advent: Luke 1:26-38, 47-55
- December 24 Christmas Eve: Luke 2:1-20; Psalm 96
- December 31 1st Sunday after Christmas: Luke 2:1-20; Psalm 148 New Year's Eve

**Serving in
Worship
December 2017**

**Thank You for
Serving
this Month!**



Greeters

12/03 Florence Mihalyov
12/10 Sue Josephson
12/17 Gail Powell
12/24 Paul & Lori McComb
12/24 PM: Bob Kuder
12/31 Carol Bloechl

Ushers

12/03 Randy & Carol B.
12/10 Sharon K, Kathy K
12/17 Bob & Dianne Arazy
12/24 Roger D, Barry T
12/24 PM:
12/31 Jim K, Don F

Worship Leaders

12/03 Susann Brainard
12/10 Lyle Tague
12/17 Sandra Waterman
12/24 Sandy Wulff
12/24 PM: Eileen
12/31 Rodney Nichols

Communion Servers:

12/03 Sandy & Tom W, Gayel T

Acolytes

12/03 Don Allis
12/10 Rachael Guarino
12/17 Bob Kuder
12/24 Rachael G.
12/24 PM:
12/31

***Liturgy is
the Work of
the People
for the Glo-
ry of God***

Altar

12/03 Martha, Dee, Randi
12/10
12/17 Martha, Ruth, Margo
12/24 Joyce P
12/31 Ruth, Margo

Media Booth

12/03 Rodney N, Todd H
12/10 Sue N, Todd H
12/17 Randy & Carol B
12/24 Rodney N, Todd H
12/31 Randy B, Sue N

Media Presentation

12/03 Tom Wulff
12/10 Sue Norton
12/17 Carol Bloechl
12/24 Tom Wulff
12/31 Sue Norton

Coffee Hour:

CARE Team

Thank you to the Bible Study members who provided refreshments for the month of November!



Christmas Cantata: Sunday Dec. 17th Special Music for Worship

Christmas Eve Services: Sunday Dec 24th—10:00 a.m. *And* 5:00 PM

Please join us for refreshments following service.

Christmas Gifts for Our Staff

Throughout the year, our church staff shares their talents, gifts and time with our church. Our church enjoys the tradition of acknowledging the work and dedication our staff demonstrates to the church, its programs, and the congregation throughout the year.

The Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC) will be collecting voluntary cash donations between Sunday, November 26th and Sunday, December 10th. If you would like to make a Christmas gift donation to the church staff, please see a member of SPPRC. If you prefer to write a check, please make it out to a member of SPPRC and NOT to the church (to address NYS tax implications). The check will be cashed and the money added to the staff Christmas gift funds. Unless otherwise specified, all money collected will be shared equally across all staff.

The paid staff supporting our church are: Pastor Dan Carr, Susann Brainard, Gretchen Golibersuch, and Bob Kuder.

Thank you and Christmas Greetings from the SPPRC:
Sharon Kelly, Bob Arazy, Norma Hochgraf, Jane Huey,
Gail Powell, Tom Wulff.



Angels Among us

Angels are part of God's heavenly team. God has sent angels to proclaim messages, protect people, and minister to any number of people.

From the Old Testament to the New and even into the present we find mention of Angel messengers. In Genesis an angel appeared to Hagar to tell her of her child (Genesis 16). Angels saved Lot and his family from the destruction of Sodom (Genesis 19).

Angels are mentioned in the Psalms. In Psalm 34: Angels surround and protect those who "fear him". The meaning of fear in those times was love, worship and awe of the Lord!

In Psalm 91 Angels guard us and lift us up; and in Hebrews 1: Angels are "ministering spirits sent to serve". In Luke 1: 26-38 we all know the story of the angel Gabriel who visits Mary. And the Angels who appear to the Shepherds to announce the birth of the Christ child.

These beings are created by God to do his will here on earth. They praise God and serve by interacting with humans, delivering messages, protecting and helping us. Now if their presence was seen and heard in biblical times we can surmise they would come to us in the present time as well. Descriptions of them are as varied as the people who report being aided by them. Winged heavenly beings, or strangers, or friends among us?

What matters is that we believe in them and "do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." Hebrews 13:2

During this season of Advent be aware of the Angels among us, watch for them, and maybe be mindful of how you can be an angel to someone else!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH CHILI

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December 2nd, 2017 8:00AM to 10:00AM

From the Men's Breakfast Group

Featuring Barry's Magic Griddle!

Pancakes Eggs Sausage Juice Coffee or Tea

Donations: Adults \$5 ages 5-10 — \$3

Come for Breakfast, Stay for Fellowship!



Come for Worship and Coffee Hour Stay for:
Church Budget Conference

Sunday December 3rd

11:30a.m.



Our Annual Church conference was held here in October this year. While it went very well, we did not present the Budget. We invite everyone to attend this upcoming meeting for an explanation and vote on the budget and financial objectives for the coming year for our Church.

UMW Christmas Party Dec. 11, 2017

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing! NC UMC ladies are invited to a potluck celebration in **Adams Hall at 6pm** (gather), 6:30-7pm mission activity, 7pm dine, fellowship and Angel-themed program. Please bring a dish to pass and a bag of candy. We'll "fancy wrap" the candy into festive tray favors for Leroy Manor. Sign up sheet on bulletin board near kitchen. Beverages provided by UMW. For more information, contact Lori McComb 739-8032.





December Birthdays

12/4 Gene Mori	12/5 Ruth Peck
12/11 Sonya Pease	12/11 Dennis Powell
12/12 Don Norton	12/15 Tom Wulff
12/26 Claire Hewitt	12/31 Phyllis Gordon

Prayer Concerns for December:

Prayers for: Carol M., Rick & Kitty, Bea's great granddaughter Paityn, Ruth P, Julie G-S, Cathy, Judy's friend Sharon, Ron, Bree, Ellen S, Eleanor, Scott, Candy R, Michelle, June H, Kathy V family.



Dolores Calvin, Gary & Marcia Caswell, John DeBack, Phyllis Gordon, June Harndon, Irene Kochersberger, Helen Ottley, Mildred Tower, Barbara Ward, Lyla Weinreber.

Each year Members who have not participated in the life of the Church are sent a letter to encourage them to attend or let us know if they have moved on. We would love to have some of these folks return to the fold!

The following is a list of names of our Members who have not attended this past year.

If you know any of these members, might you be willing to invite them to attend a service soon? Maybe one of the Advent Sunday services; the Christmas Cantata will be on December 17th.

Rebecca Chambers, Barbara Clarke, Stephen Coolbaugh, Matt Duell, Haley Everett, Jen, Bryan, & Amanda Forbes, Andrew & Katherine Guignon, Brian & Michelle Josephson, Andrew Kelly, Joe & Karen Lynch, Sarah Norton, Joann & Michael Pecora, Jennifer & Robert Pennington, Kristen Roberts, Thomas Sloey, Rebecca Smith, Holly Wadkins, and Justin Zemniak.

Thank you for any help you can provide with this!

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

Donations are needed such as Dry Goods, Toiletries, Paper towels, Soap & Dish soap. Our delivery day is Sunday December 17 this month. The donations are delivered to Grace Church of the Nazarene each month to benefit people in our area who need a little help.

Drivers for December are Norma Hochgraf and Randi Wachter.



United Methodist Church of North Chili

October 9, 2017

The United Methodist Church of North Chili recognized two members with a Florence Brasser Scholarship for the academic achievements and their dedication and support of the church. They are, Erin Nichols, attending the University of New York at Brockport, and Rory Bloechl, attending Case Western Reserve University in Ohio.

The Florence Brasser Scholarship was established to provide financial support for church youth in their achieving advanced education following high school graduation. Florence Brasser was an elementary teacher in the Gates-Chili School District. Her dedication and achievements were recognized with the renaming the elementary school on Coldwater Road where she taught, as the "Florence Brasser School."

Jim Kline, Scholarship Treasurer,
Rory Bloechl, Erin Nichols,
and Pastor Dan Carr



Our UMC Girl Scouts Mission Event

Cuddle Quilters making quilts for Strong Memorial/Golisano Hospital since 1991 shared their pins, needles and Adams Hall space with Girl Scouts to complete 2 scout mission projects. The 6th grade troop made 16 quilted pot holders to protect their hands from hot pans when serving Sunday breakfasts at Ronald McDonald House several times a year. The 11th grade girls stitched and tied 8 baby quilts to cuddle Cameron Community Ministries young clients. Many thanks to our members and friends who contributed their time, talents and yummy goodies to a fun quilting bee!



Hanging Of the Greens

Saturday Dec. 2 at 3:00 p.m.

We'll be decorating the Church with Christmas Trees, wreaths, garlands and more. Come join the fun and have a soup supper afterwards at about 5:00 p.m..

Please sign up on the bulletin board near the kitchen.



December's Special Dates:

Sat. Dec 2: Pancake Breakfast 8-10 am; Hanging of the Greens at 3 pm.
Sun. Dec 3: Budget Discussion/Vote 11:30 am. Sat. Dec 9: Cuddle Quilts 9am-noon.
Mon. Dec. 11: UMW Christmas Party 6:00 pm.
Wed. Dec. 13: Prayer & Witness 7:00 pm. Sun. Dec 17: Christmas Cantata 10 am.
Sunday Dec 24: Morning Worship 10 am. Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 pm.

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