



# The Herald

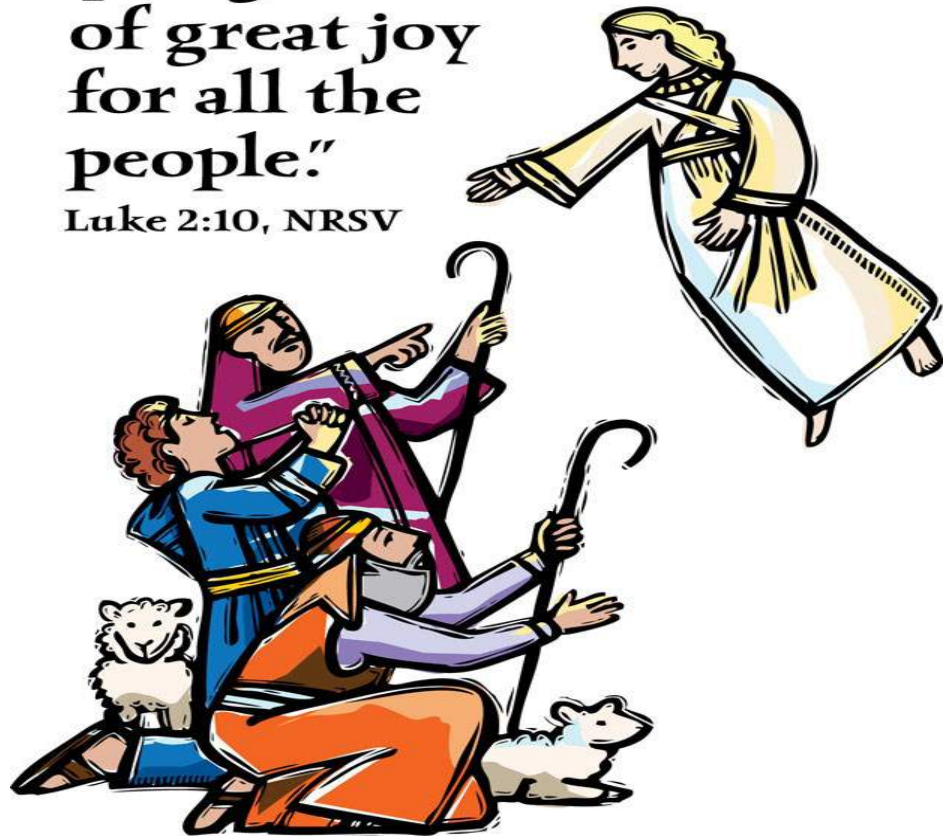


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**“I am bringing  
you good news  
of great joy  
for all the  
people.”**

**Luke 2:10, NRSV**



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## While they were sleeping

It was an evening like any other. Ordinary men were doing an ordinary job. Shepherds were “keeping watch over their flock by night” (Luke 2:8). Was it chilly? Were they tired? When angels appeared with news of a Savior, had the shepherds been talking about their troubles or sharing a good joke?

How quickly, how mysteriously, how unexpectedly an ordinary night became the turning point of human history. How remarkable that God chose to set his great rescue plan in motion when only a young couple was paying attention and only a few shepherds were awake.

God’s work is sometimes so secret we may wonder if he’s there or if he cares. The Christmas story tells us that God works out breathtaking plans for our lives in the dark, often while we’re sleeping or going about our ordinary routines.



December  
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"To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord" (Luke 2:11).

When I was in elementary school, Christmas was more about getting and giving presents than it is for me today. Good thing! I still like presents and surprises and spoiler alerts (so I can cover my ears and eyes to keep the surprise); however, I should not pile up more belongings, but cut back! Now I realize that everything (me, my stuff, and I) is part of God's realm: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it" (Psalm 24:1).

Yet the greatest gift of all, Jesus, Emmanuel, "God with us," was given to people by God on what we call Christmas. That gift is a "keeper," the One we cannot live without.

May Jesus Christ hold us in His hands this Christmas, and bless us and all the people on earth, for God loves us dearly.

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Dan



December 2 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent: Luke 21: 25-36; Psalm 25; Communion

December 9 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent: Luke 1: 68-79; Luke 3:1-6,

December 16 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 12:2-6; Luke 3:7-18

December 23 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent: Luke 1:47-55; Luke 1:39-45

December 24 Christmas Eve: Luke 2:1-20; Psalm 96

December 30 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas: Luke 2:41-52; Psalm 148



**Serving in  
Worship  
December 2018**



**Liturgist**

12/02 Lyle Tague  
12/09 Carol Bloechl  
12/16 David Hale  
12/23 Sandy Wulff  
12/24 Don Allis  
12/30 Gayel Todd

**Greeters**

12/02 Kathy Krisher  
12/09 Joyce Palmer  
12/16 Eric & Jen Rockwell  
12/23 Claire & Rebecca Hewitt  
12/24 Lori & Paul McComb  
12/30 Allen Hulme

**Ushers**

12/02 Susann B, Roger D  
12/09 Jim & Martha Kline  
12/16 Gail P, Judy Guarino  
12/23 Barry & Anita Taft  
12/24 Bob K, Todd H  
12/30 Sue J, Sharon k

**Acolytes**

12/02 Dianne Arazy  
12/09 Rachael Guarino  
12/16 Don Fernberg  
12/23 Bob Kuder  
12/24 Susann B, Don A  
12/30 Rachael Guarino

***Liturgy is the Work of  
the People  
for the Glory of God***

**Communion Servers:**

12/02 Sue J, Claire H, Rodney N

**Altar**

12/02 Randi Wachter  
12/16 All  
12/23 Ruth Mori  
12/30 Joyce Palmer

**Media Booth**

12/02 Randy & Carol Bloechl  
12/09 Rodney N, Todd H  
12/16 Rodney N, Sue N  
12/23 Rodney N, Todd H  
12/24 Randy & Carol Bloechl  
12/30 Randy & Carol Bloechl

**Media Presentation**

12/02 Carol Bloechl  
12/09 Tom Wulff  
12/16 Sue Norton  
12/23 Tom Wulff  
12/24 Carol Cloechl  
12/30 Carol Bloechl

**Coffee Hour:** CARE Team



To the Tuesday Bible Study Group for providing refreshments for the month of November!

# Pancake Breakfast

United Methodist Church of North Chili

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 8:00AM to 10:00AM

From the Men's Breakfast Group

Featuring Barry's Magic Griddle!

Scrambled Eggs Sausage Juice

All you can eat Pancakes Coffee or Tea

Donations: Adults \$5 ages 5-10 — \$3

Come for Breakfast, Stay for Fellowship!



## LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

**Donations** are always needed and are always welcomed. There is a new list for donation items on the Food Collection shelves.

The donations are delivered to Grace Church of the Nazarene each month to benefit people in our area who need a little help. Our delivery day this month is Sunday December 16. Drivers this month are Mike Carr and Florence Mihalyov.

## UMW Christmas Party Dec. 10, 2018

Let us Come Together! NC UMC ladies are invited to a potluck celebration in **Adams Hall at 6pm** (gather), 6:30-7pm mission activity, 7pm dine amidst warm and caring fellowship. 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.



Christmas  
Traditions

## Christmas Gifts for Our Staff

Throughout the year, our church staff shares their talents, gifts and time with all of us. 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 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. 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, Bob Kuder, Laura Freeman and Jaclyn Breeze.



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



## Operation Christmas Child

### PACK A SHOEBOX - BLESS A CHILD

I would like to thank everyone who donated items, helped sort, cut paper and organized items, helped set up/cleanup for lunch and packing day, helped pack boxes, helped check packed boxes, helped load boxes into my car, donated funds for shipping costs and anything else I am forgetting. Special thanks to Susann for her encouragement, help and support. Thanks to your generosity we were able to send 57 boxes this year. This is 20 more boxes than last year (a 54.5% increase over last year)! I certainly could not have done all this by myself, but by combining our talents, resources and time, together we can do so much. Susann and Sonya will be traveling to Baltimore Dec.6 -9 to help with packing and inspecting hundreds of Shoeboxes that will be sent out to bless many children.

Please pray for the children that will be receiving our boxes.

Thank you and God bless you.

Sonya Pease, Coordinator for OCC





## 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:

Jennifer, Norm, Sean, and Tyler D, Courtney S, Eddie, Gayel T, Graham family, Patti, Laura's friend Mike, Cassie, Mike K, Crystal and the deer hunters that will be out.

Please keep all those affected by the Wildfires in CA in your thoughts and prayers.

*Please keep these families who have lost loved ones in your thoughts: the recent shooting victims.*



Gary & Marcia Caswell, June Harndon, Irene Kochersberger, Helen Ottley, Ruth Peck, Mildred Tower, Barbara Ward



We hope you will all be able to join us for these special events:

**Christmas Cantata:** Sunday Dec. 9th

Special Music for Worship

**Christmas Concert:** Sunday Dec. 16th at 7:00 p.m. In our Sanctuary

A special musical benefit for St. Jude's Hospital. Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

**Christmas Eve Service:** Monday Dec 24th—7:00 PM Candlelight Service

# Leadership Nominations Report 2019

## Administration

\* Ex-officio

### Leadership Team

Sandra Waterman - Council Leader, Lay Member to Annual Conference, Youth Leader  
Sue Josephson - CARE Leader  
Sue Josephson, Janet Snyder - Worship Co-Team Leaders  
Jim Kline - Finance Team Leader  
Barry Taft - Trustees Team Leader  
Lyle Tague - SPPRC Team Leader  
Lori McComb - UMW President  
Don Allis - Communications Team Leader; Lay Leader  
(Open) - Education Team Leader  
Pastor - Daniel P. Carr

### SPPRC Staff, Pastor, Parish Relations Committee (5-9 members)

2019	2020	2021
Gail Powell	Norma Hochgraf	Lyle Tague (leader)
Jane Huey	Sharon Kelly	Bob Arazy
Sue McCracken	*Sandra Waterman (Lay Member)	Pastor Dan Carr

### Trustees (3-9 members)

2019	2020	2021
Barry Taft- Leader	Nancy Nichols	Bob Kuder
Larry Huey	Kathy Krisher	John Standinger
Robert Todd Hochgraf	Gary McCracken	
	Alan Hulme	
	*Sandra Waterman (Lay Member)	

### Leadership Development, Nominations (5-9 members)

2019	2020	2021
Sue Josephson	Sharon Kelly	Ralph Squire
Pastor Daniel P. Carr(Leader)	Don Allis (Lay Leader)	Roger Dart
	Kathy Krisher	

### Finance

Jim Kline-Team leader Randy Bloechl-Treasurer  
Peg Wittman or Sandy Wulff -Finance Secretary David Hale  
Gayel Todd \*Sandra Waterman (Lay Member)

### Safe Sanctuary Committee

2019		
Lori McComb	Sandra Waterman	Pastor Dan Carr



**Thanks for  
Worshiping With Us**

Sunday Dec. 9th Special  
Music for Worship

Christmas Concert: Sun-  
day Dec. 16 at 7:00 p.m.  
Celebrate the Joy of the  
Season!

Candlelight Christmas  
Eve Service 7:00 p.m.  
Everyone is Welcome!

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