



THE PAPER

SUNDAY, November 23rd, 2025

FAMILY CHRISTMAS FUN DAY

Everyone is invited to join the fun for an after-church lunch and ornament making party. Plan on joining us following the 10:30 a.m. service on November 30th. We will provide sandwiches, but please bring a pot of soup to share. Sign up on the Church Center App if you'd like to volunteer to host an ornament table or join in for lunch and all the fun.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Join us in a special project this Christmas season by sharing generosity and love with people in our community. This year, we're sharing a special new tradition called the "reverse advent calendar" project. As you count down to Christmas, you and your family will collect a food item in a box at home, adding to the box each day. Then bring your box of food donations to the church on Christmas Eve to share with our local food pantries. It's a great way to remember giving back at Christmas! Instructions can be found at the Welcome Desk in the lobby.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING LITURGY

We would love for you to share the tradition of the Advent Wreath lighting at home. Stop by the Welcome Desk to grab special instructions on how to set up your Advent Wreath, prayers to pray, and scripture texts to read together as you light each Advent candle at home each Sunday of Advent. Help keep your focus on the coming birth, and return, of Christ in this special way.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Come out with your Christmas attire, and your family, to join us as we go bring Christmas cheer to our church homebound. All ages are welcome! We will meet Sunday, the 14th in the gym at 4:00 p.m. A light supper will be provided upon our return.

INTERACTIVE KIDS CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Come experience our Children's Interactive Christmas Worship on December 21st at 4:00 pm. Every kid who attends will have a chance to participate in telling the Christmas Story. Bring your family to celebrate Christmas kid style!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Come celebrate Christmas Eve with us, and welcome the Christ Child with candle light and silent night. Worship services will be held December 24th at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOK This Advent, we'll be walking through "Brought to the Light," a resource from Seedbed that will help prepare our hearts for Christ's coming and all it means. You can pick up a hard copy of "Brought to the Light" at the information desk. The "Brought to the Light" materials are also available for free through Seedbed's Wake Up Call. Subscribe to The Wake-Up Call Podcast to listen to the devotion every day, or subscribe on the Seedbed website to receive it in email format every day. Whatever way you follow along, we hope you join us in discovering the light Jesus brings this Christmas.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT MINISTRY: NOVEMBER 26TH

We will not have our regular Wednesday night ministry activities on Wednesday, November 26th. Enjoy some time getting ready for your Thanksgiving celebrations!

STUDENT CHRISTMAS LOCK-IN

What is better than a Christmas party? We're glad you asked. A Christmas Party Lock-In! This year's Student Lock-In will be December 21st starting at 3:30 p.m. Gather with your friends for an evening of games, activities, worship, and even a "whodunit." Pick up will be Monday morning at 8:00 a.m. after a great breakfast.

AW NUTS!

You may pick up an order form at the table in the gym during coffee time today or see a Marion Aldersgate Women member. Completed orders can be picked up in the gym today until noon or Monday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

JOIN OUR SOUP KITCHEN TEAM

We are increasing our involvement with the Soup Kitchen. As a church, we will be volunteering to serve six different times throughout the new year at the Marion Ministerial Alliance Soup Kitchen. In order for us to fulfill our pledge, we will need lots of volunteers! Please let Liz Haas know if you are interested: lizhaas16@gmail.com.

CHURCH OFFICE SCHEDULE

Please make note that the church office will be closed Wednesday, November 26th and Thursday, November 27th for the Thanksgiving holiday.



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