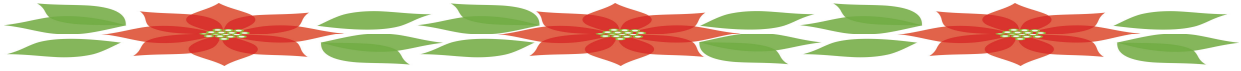


# The Second Mile

The Newsletter of the First United Methodist Church of Marlette, Michigan



## ADVENT 2016

Who is this Jesus born so long ago whose birth we celebrate? Who is this Jesus whose return we await? We have all the answers in God's good book. Take a look!

We see in Isaiah recorded in chapter nine these words of prophecy:

*For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace...*

Isaiah 9:

These scriptures bear testimony to Christ's return:

*May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**1 Thessalonians 5:23**

*Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the day approaching.*

**Hebrews 10:25**

We hear from Jesus himself giving this promise:

*"I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also."*

John 14:3

We will hear again the angel of the Lord saying to the shepherds in the field,

*"Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people."*

Then will come the climactic exclamation from a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

*"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"*

Luke 2:10-14

This is Good News of our Holy God taking human form to bring salvation and redemption. This is *Holy Talking* telling of a God birth that brings a new age of messianic hope and fulfillment. *Holy Talking* leads to *Holy Walking*. This is Christ's Church birthed and empowered by God's Holy Spirit.

*Holy Talking & Holy Walking* bearing the name of Jesus Christ, driven by the Holy Spirit, spans the centuries and inspires the ministry that happens here. God has chosen us. God has called us. God

wants us and woos us. God empowers us. God's will is fulfilled when we embrace the Christ child—Emmanuel—who is God with us. God's will is fulfilled when we fully accept Jesus Christ into our hearts and fully surrender our will to God's will.

This, of course, is God's purpose in our ministry: to bring people to Jesus Christ, to bring people to the saving knowledge and personal relationship with God through God's Son. To all believe in and receive Jesus Christ, the Living Word, God gives power to become children of God. (John 1:12)

Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."  
(1 Peter 1:14-16)

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (2 Peter 2:9)

God help us be *Holy Talkers & Holy Walkers*, to talk the talk AND walk the walk!

Your fellow pilgrim on the Jesus Journey,

*Pastor Dave*



PSALM 100:2, ESV

Decker

*Nursery:* Linda Bush & Hannah Skakle  
*Children's Church* Priscilla Foote (Program)

### **Sunday, December 11, 2016**

#### *Christmas Pageant*

*Greeters First:* Orpha Thompson  
2nd: Rod & Nicole Friday  
*Ushers: 1st:* Scott Bohms  
2nd: Joe & Nathan Abbott & Dan Edwards  
*Nursery:* Kristy Naracon & Grace Decker

### **Sunday, December 18, 2016**

#### *One Service*

*Greeters:* Scott & Norma Bohms  
*Ushers:* Lon Dunsford, Jason Bell & Mike Hutchens  
*Nursery:* Helen & Logan Abbott  
*Children's Church:* Brock & Krissa Welshans

### **Sunday, December 25, 2016**

#### *One Service*

### **Sunday, December 4, 2016**

*Greeters First:*  
2nd: Inez Stephens  
*Ushers: 1st:* Ralph Hunt  
2nd: Pat Wilson,  
Don Potter & Tom

*Greeters:* Randy & Judy Hostetler  
*Ushers:* Paul Dunsford, Shane Kady, Ben King & Gerald Foote  
*Nursery:* Sarah Kady & Emily Bell  
*Children's Church:* Rachel Bennett

*If you cannot serve at the time assigned, please make arrangements for a sub or call the office by Wednesday before the Sunday assigned.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*\*\*\*\*The United Methodist Women invite all of the women of the church to their **Christmas Pot Luck Lunch** on **Tuesday, December 6th** at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Instead of a gift exchange women are asked to bring clothing to be donated to the Elementary School. They need sweatpants, sweatshirts, underwear and sox for children pre-school to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Even if you cannot attend the luncheon, please consider bringing new or gently used clothes and put them in the totes located in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks!

\*\*\*\*\***Prayer Shawls** available for your comfort. (Located on the back row of chairs as you come in the Kilgour entrance). Use it and leave it. More shawls will be available if needed.

# TEEN CHALLENGE SUNDAY

On **Sunday December 18** we welcome guests from **Mid Michigan Teen Challenge\*** in Saginaw. They will join with us and participate in **ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10 AM**. The ministry of Teen Challenge, founded in 1958 by David Wilkerson, is a well-known, faith based residency program for adults who battle drug and alcohol addictions.

Their mission is "To provide an effective and comprehensive Christian faith-based solution to life-controlling substance abuse problems, by applying biblical principles. Teen Challenge endeavors to help people become mentally-sound, emotionally-balanced, socially-adjusted, physically-well, and spiritually-alive.

As a pastor I very thankful for the ministry of Teen Challenge having made many referrals and participating in their mid week chapel services.

I ask that you make every effort to attend on this important Sunday. I promise you will be deeply touched and richly blessed in hearing their songs of faith, skits and powerful testimony.

I also ask that you come prepared to participate in a generous love offering for **MID MICHIGAN TEEN CHALLENGE**. Gifts can be given through the church or directly to Teen Challenge.

Then, following worship, we will gather in the fellowship hall for a traditional **CHRISTMAS FEAST** with roasted turkey

and all the trimmings. This will be a delicious meal and wonderful fellowship to further greet and get to know our guests. Twelve women will be coming; one at each table to get better acquainted and continue the fellowship!

**AND!** We will present to each of our guests a Christmas gift, a gift bag with assorted gifts from **YOU!**

So, here is my heartfelt pastoral appeal:

1. Please attend worship on **SUNDAY DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> @ 10AM**. And then stay for a delicious "early" Christmas Dinner!
2. Plan on a generous gift for our **LOVE OFFERING** in that worship
3. I ask for volunteers to plan, prepare and serve the **CHRISTMAS FEAST** right after worship.
4. I ask for gift donations to fill the gift bags for our guests.

As always I thank God for our faithful congregation, and for your faithful giving and serving!

Earnestly and passionately yours in Jesus Christ,  
Pastor Dave

(\*Originally we were expecting Western Michigan Teen Challenge from Muskegon to be our guests. However, due to some logistical issues we have switched to the Mid Michigan team.)



**Remember our Snow  
Birds and others with  
a Christmas Card....**

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Zephyrhills FL 33542

Ben & Karen Augun  
5287 N. Gila Trail Drive  
Eloy, AZ 85131

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Marlette, MI 48453

Bill & Ila Cook  
6105 Lynd Rd.  
Marlette MI 48453

Paul & Florence Dunsford  
6225 Ervin St.  
Marlette MI 48453

Jim Elliott  
3205 Van Dyke  
Marlette MI 48453

Donna Flannigan  
5910 Walker Rd.  
Marlette MI 48453

Duane & Janet Glasgow  
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Pat & Ace Heintz  
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Caro MI 48723s

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Zephyrhills, FL 33541

Don & Karen Wiegiersma  
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Zephyrhills, FL 33542

Grant & Jan Wilson  
37517 Pompano Ct.  
Zephyrhills FL 33541



## ***Mark Your Calendars!***



### **Christmas Season Schedule**

Tuesday, December

6<sup>th</sup>: **UMW**

**Christmas Pot  
Luck Luncheon**

for all women of  
the church at noon.

\*Sunday,  
December 11<sup>th</sup>:

**Christmas  
Pageant** at second

service with youngsters from CLC.

**Noon Lunch for kids in Fellowship Hall**

**1:00 p.m. Kids Sing** at Hannah Wolfe and  
the ECF with CLC youngsters.

\*Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Repeat of the Christmas Pageant** for  
parents and those unable to be there Sunday.

Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m.-1  
p.m. **Free Community Lunch** in  
Fellowship Hall

\*Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> **ONE SERVICE** at  
10 a.m. with special program called the  
**Mid- Michigan Teen Challenge** with a  
meal served after the worship service

\*December 24<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Eve services** at  
7 p.m. and 11 p.m.

\*December 25<sup>th</sup> **ONE SERVICE** at 10 a.m.

\*December 25<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Dinner** for  
whole community from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.

United Hospice is offering a program “Grief for the Holidays” 11-4-2016 and 11-14-2016 in the Hospital Auxiliary Room. This is to help people who have lost a family member deal with the absence of that person during the holidays.

Gerry Smith reported on the B-Cup Program to help people who don’t have insurance to get breast screening for cancer to help cover the cost.

Gerry Smith reported Helping Hands will be making pillow cases for Eva’s Place. She also reported that Helping Hands have made 50 quilts from the material for tops donated to Heaven Sent and then given to Helping Hands. Helping Hands has also been making slippers for different groups in our area. Gerry made 30 pairs of mittens for our Elementary School.

Dianne suggested we take pictures of our quilts and write an article and send it to our *Response* magazine for publication. Gerry said she would check into this.

Doris Huntoon asked what we planned on doing with our money we have earned from the Harvest Dinner. She suggested: Christmas gifts for senior man & woman \$200, Community House \$200, Missions— Dan & Suzie Potter \$200, Atkins family \$200, Unknown \$200, Haiti \$500, Caring Hearts \$200, Hannah Wolfe \$200, Legacy Fund \$200, and Toys for Tots \$200.

The Christmas Party will be our last meeting in 2016. It was noted that regular meetings would begin again in April, 2017.

*Mary Ann Fick*, Acting Secretary

**NOTE: Viviene Huntoon is recovering from a fall in which she broke her hip. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.**

## **Highlights of Minutes of the United Methodist Women**

Meeting was called to order by Dianne Herpolsheimer, Acting Chairperson at 1:10 p.m. on November 1<sup>st</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. Present were Gerry Smith, Viviene Huntoon, Mary Ellen Linton, Doris Huntoon, Elizabeth Snow, Betty Kiteley, Orpha Thompson and Mary Ann Fick.

## **Prayers for Healing & Protection**

For Grace Gehring, Pastor Jack's sister, who was transferred to Bay City Medical as her kidney function has worsened.

For Laura Bassiniser, a friend of Shellie & Norm Bliss, who is undergoing chemotherapy for lung cancer.

For Wayne Bell who is suffering from extreme back pain.

For Terry Warner who is running out of options to treat his severe back pain.

For heath for Kyle Mero who is in Africa teaching.

For Tom Skakle who is having back pain and is having to work long hours.

For Lon Dunsford who has been suffering with migraine headaches.

For Viviene Huntoon who fell and broke her hip at her home in Florida. Doris and her sisters are taking care of her.

For Don Phillips who is now living at the Sanilac Medical Care Facility in Sandusky.

For Ken Linton who continues to have health problems. Hospice is providing home health services.

For Hortensia Prince, Cindy Elias' mother, who has health issues and is on dialysis.

For Carol Sarles, Rodney Friday's aunt who is fighting cancer.

For Florence Dunsford who continues to deal with health issues.

For Katelyn Smith, a half-sister of Jill Bell & Sarah Kady, who was just diagnosed with cervical cancer.

For Marilyn Witucki & Mike Southall; Grant Wilson's sister Marilyn and Jan's brother Mike are battling cancer.

For Ryan Rich who has health concerns.

For John Mulder, Pastor Dave's brother, who continues to wait for a double lung transplant.

For Jane Grant who continues to reside in Sandusky at the Medical Care Facility.

For Jill Thomas who continues to do well. Pray for good results from her upcoming scan.

For Duane Fischer, Jill Thomas' dad, who is recovering from surgery after injuring his hand in a farm accident.

For Brison Ricker, grandson of Bill Ricker's brother, who continues to deal with a brain tumor.

## **Prayers of Thanksgiving**

For the Thanksgiving Dinner at our church which was made possible through the many gifts of food, supplies and labor from many of the Marlette Churches.

For the many blessings we enjoy and take for granted! Let us acknowledge them every day.

For the 70 shoeboxes prepared by members of this church which will be delivered to the less fortunate children of third world countries this Christmas.

For the life of Dennis Chard, father-in-law of Lindy (Maltby) Starr; he passed away at the end of November.

For the healing in the life of Pat Smith; she is recovering from pneumonia and doing much better.

For a good report for Byronna Brydon; she continues to do well.





## **Atkins Family Now Associated with WAVS**



Dear First United Methodist Church Family,

Thank you so much for your support of our ministry! Your faithfulness is what keeps us here. As you read in our September newsletter (<http://www.jasonandemilyatkins.com/newsletters/201609Atkins.pdf>), October was our last month with Youth for Christ and on November 1<sup>st</sup> we began serving as missionary staff with West African Vocational Schools (WAVS).

WAVS is a Christian non-profit that works in Guinea-Bissau to equip young women and men with life-changing job skills so they can transform their communities. While serving with them we will be teaching in the vocational school, training teachers, and continuing to do construction and fabrication for churches, schools, and non-profits across the country.

We've had several people email with questions on where to give now that we are officially WAVS staff. Here's the link to our new giving page with WAVS:

[https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/West\\_African\\_Vocational\\_Schools/atkins](https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/West_African_Vocational_Schools/atkins)

Or checks with "Atkins" on the memo line, can be mailed to:

WAVS  
P.O. Box 25455  
Seattle, WA 98165

If you have any questions about WAVS or our new jobs with them, let us know :-)

With Love,

*Jason, Emily, Savannah, Nathaniel, and  
Miriam Atkins*

## **Heaven Sent to Host Food Pantry Distribution December 15<sup>th</sup>**

The Food Pantry provided many boxes of food for people at the November distribution.

Judy Hostetler prepared boxes which provided necessary groceries to prepare good meals. You would be proud of what our food pantry offers when compared to many pantries who pack the boxes with snacks and other less healthy foods.

Volunteers from our church as well as other churches will meet at the Heaven Sent Community Ministries building on Main Street on Thursday December 15, 2016 for the regular distribution. If you would like to help with the distribution, show up at Heaven Sent at 4:30 that day.

Meanwhile the Second Chance Clothing Shoppe continues to operate from their building from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 10-2 on Saturday.

Men, Women, boys and girls: Add to your fall wardrobe for the right price. Check out the selection; remember it changes all the time! Drop-offs can now be made at the back door.

Heaven Sent sponsors another food distribution on the last Saturday of the month at the VFW Hall Parking Lot in Marlette. Your volunteer help would be most appreciated. Call Gina at 989-635-0077 for details.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*\*\*\*\***Christmas Program Practice** will continue December 4<sup>th</sup> during children's church at 2<sup>nd</sup> service. **Rehearsals will take place on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at the regular CLC time (6:30-7:30) and dress rehearsal will be Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9-10:30 a.m.** The program will be given at the second service on December 11<sup>th</sup> and again on **Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**  
Contact Priscilla Foote with questions (810) 672-9604

\*\*\*\*\****We're looking for a few good men (or women) to help with cooking steaks on the grill on Christmas Day. See Joe Abbott or Linda Warner if you can help.***

\*\*\*\*\*The *Upper Room* for November/December is on the window sill in the Sanctuary or on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Please help yourself and take a copy for family or friends. The *Upper Room* is available in large print also at the same locations.

\*\*\*\*\*Hard copies of the *Second Mile* for December are available on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Electronic copies are available at our website: <http://marletteumc.org>.

\*\*\*\*\***Our Methodist youth group is planning to raise funds to gift kids in foreign lands with a goat or other animal which will combat hunger. You can help by donating your empty cans and bottles. They can be left at the church office or given to Kyle Abbott.**

\*\*\*\*\*Helping Hands will meet Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall returning to the regular schedule.

\*\*\*\*\*If you are baking cookies for the family, why not bake a couple dozen for the church fellowship time next Sunday? Let Linda Warner know if this works for you!

\*\*\*\*\*Free Appreciation Dinner for Seniors 55+ at the Silverwood United Methodist Church on

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. Seniors, we appreciate all you do. Please come!

\*\*\*\*\*FYI: The Do-Not-Call telephone number is 1-888-382-1222. If you are receiving unwanted phone calls, call this number to have your phone number added to the do-not-call list.

\*\*\*\*\*Gerry Smith, our treasurer, reminds us that donations to the church which will count toward your 2016 income tax deductions must be received no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. If you mail a check, it must be postmarked no later than December 31st. Gerry will be mailing statements of your account during the month of January, 2017. Thanks for your generosity in 2016!

*You're Invited to the Children's Christmas Program called*



## **Sing a Song of Christmas**

*At the church during the 10:45 worship service on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.*

*Or the performance will be repeated on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 7 p.m. AA in Basement	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> COMMUNION SUNDAY 9 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 Contemporary Worship	<b>5</b> 7 p.m. SG @ Wayne Bell's 7 p.m. Trustees' Meeting	<b>6</b> 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands Noon: UMW Christmas Lunch in FH 2 p.m. Worship Service at Sanilac Medical Care 7 p.m. Little Women	<b>7</b> 6:30 a.m. Promise Keepers 5:30 p.m. Mid-Week Meal 6:30 CLC Program Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Youth Group	<b>8</b> 7 p.m. AA in Basement 7 p.m. SG @ Tapson's	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9-10:30 a.m. Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant
<b>11</b> 9 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 Christmas Pageant 12 noon: Lunch for kids 1 p.m. Kids Sing at Hannah Wolfe 1:45 Kids Sing at ECF	<b>12</b> 6-7:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 7 p.m. SG @ Wayne Bell's  Deadline for senior citizen gifts @ HS	<b>13</b> 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands 2 p.m. Worship Service at Hannah Wolfe 7 p.m. Little Women	<b>14</b> 6:30 a.m. Promise Keepers 5-6 p.m. Distribute gifts & food to school referrals and senior citizens @ HS 5:30 p.m. Mid-Week Meal 6:30 p.m. CLC Christmas Pageant 7:30 p.m. Youth Group	<b>15</b> 7 p.m. AA in Basement 7 p.m. SG @ Tapson's 5-6 p.m. Food Pantry Distribution @ HS	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:30 a.m. Food Distribution @ VFW parking lot 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free Community Lunch
<b>18</b> 10 a.m. One Service West Michigan Teen Challenge 11:30 a.m. Dinner in FH	<b>19</b> 7 p.m. SG @ Wayne Bell's	<b>20</b> 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands 7 p.m. Little Women	<b>21</b> 6:30 a.m. Promise Keepers	<b>22</b> 7 p.m. AA in Basement	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Service 11 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
<b>25</b> CHRISTMAS 10 a.m. One Service 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Christmas Dinner in FH	<b>26</b> 7 p.m. SG @ Wayne Bell's	<b>27</b> 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands 7 p.m. Little Women	<b>28</b> 6:30 a.m. Promise Keepers	<b>29</b> 7 p.m. AA in Basement	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> NEW YEAR'S EVE



