

**“Know Christ, Grow in Christ, Go—Share Christ.”**



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First United Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande

DECEMBER 2018

## Christmas Eve Service

Monday  
December  
24th  
7:00 P.M.  
Sanctuary



A Service  
of  
Scripture  
Carols  
Candlelight

ADVENT STUDY CLASSES—Wed. Nov. 28 -Wed. Dec. 26  
HANGING OF THE GREENS—Sat. Dec. 1 at 10 AM  
TINSEL, TUNES, AND TREATS—Sun. Dec. 2., 4-5:30 PM  
CHRISTMAS PARKING LOT GIVEAWAY—Sat. Dec. 8, 11 AM—2 PM.  
AGUM CHILDRENS CENTER CHRISTMAS PROGRAM—Thu. Dec 13 at 6:30 PM  
CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANA— Fri. Dec. 14, 7-9:30 PM  
SING-ALONG AT CLARK CENTER—Sun. Dec. 16, at 4 PM  
DECEMBER CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICES— Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

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## Greetings from the Pastor!

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

ADVENT I

SILHOUETTES OF HOPE

Jeremiah 33:14-16, Luke 21:25-36

December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

ADVENT IV

SILHOUETTES OF LOVE

Luke 1:47-55

December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

ADVENT II

SILHOUETTES OF PEACE

Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 3:1-6

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018

CHRISTMAS EVE

Luke 2:1-20

December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

ADVENT III

SILHOUETTES OF JOY

Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6

DECEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

First Sunday after Christmas

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26, Luke 2:41-52

Rev. Mary Birgelaitis



**Mondays at 7 PM**  
Women come to pray together in the Sanctuary.



**Fridays at 8:30 AM**  
Join us in the Library for Bible Study, discussion, coffee, & friends!



**DECEMBER LITURGISTS**

**DECEMBER 2**

8:30 a.m. ————Joseph Brown  
10:30 a.m. ————BG Perriguy

**DECEMBER 9**

8:30 a.m. ————Larry Baughman  
10:30 a.m. ————Barbara Reineke

**DECEMBER 16**

8:30 a.m. ————Sharon Roemer  
10:30 a.m. ————Roger Sperling

**DECEMBER 23**

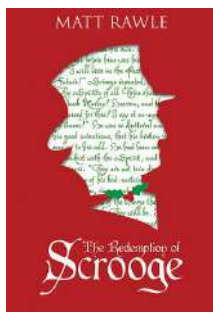
8:30 a.m. ————David Beard  
10:30 a.m. ————Virginia Mothes

**DECEMBER 30**

8:30 a.m. ————Joseph Brown  
10:30 a.m. ————Nancy St. Laurent



Dates	Topics and Schedule
<b>Sunday, December 2</b> <b>ADVENT I</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</b> Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis <i>SILHOUETTES OF HOPE</i> Jeremiah 33:14-16 Luke 21:25-36</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, December 5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>5:45 PM Adult Bible Study</b> THE REDEMPTION OF SCROOGE by Matt Rawle Session 2 of 4 Facilitated by Judy Atwood</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday, December 9</b> <b>ADVENT II</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</b> Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis <i>SILHOUETTES OF PEACE</i> Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 3:1-6</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, December 12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>5:45 PM Adult Bible Study</b> THE REDEMPTION OF SCROOGE by Matt Rawle Session 3 of 4 Facilitated by Judy Atwood/Nancy St. Laurent</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday, December 16</b> <b>ADVENT III</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</b> Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis <i>SILHOUETTES OF JOY</i> Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, December 19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>5:45 PM Adult Bible Study</b> THE REDEMPTION OF SCROOGE by Matt Rawle Session 4 of 4 Facilitated by Judy Atwood/Nancy St. Laurent</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday, December 23</b> <b>ADVENT IV</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</b> Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis <i>SILHOUETTES OF LOVE</i> Luke 1:47-55</li> </ul>
<b>Monday, December 24</b> <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>7:00 PM Worship Service</b> <b>A Service of Scripture, Carols and Candlelight</b> Rev. Mary Birgelaitis Luke 2:1-20</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, December 26</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Free Dinner and Adult Bible Study on Break</b></li> </ul>
<b>Sunday, December 30</b> <b>First Sunday after Christmas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM Worship Services</b> Sermon by Rev. Mary Birgelaitis <i>WHAT CHILD IS THIS?</i> 1 Samuel 5:18-20,26 Luke 2:4111-52</li> </ul>



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES**

Criswell Hall 5:45 p.m.—6:45 p.m.  
November 28 through December 19

**THE REDEMPTION OF SCROOGE** by Matt Rawle

This Advent study will “bless us everyone” and reinvigorate our spiritual journeys as we look at this familiar story through the lens of faith.

Facilitated by Judy Atwood/Nancy St. Laurent BOOKS AVAILABLE



**THE UNITED METHODIST MEN WISH EVERYONE A WONDERFUL  
AND MEANINGFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON!**

## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 2018



*On All Saints' Sunday, November 4, we at First United Methodist Church, Arroyo Grande, lifted up the names of our departed members and people whose services were conducted through our ministry who have died since our last All Saints Day in November 2017.*

Jeanne Jenkins	December 14, 2017
Gertrude Lucero	January 2, 2018
Gladys Paulsen	January 11, 2018
Mary Kelleher	January 17, 2018
Armando Lucero	May 12, 2018
Paul Arriola	June 15, 2018
Kathleen (Kay) Walker	July 3, 2018
Thomas W. Taylor	August 2018
Karen Morrison	October 19, 2018

*With gratitude for the privilege of having known them, we give thanks to God for their lives.*



United  
Methodist  
Women  
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

*“The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose Purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.”*



## UMW DECEMBER MESSAGE

As Christmas draws near, we draw attention to the miracles God presented to two women who were faithful and bold to follow His word.

Elizabeth was a righteous women who followed the path of the Lord. Although she and her husband, Zechariah, were old and as they called her “barren”, she was sad and lonely. But an angel told her she would conceive a son, and he would be called John the Baptist and to believe as it was “God’s Word.”

Mary came to Elizabeth, six months later, to stay in their spare room. When Mary arrived, John jumped for joy right in her womb.

At that, Elizabeth told Mary she was blessed by God by being the mother of the Lord. Mary had been scared and had come to Elizabeth seeking

wisdom, but now the fear was gone and they rejoiced to be having their sons.

These two women were brought together as they prepared for motherhood, each strengthening and uplifting the other, each sharing wisdom and blessings. In joy and love Mary and Elizabeth celebrated together.

Today we walk in their footsteps saying yes to God, walking boldly as did the founders of the United Methodist Women when they traveled across the world to meet the needs of women in India. Similarly, our UMW meet and uplift other sisters to help protect our children from poverty, from under-education, from food scarcity, from so many other challenges facing our youth today. They require protection and we will continue to provide all we can together.

*~ Virginia Mothes, publicity*

### Next UMW Book Club Meeting in January

Due to the holidays the next UMW Book Club meeting will not meet in December but will be held on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 11 A.M. in the McMillen Room. We will discuss Escape from the Green Mansion: Ordinary Church Women and Their Extraordinary Rescue of San Francisco’s Brothel Slaves by Dr. Chris Taylor. This nonfiction account relates how the “Jesus Women” helped to free Chinese immigrants from brothels in San Francisco in the late 1800’s. Several copies of the book are available in the church office. You can also purchase one through amazon.com. Come join us on January 25<sup>th</sup>! See Patti Melsheimer with any questions.



*~ submitted by Judy Leonard*



## The Angel Tree

The Angel Tree will be set up again this year during the Hanging of the Greens. The Angel Tree gifts are for Foster children and other needy children in San Luis Obispo County. The children's names are provided by Social Workers and Eligibility Staff from the San Luis Obispo Department of Social Services.

Please take the original gift tag and attach the tag to the gift you purchase. You will need to sign the duplicate tag and leave the duplicate tag on the tree. I request the duplicate tag in case you lose the original tag, as then I know the child's name and which Social Worker the child is assigned to. You must attach the original tag to your UNWRAPPED gift or gift(s) and bring them to church on Sundays in December or you can bring the UNWRAPPED gifts to the church office. You can use the duplicate tag on your UNWRAPPED gift or gift(s) if you lose the original tag.

All gifts must be brought to church no later than December 19, 2018. If you have any questions, you may contact Jan Treat.

Thank you all for your generous, giving spirit to help these children in need, especially at Christmas! Your gifts do make a difference in these children's lives.

The Lord's Blessings to you all.

~Jan Treat

PROGRAM MINISTRY ~ Sandy Underwood

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14**  
**FUMCAG CHRISTMAS**  
**EXTRAVAGANZA**



CRISWELL HALL, 7 PM—9:30 PM

HOSTS: Sandy Underwood and  
 Bernie and Mary Hawkins



Fun for the whole family with refreshments  
 DON'T MISS THE ALL-CHURCH TALENT  
 SHOW AT THE CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA!

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16**  
**HOLIDAY SING-ALONG**  
**AT THE CLARK CENTER**



4 PM Cost: \$6

Go on own.

Open seating—no arranged seats

**Please continue to check out the church website  
 and Criswell Hall for all the great activities  
 Program Ministry is planning for 2019. ~ Sandy**

*This is your opportunity to help provide  
 poinsettias to brighten our church and to  
 brighten the lives of our shut-in members.*



Each poinsettia plant is \$10.

Payments should be made to FUMCAG

Memo: Poinsettias.

Green 2018 Poinsettia Ordering Forms are now available: Please place payments in an offering envelope and enclose the completed form OR stop by the Caring Congregation table in Criswell Hall.



First United Methodist Church  
of Arroyo Grande  
Presents

## TINSEL, TUNES, AND TREATS

Sunday, December 2, 2018

4:00 PM --5:30 PM

Come and kick off the Christmas Season  
with great merriment and song.

Special performances by  
Judith and the Jazz Krewe,  
Kindred Spirits, Swing Shift,  
The Disciples Quartet,  
FUMCAG Grande Ringers, Chancel Choir  
and Praise Team!

Join us for a fun time of music and treats!

Music venue is the Church Sanctuary  
Treats in Criswell Hall

*Hosted by the Worship Committee*



## Special message from the Chancel Choir Director



We are so pleased to be able to share the news that we have been invited to sing at **Carnegie Hall**, in New York City, December 2, 2019. We are still a little shocked and amazed. Fifteen members from our choir, past and present, will join in to make a group of 250 voices to sing the music of Mark Hayes at Carnegie Hall.

We are grateful to have the year to plan. Singers and VIP guests will have to pay their own way, which is quite costly; however, we are hoping to do some fundraising throughout the next year to help offset some of the costs. We will always be happy to accept donations.

I believe it will be a very rewarding and exhilarating experience for all those involved. There will be a press release that will go out as it gets a bit closer. Stay tuned for more details as it unfolds.

~ Julie Burns

## FROM YOUR LAY LEADER

*Patti Melsheimer*

I collect Christmas books (among other things!). Their titles and subjects vary wildly. Some are big thick books, some are picture books, some are from when our children were small. Their titles vary greatly - “The Christmas Promise”, “A Certain Small Shepherd”, “The Paper Bag Christmas”, “The Christmas Secret”, “The Christmas Box”, and “The Christmas Blessing”.

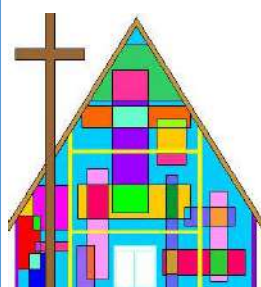
But my favorite over the years is “The Second Christmas”. It is a small book with lovely hand-drawn pictures that tells the story of Mary and Joseph escaping from Bethlehem into Egypt and becoming immigrants in a foreign land.

It tells of the suspicion and curiosity of the villagers as they wonder who these strangers are. Mary and Joseph worry about being discovered. Gradually they become braver and Joseph begins to practice his trade of carpentry and soon he has a successful business going. Mary begins to allow the other women to visit and hold the baby. But then one day a group of people on camels comes through. No one knows who they are but they are very impressive with their fine robes. They ask if there are any strangers in the village. Eventually Joseph is brave enough to come forward. It is then that the kings tell him it is safe to return to their home.

It is a very simple story but it makes one think of the implications for today – “immigrants”, “strangers”, “different in appearance and language”. Who knows?

But of course the story we can all read again and again is found in the second chapter of Luke.

Merry Christmas!



### **Please consider your Church when doing your year end tax planning**

You may gain significant tax advantage when required IRA distributions or appreciated stock are donated directly to a charity. Please consult your tax advisor for details. Donations to our church may be made to the general fund or one of the endowment funds. Endowments are gifts that keep on giving, year after year.

*~Joel Anderson, Acting Treasurer*



# News from the Mission Team

by Judy Atwood, chair

## MISSION TEAM: December 2018

Judy Atwood

### MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

1. History of Methodist Mission
2. Disaster Response
3. Special Giving Totals for 2018

### GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE...IN ACTION

#### 1. HISTORY OF METHODIST MISSION

This month we begin a series on the history of Methodist mission. Education has been one of the most consistent features of Methodist mission from its beginning to its present outreach. Wherever Methodists have gone in mission, whether the coalfields of England, the American frontier, Asia, Africa, South America, and beyond, they have started schools.

We will recount how Methodist understandings of mission have affected the educational work that was such an important part of that mission. Four eras of Methodist mission theology and practice correspond with four eras of Methodist institutions and philosophies. These eras can be thought of as shifts in emphasis between the Methodist slogans of "reforming the nation" and "the world as my parish."

Those eras include an early era of domestic mission on Great Britain and the United States, an era of international mission from the West, an era of the decolonization of mission, and a new era of global networking. Watch for the first era next month.

2. DISASTER RESPONSE UMCOR Offering cares in times of disaster. In the aftermath of the recent fires in our District, we offered the opportunity to respond again to the needs of those most affected. Thank you again for your gracious and generous response. To date we have received \$1,220.00..Again you have let others know that someone cares.



*Many hands continue to do many things.*

#### 3. SPECIAL GIVING TOTALS FOR 2018

Watch as the totals grow during the year!

ELT Scholarships	\$ 1,445.00
People's Kitchen Misc.	19,064.38
People's Kitchen Food	559.14
South County Food Bank	559.13
UMCOR—Fire Relief	1,150.00
UMCOR—Human Relations Sunday	53.00
UMCOR Sunday	967.00
UMCOR—Native American Ministries	250.00
UMCOR—Peace with Justice	206.00
UMCOR—World Communion	202.00
Haiti Mission	2,000.00
Cal Pac Disaster Response	505.00
Covenant Relationships	4,500.00
Mobility Worldwide	1,000.00
Haiti—Erickson Villere	1,000.00
Blankets for 5 Cities basket	153.54

10 MONTHS TOTAL: \$ 32,614.19

**A THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION.  
DON'T ASK GOD TO GUIDE YOUR FOOTSTEPS, IF  
YOU'RE NOT WILLING TO MOVE YOUR FEET.**

# DECEMBER

1  
10 AM Hanging of the Greens



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Finance Committee</p> <p><b>4 PM</b> Tinsel, Tunes and Treats Event—S</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry—CH <b>5:45 PM</b> G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer-S</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters—MMR No Chair Yoga today <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day <b>11 AM</b> Program Ministry—L <b>5 PM</b> Free Dinner—CH <b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Study Group—CH <b>7 PM</b>—Chancel Choir - Rehearsal—S</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>8 AM</b> People's Kitchen Prep—Leave to Serve 11:15 AM—K <b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>AGUMCC Spirit Day</b> <b>8 AM</b> Giveaway Set Up to 3 PM <b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L <b>3:30 PM</b> AGUMCCC closed <b>3:30 PM</b> AGUMCC Staff Development—MMR</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>PARKING LOT GIVEAWAY</b> <b>9 AM</b> Set UP—CH,K,N, PL Event: 11 AM — 2 PM</p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Endowment/ELT</p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> —Caroling Rehearsal for Clark Ctr Performance—S</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>9 AM</b> AGUMCC Program Practice—S <b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry—CH <b>5:45 PM</b> G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer-S</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>9 AM</b> AGUMCC Program Practice—S <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters—MMR <b>11 AM</b> UMW Chair Yoga Class—CH <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>9 AM</b> AGUMCC Program Practice—S <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day <b>9:30 AM</b> UMW Steering--L <b>11:30 AM</b>—Program Ministry—L <b>5 PM</b> Free Dinner—CH <b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Study Group—CH <b>7 PM</b>—Chancel Choir Rehearsal—S</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>9 AM</b> AGUMCC Program Practice—S <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L <b>3 PM</b> AGUMCC Program Practice—S <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR <b>6:30 PM</b> AGUMCC Christmas Program—S</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L <b>9 AM</b>— Christmas Extravaganza Set Up /Practice—CH, K <b>7 PM Program Ministry Christmas Extravaganza—CH,K</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Caring Congregation Committee</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>9 AM</b> Deadline Newsletter articles <b>1 PM</b> Emergency Food Pantry—CH <b>5:45 PM</b> G. McGuire Quilting Class—CH <b>7 PM</b> Women of Prayer-S</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>9 AM</b> Sew 'n' Sews plus Knitters—MMR <b>11 AM</b> UMW Chair Yoga Class—CH Preschool Board—MMR <b>1:30 PM</b>—Open session <b>2 PM</b>—Closed session <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR <b>7 PM</b> JOY Circle—home of member</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day <b>10 AM</b> Communications—PS <b>11:30 AM</b>—Program Ministry—L <b>5 PM</b> Free Dinner—CH <b>5:45 PM</b> Adult Study Group—CH <b>7 PM</b>—Chancel Choir Rehearsal—S</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Senior Exercise—CH <b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service</p> <p>Coffee Hour: JOY Circle</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>No Food Pantry</p> <p><b>7 PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE</b></p>  <p><i>Christmas Eve</i></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>  <p><b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>9 AM</b> Church Work Day <b>Free Dinner and Adult Study Group on Break</b> <b>7 PM</b>—Chancel Choir Rehearsal—S</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>10 AM</b> Intercessory Prayer—L <b>5 PM</b> Handbells—HR</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Bible Study—L</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Contemporary Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Traditional Service Coffee Hour: All Church Cookies</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>No Food Pantry</p>  <p><b>NEW YEARS EVE</b></p>					

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**Deadline for January issue**

**Monday, December 17  
in the morning**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Layout Editor reserves the right to cut and edit articles to meet space limitations.



## TABLE OF 8 PROGRAM

We are currently forming the groups! **Those who want to continue to participate need to sign up again.** New members to the program are highly welcomed as well.

Social dinner groups will be formed consisting of 6 to 8 people. The purpose is for church members to have an opportunity to gather monthly in a social setting with other members. This will provide an environment to get to know and care for one another on a more personal level (and have some fun, too).

The group can decide the specifics — dining out or rotating dinner at their homes. The group will gather monthly for 6 to 8 months. Then the groups will be reconfigured to provide opportunities to get to know other church members.

This program fits anyone's needs. If your home is too small for 6 to 8 people, no worry, you can go out to dinner at a restaurant, host at someone else's house, have a picnic, or make a reservation to use the church. Consider having a little more fun and get to know your church family members better.

*For more information please contact:  
Marjorie Ott or Lucy Jacob*

**"Come join the fun with Table of 8.  
We would love you to join us!" ~ Lucy**

## Birthdays In



Judy Heiney.....12/01  
 David Beaman.....12/03  
 Gary Thompson.....12/05  
 Stephen Wise.....12/05  
 Adeline Bottorff.....12/08  
 Jamie Foster.....12/09  
 Eva McClure.....12/09  
 William Russell.....12/09  
 Michael Clark.....12/10  
 Nancy Sperling.....12/10  
 Gene Heiney.....12/12  
 T. Richard Duffin.....12/13  
 Deborah Lewis.....12/13  
 Susan Thronson.....12/13  
 Karen Brown.....12/16  
 Julie Burns.....12/16  
 Kent Unsworth.....12/20  
 Cyndee Rohla.....12/24  
 Joseph Leonard.....12/27  
 Jed Moore.....12/27  
 Harry Egan.....12/30



Have we missed **your** birthday? If so, it is not listed on our data base. Please contact the church office and we will be glad to add your birthday to our monthly birthday list!



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### THANKS TO THE DIRECTORY TEAM

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**SATURDAY DECEMBER 8th**  
**11 AM to 2 PM**

*HELPING THOSE IN NEED IN  
OUR COMMUNITY*

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- CHRISTMAS GIFTS
- BLANKETS
- JACKETS
- MUCH MORE !!



**Everything is FREE including coffee and donuts for our guests!**