

OSCEOLA FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Your Church at a Glance

December 2018

Upcoming Calendar

Sun. Dec 2—8:45 am Coffee in the Gathering Place 9 am—Worship 10:10 am—Sunday School 11 am—12 pm—Christmas program practice 7 pm—Advent Study	Thurs Dec 6.—7 am Women's Bible Study Sat. Dec 8 Noon—3 p.m.—We host the Christmas dinner for mission volunteers Sun Dec 9—8:45 Coffee in Gathering Place 9 am—Worship 10:10 am—Sunday School 11-12 pm—Christmas program practice 7 pm—Advent Study	Wed Dec 12—7 pm Advent Study Thurs. Dec 13—Women's Bible Study Sun Dec 16—8:45 am Coffee in Gathering Place 9 am—Worship 10:10—Sunday School 11-12 pm—Christmas program practice 4 pm—All church caroling party followed by soup at the Boyer's
Mon Dec 3-4:30 pm Mission Meal leaves for Columbus Wed. Dec 5—4—5 pm Christmas program practice 6:30 pm Supper for Wednesday Worship 7 p.m. W.W. Classtime	Wed—Dec 12—4-5 pm—Christmas program practice 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 Confirmation Supper	Wed Dec 19—4 pm Christmas program practice 5:30 Confirmation

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Peace on Earth

"The Best Christmas Program Ever"

Under the direction of Jenni Erhart & Beth Soll

7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 23

Everyone is invited

Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Room



Shelby United Methodist Church—6:00 p.m.

Osceola 1st United Methodist Church—9:00 p.m.

Calendar continued ~

Wed Dec 19—6:30 Supper 7 pm—Wednesday Worship 7 pm—Advent Study	Thurs Dec 20 7 am—Women's Bible Study
Sun. Dec 23—8:45 Coffee in Gathering Place 9 am—Worship 10:10 Sunday School 11-12 Christmas program practice 7 pm—Christmas program followed by refreshments in Fellowship Room	Mon Dec 24—9 p.m. Osceola Christmas Eve service Christmas Eve service in Shelby will be at 6 p.m.
Tues. Dec. 25—12 noon Community Christmas dinner	Thurs. Dec 27—7 am Women's Bible Study
Sun—Dec 30- 8:45 am—Coffee in Gathering Place 9 am—Worship 10:10—Sunday School	





FROM THE PASTOR

The Seven Up's

(Anonymous)

Wake Up!

Decide to have a good day. "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" Psalm 118:24.

Dress Up!

The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. "the Lord said . . . don't judge by his appearance or his height for the Lord doesn't see things the way you see them . . . the Lord looks at the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7).

Hush Up!

Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. "Those who guard their tongue preserve their lives" (Proverbs 13:3).

Stand Up!

For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything. "So let us not grow weary in doing what is right; for we will reap at harvest-time if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all . . ." (Galatians 6:9-10).

Look Up!

To the Lord. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

Reach Up!

For something higher. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Lift Up!

Your prayers. "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6).

Please keep Christ, the true reason for the season, close in your hearts and minds this Christmas and pray for peace and good will to all!

Pastor Teri Lucas

HOSPITALITY

What an honor it was to be asked by the chaplain from the Columbus and York Rescue Missions if we could host a pot luck Christmas luncheon for the staff and others who spend countless hours volunteering at the two mission sights.

All that we need to supply would be a few kitchen workers and desserts for 80 people. An additional four pans of desserts are needed, please. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or send an e-mail to the church (osceolaumc@gmail.com) to volunteer a dessert that will cut into 12-15 pieces.

The date of the Christmas party is Saturday, Dec. 8. Please have your dessert at the church by 10 that morning. Thank you!



Let's Go Christmas Caroling

When: Sunday, Dec 16 @ 4 p.m.

Where: Meet at the church

Bring finger foods for the party at Troy, Jenny & Tage Boyer's home afterwards.

Special MUSIC

If you would like to provide vocal and/or instrumental music to the worship services especially during the Advent and Christmas seasons, please let Pastor Teri know.



When: 12 o'clock noon, Dec. 25

Where: 1st United Methodist Church

Who: Singles, Couples, Families

Bring a side dish (vegetable, salad, dessert) Turkey, ham, dressing, potatoes, gravy and table service are provided. Call the church (402-747-2671) to say you are coming!

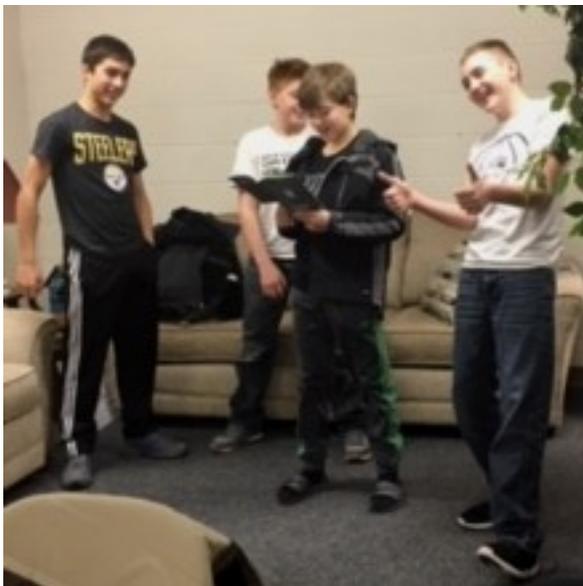
Luke 2: 5-7 Mary was engaged to Joseph and traveled with him to Bethlehem.

She was soon going to have a baby and while they were there, she gave him birth to her first-born son. She dressed him in baby clothes and laid him on a bed of hay, because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2: 14 Peace on earth to everyone who pleases God."

Some Shots from Last Night's Confirmation Class



Seven confirmands meet weekly with Pastor Teri. Class members are 7th & 8th graders and include Hayden Allen, Tage Boyer, Kaden Carlson, Matt DeMers, Kale Gustafson, Ian Novak and Tobey Waller. Each boy has a mentor who are also welcome to attend the classes.



Last night's lesson was "The Growth of Methodism". Tobey, Tage, Matt and Hayden were presenting their ideas on what church was like 100 years ago. Ian, Kaden and Kale were telling their ideas about what church may look like in 2118. They have interesting thoughts!

This and That

