Gospel Grapevine DECEMBER 2026

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

Sunday Worship Service: 10am | Life Application Classes: 9am | Music Rehearsals: 8:15am

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Diving Deeply in December

As we enter the beautiful season of Advent and watch the year come to a close, my heart is filled with immense gratitude. This month brings a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the blessings of the past year, and among them for me has been the privilege of serving as your Church Board Chair.

Looking out at our church family during this festive season, I am reminded of what a tremendous blessing it has been to serve as your Church Board Chair this past year. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for trusting me with this role. It has been a true joy and a distinct honor to walk alongside our pastoral staff, our dedicated board, and each of you. Together, we have watched God work in wonderful ways across our congregation and serving you has been one of the greatest gifts.

December always brings a special kind of energy to our church. From the beautiful decorations adorning our building to the joyful sounds of Christmas music filling the air, the spirit of Christ is alive in our midst. I encourage everyone to dive deeply into the life of our church this month. Inside this newsletter, you will find details for our upcoming events.

Let us also remember to be the hands and feet of Jesus this season. As we exchange gifts with loved ones, let's continue to pour out our hearts into our holiday outreach ministries, sharing the ultimate gift of God's love and hope with neighbors who need it most.

Thank you again for trusting me with this responsibility. I am incredibly proud of what our church family has accomplished this year, and none of it would have been possible without your prayers, your generosity, and your steadfast commitment to our mission.

As we look ahead to the new year, I am filled with hope and excitement for what God has in store for our congregation. Thank you once again for allowing me to serve in this role.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Advent and a very Merry Christmas!

In Christ,

Cindy Carlisle
Leadership Team Chair

Music & Worship Ministry Team

A few exciting Christmas worship events this Season:

November 28th @ 3pm - Christmas decorating! All hands are welcome to come and help!

December 20th @10am - Christmas Service filled with special talents and skills of the congregation

December 24th @ 6 pm - Christmas Eve Service! Come join us for a short, 45-minute Christmas Eve service

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Nicole Wilkins, Team Leader
Scott Hipsher, Rick Hipsher, Martha Lou Cary, and Steve Frick

Team Meetings this month:

Christian Ed - 12/3 @ 3:30pm
Shepherding Team - 12/3 @ 5pm
Leadership Team - 12/3 @ 6:30pm

2026 Cookie Walk & Craft Sale
Sat., December 5th, 9am-Noon

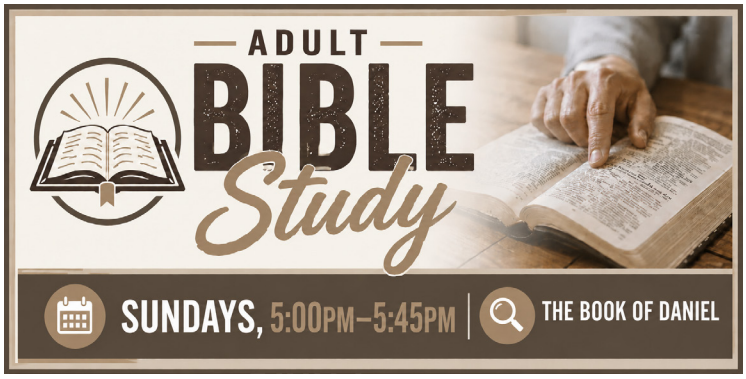
We NEED YOUR COOKIES! Please bake or purchase 4-dozen cookies to donate. We also accept all other special treats, baked goods, crafts, and items to sell for the fundraiser. Everything will be marked for sale during set up. Please bring or drop off items by **1:30pm on Friday, December 4th**. Please leave items in the CHURCH LIBRARY so as not to disrupt Real Servics that week. DOOR B will be unlocked on Friday also for drop offs.
Set up will be Dec. 4th @ 1:30pm.

Volunteers on Dec 5th: please arrive at 8:30am.



HOBBY NIGHT
Friday, Dec. 4th, 6pm
We are back again - bring a snack to share and your own drink.
Thanks, Tammy Victor







Paper & Hygiene Products Pantry
OPENS AGAIN
Wed., Dec. 9th, 6-7pm
Volunteers join us at 5:30pm
ALL donations appreciated

Ladies Ministries
Annual Christmas Breakfast
December 12th @ 9am

Cost: $10.00 per person. Bring a $10 gift card exchange and bring a package of baby wipes for RETA.

Join me January 14th, 2027 @ 5:30pm for some soup and planning 2027 events.

Blessings,
Tammy Victor, Ladies Ministry Leader

MEN'S Breakfast

(Location TBA)

Sat., Dec. 12th @ 9am

All Men welcome for breakfast & devotions.

Join us in ministry! Assist to bring song, connection, & message to our beloved neighbors:

Elkhart Place
Thurs., Dec. 17th - 2pm
2024 Co Rd 24, Elkhart, IN 46517



Milton Adult Day Services
ON HOLD UNTIL JANUARY 2027

Special Christmas Worship
December 20th, 10am

Join us the Sunday before Christmas to enjoy a medly of varying talents & skills sharing the Glory of our Lord Jesus Christ this Christmas Season!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24th, 6pm

Bring family and friends along to come celebrate the Eve of Christ's birth with us during this short, 45-minute service!



December 25th, 6pm

Serving:

Ham, Turkey, Ham, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Green beans, Gravy & Rolls
Members: bring a dessert or salad to share

If you don't already have plans for Christmas Day, come be part of our family and enjoy the celebration of Christ's coming!

RSVP online: shfellowship.org/meal

December Library Update

As promised last month, here are the Christmas book we have in our library!

First – non-fiction (section 20) ---the last set of shelves on the right as you enter the library:

- The Christmas Box by Richard Paul Evans
- A Decembered Grief – Living with loss while others are celebrating, by Harold Ivan Smith
- The Care for Christmas by Lee Strobel
- The Glory of Christmas - by Charles Swindoll, Max Lucado, and Charles Colson
- The Purpose of Christmas by Rick Warren

All Max Lucado books are on the far end just left of the window:

- One Incredible Moment - Celebrating the Majesty of the Manger by Max Lucado
- The Christmas Candle by Max Lucado
- The Christmas Child - A Story of Coming Home by Max Lucado
- The Gift for All People - Thoughts on God's Great Grace by Max Lucado

And fiction (section 21) –the first two sets of shelves on the right as you enter the library:

- Christmas Threads by Andrea Boesharr (four romantic novellas about cherished family traditions, multiple authors)
- Christmas Dreams by Rebecca Germany (four short stories, multiple authors)
- A Christmas Promise by Thomas Kinkade
- A Christmas Visitor by Thomas Kinkade
- Season of Love by Yvonne Lehman (A celebration of Christmas in four inspirational novellas, multiple authors)
- The Amish Christmas Sleigh - 3 stories | Kelly Long; Amy Lillard; Molly Jebber
- A Country Christmas by Martin Perry

And DVDs – on the first set of shelves to your left as you enter:

- Christmas in the Heartland
- The Christmas Candle (by Max Lucado)
- Christmas with a Capital C, Putting Christ back in Christmas
- the nativity story, The journey of a Lifetime

Have a wonderful reading Christmas!!

REAL SERVICES SENIOR MEAL SITE

We welcome all Seniors 60 years and better to join our program and access daily nutritional meals while increasing your socialization.
(A person who is underage may attend with their age-eligible spouse present. They may not attend alone. A disabled dependent may attend with their age-eligible parent present.)
Meals are prepared fresh daily in the RS Kitchen.

Shepherd's Heart is open for this service each Monday-Friday, 10:00am-1:30pm, closed for holidays.

This is a donation-based program and your donation directly impacts the number of seniors we can help. We gratefully accept whatever you can comfortably afford.

To make a reservation, please call or email our Site director, Grace Brubaker:
(574) 674-6503, osceolans@realservices.org
Reservations must be made 2 days in advance.
We look forward to serving you!

Real Services BINGO! Every Wednesday 10:30am-11:30am

Come and Have Fun!

Rules:

- As many cards as you want.
- You can win as many times you bingo.
- You can pass your bingo winnings to another person.
- Come in late: Pick-up on the next game.

Many ways to win:
A straight line (Horizontal, Vertical, or Diagonal) or Four Corners, + more!

Donation Items would be appreciated!
(NOT used, Outdated items, Old, or Worn out)

Thank You! Site Director Grace
(574) 350-8120

December

Our Site director, Grace Brubaker:
(574) 350-8120, osceolans@realservices.org

REAL SERVICES
Come to the table!

Suggested Donation $4.50

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Your donation counts. Every donation makes a difference. We serve over 160,000 meals each year to seniors.	**1** Hamburger on Bun Red Potatoes Stewed Tomatoes Jello w/ Fruit	**2** Pork Fritter on Bun Mayo Creamed Corn Green Beans Cin. Applesauce	**3** Chicken Un-Kabob w/Peppers, Onions, Tomatoes & Rice Dinner Rolls/Butter Pudding Cup	**4** Chili w/Beans Bababy Bakers Broccoli Crackers Mandarin Orange Cup
7 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Italian Vegetables Texas Toast Tropical Fruit	**8** Maple Must. Pork Chops Sweet Potatoes Brussel's Sprouts Bread/Butter Fruit Compote	**9** BBQ Chicken Breast Macaroni & Cheese California Vegetables Dinner Roll/Butter Strawb. Applesauce	**10** Ham & Beans Carrots Cornbread/Butter Fruit Cup	**11** **Closed**
14 Chicken Pot Pie Over Biscuit Corn Brownie	**15** Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Peas Bread/Marg. Mixed Fruit Cup	**16** Sausage Gravy over Biscuit Scrambled Eggs Diced Potatoes Banana	**17** Sweet & Sour Chckn Over Rice Asian Blend Veg. Bread/Marg. Fortune Cookie Pineapple Cup	**18** **Holiday Meal:** Chicken Cordon Bleu Scalloped Potatoes Venetian Vegetable Dinner Rolls/Butter Red Velvet Cake Roll
21 Hamburger Mush. Stroganoff w/Pasta California Veg. Dinner Roll/Marg. Shortbread Cookie	**22** Sausage, G. Bean & Potato Casserole Tomato & Zucchini Dinner Roll/Marg. Spiced Apples	**23** Bruschetta Chicken Baby Bakers Vegetable Blend Bread/Marg. Peach Cup	**24** **Closed for the holidays!**	**25**
28	**29** **Closed**	**30**	**31**	**All donations directly support this program. Please donate what you can comfortably afford. Thank you**

Menu subject to change without notice. All meals are served with milk. Wasted meals are costly, please call to cancel. Food prepared for this establishment may contain or come into contact with milk, eggs, wheat, soy, peanuts, tree nuts, fish, and shellfish. Please inform your site director of any food allergies.

A Tale of Two Towns

by Pastor Len Smith

As I have begun to consider the Christmas story again this year, my mind has turned toward two towns that touched my early life. I was born in a hospital in Grove City, a small borough in northwestern Pennsylvania. Although I did not live many days in Grove City, it is still considered by the Commonwealth to be my "birth town." For fourteen years my "hometown" was Mercer, Pennsylvania, a county seat whose major claim to fame was its location, sixty miles north of Pittsburgh and sixty miles south of Lake Erie. Grove City was located about ten miles southeast of Mercer.



Likewise, like many of us, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ had both a "birth town" and a "hometown." According to Matthew 2:1, Jesus was born in a town called Bethlehem located in the Roman province of Judea. The word Bethlehem in Hebrew means house of bread. It is extremely interesting to meditate on John 6:51 as it records these words of the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. ***"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."*** Bethlehem is located about five miles southwest of Jerusalem in the hill country of Judea at an elevation of about 2550 feet above sea level. It had been the burial place of Rachel. It was the hometown of Ruth and Boaz. David kept his father's sheep near Bethlehem. It was the same town where many male children under the age of two were murdered by orders of King Herod. Even today shepherds' fields are still visible to the northeast of Bethlehem. Thousands of pilgrims will again travel to Bethlehem this year, to experience the birthplace of Jesus Christ.

However, Bethlehem was not the hometown of Jesus Christ. Matthew 2:23 mentions that Jesus would be raised in the town of Nazareth. It was in Nazareth that ***"Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men."*** (Luke 2:52) It was in Nazareth that Jesus would later experience the rejection of his hometown synagogue. Jesus grew up in a town that had a bad reputation. Most of the people there had established a rather poor reputation in the area of morals and faith in New Testament times. Today Nazareth is still located in a geographical basin of northern Palestine. Thus, the hometown of Jesus Christ was north of his "birth town."

Possibly for some of you, Mishawaka or South Bend is a "birth town." For others of you Osceola or Elkhart is your hometown. This is the third Advent season my Teresa and I are sharing with you at the Shepherd's Heart Fellowship of the Church of the Brethren. I wish to again express my appreciation for your allowing me to celebrate this Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ as your Pastor. Blessings upon each of you and your families as you also consider the meaning of the birth and life of Jesus Christ, the only reason for this season.

Shepherding Team

We have an upcoming meeting on December 3rd at 5:00. We want to thank Jeff & Denise for their faithful service to the shepherding team the past few years. We welcome Sally & Fred Whitmer to the Shepherding Team.
We are here if you have any questions or concerns.

Phil Carlisle, Shepherding Team Chair
Cindy Carlisle, Teresa Smith, Jeff & Denise Tuholski

Pastoral Relations Ministry Team

Pastor Len is available by appointment **Wednesday Evenings - Sundays**. Please call or email to schedule: lensmith@tkimail.com; 574-535-4269
The church office is open Mon/Wed/Fri, 9am-Noon.
**See the church calendar for seasonal hour changes*

Here are the coming messages for December:
12/6 Matt. 1:18-25 "Returning Christ to Christmas"
12/13 Matt. 2:1-12 "What to Give This Christmas"
12/20 Matt. 2:13-23 "An Escape and a Home"
12/24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Luke 2:1-12 "A Christmas Portrait"
12/27 I Cor. 1:26-31 "How to Become a New Congregation"

Vern Beckman, Team Leader
Nicole Wilkins & Nate Wilkins

Christian Education Ministry Team

Life Application Classes

Below is the summary of our current Life Application Classes being offered on Sunday mornings at 9:00AM. If you are not currently attending one of these classes, please know that you are always welcome. If you have any questions, please contact anyone on the Christian Ed team.

- Be One of Us class is studying Max Lucado's "Help is Here: Finding Fresh Strength and Purpose in the Power of the Holy Spirit"
- The Willing Workers class is starting the book - "Jesus, the God Who Knows Your Name" by Max Lucado.
- The Young Adult class is "Bible Studies for Life: Adult Daily Discipleship Guide" by Lifeway Christian Resources
- Senior High Youth continue weekly Bible trivia and working through "Talk Sheets" based on passages from the Gospels.
- We currently have Life Application classes for both Lower and Upper Elementary.
- And thanks to Tracy Gordy we have a Nursery Teacher if needed!

We are grateful for all the teachers who are committed to preparing weekly lessons, Biblical studies, and discussions.

Sunday Evening Bible Study

Pastor Len is leading a verse-by-verse Bible study on the book of Daniel. The Bible study meets each Sunday evening from 5:00-5:45 in the *Be One of Us* class area. All are welcome to come any time you can make it.

Library

Marcia and Pat Gordy have sorted through some of the older an unused books in our library and are been placed for sale on the table in the hallway. We have also received a large number of books from Ed Freel that they will be going through to determine the best utilization.

We invite your input. Give us your ideas, suggestions, areas of interest, and we welcome volunteers to lead or participate.

Jeff Tuholski, Team Leader
Marcia Troup & Denise Tuholski

Everence Update

PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION
Be alert for calls posing as Everence®
Everence will never call you and ask for your passwords, account or card numbers, or PIN

Scammers are calling members and appearing to use an Everence phone number. Never provide sensitive account or card information to an unexpected caller.

We have received reports of scammers calling members and appearing to call from an Everence phone number. These callers may claim to be from Everence® Federal Credit Union and ask for sensitive information, including credit card information.

Keep your information safe by never sharing your password, account or card number, or personal identification number (PIN) with an unexpected caller claiming to be from Everence.

If you receive a suspicious call, do not provide any personal or account information. Hang up and contact your local Everence Federal Credit Union branch directly if you are concerned about your account.

Staying informed can help you recognize and avoid potential scams. Visit our fraud prevention webpage for additional tips and resources.

Also, I want to inform you that I am resigning as the Everence Stewardship Advocate. Steve Frick will be your new advocate beginning in January. Welcome, Steve!

Marcia Troup, Stewardship Advocate

Fellowship & Hospitality Ministry Team

In October, our team provided two carry-ins. One was for our Friendship Appreciation Day on October 11 and the second one was for our Fall Congressional Business Meeting on October 25.

In November we had our annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner for 65 people on November 22.

In December, our team will be providing snacks for the Life Application Classes for the entire month.

Melba Beckman, Team Leader
Sally Whitmer, Cheryl Frick, Tracey Gordy

Missions & Evangelism Ministry Team

Paper Hygiene Pantry
Our Pantry will be open on Wednesday, December 9th, 6 to 7pm. We continue to serve about 40 families each month. Thank you church for your continued support of this ministry!

Holiday Food Baskets
We began our food collection for this ministry on **November 22nd** and will conclude **Sunday, December 20th.** Please let the missions team know of anyone we can bless with these baskets. Below is the schedule of this year. Thank you in advance for your generous support!



Mitten Tree
We begin collecting hats, mittens, gloves and scarves for Moran Elementary School in November. The collection will continue through **Sunday, December 13th.** The mitten tree is located in the main hallway. Contact the Missions team with any questions. Thank you for your support!



Community Meal
Our Community Meal in December is Christmas Day! Join us on December 25th at 6 pm for Ham, Turkey, Potatoes, Green Beans and more!! Plus games and prizes!!



Mission of the Month
Our mission for December is Our Rescue. Our Rescue works to combat human trafficking and child exploitation! When you donate to Our Rescue, you directly affect the life of a child. To donate please mark your giving envelope Our Rescue.

Denise Tuholski, Team Leader
Jeff Tuholski & Katie Hipsher

Bearing One Another's Burdens: The Heart of the Committee for Community Concerns (CCC) *Previously 'Hands of the King'*

At the very core of our faith is simple, radical truth: we were never meant to walk this life alone.

CCC is a community of ordinary, everyday people bonded by a shared calling to walk alongside one another through every season of life. Whether you are navigating a difficult financial storm, seeking spiritual encouragement, looking for practical wisdom, or simply trying to find ways to lighten the daily load, CCC is here to help. More than just offering temporary relief, we are dedicated to empowering one another, sharing life skills, and teaching one another how to extend this same care outward.

We believe that every person is wonderfully unique, fearfully and wonderfully made, and deeply cherished as one with God. Because of this, no struggle is too small to notice, and no burden is too heavy to share.

In a world that often tells us to carry everything on our own, CCC is a reminder of what the church was always meant to be: a true community. We are here for the highs, and the lows, and everything in between - because bearing one another's burdens is what it truly means to love like Christ.

Thank you, all from the bottom of our hearts.

Committee Members:
Pastor Len Smith, Brent Zumbrun, Katie Hipsher, Jessica Gordy, and all who make this possible.

St. Margaret's House

St. Margaret's house is HIRING!

Be a part of the work of St. Margaret's House and impact our community in a positive and direct way. Our staff is a diverse group of highly capable and committed women with a range of professional and personal experiences.

We are currently seeking applicants for Director of Volunteers. Apply today!

Go to their website: stmargaretshouse.org to check out this opportunity.

Faith X

FaithX trips are short-term service experiences that challenge us to be more aware of ourselves, our communities, and our world. Through FaithX trips, participants grow in Christian discipleship, formed by the command to love God and neighbor, and inspired by Christ's example of humbly serving others. We hope that by serving, we will deepen our faith and grow our compassion as global citizens and children of God.

Details about this FaithX trip…

..Dates: February 21-26, 2027

..Location: Gotha, FL – Camp Ithiel

..Cost: FaithX uses a pricing model that allows participants to choose a fee that most closely reflects their ability to pay for a FaithX trip. Your registration fee includes housing, meals, during-trip transportation, and programming costs. The only extra cost to you is your chosen transportation to and from the FaithX trip location (i.e. your flight to/from Orlando).

- *Supporter = $625*
- *Standard = $585*
- *Subsidized = $545*

..Registration opens: Registration is open now!

..Registration closes: February 1, 2027

..Registration form: www.brethren.org/faithx/older-adult

Not over the age of 50?

Please share this opportunity with anyone you know who is 50 or older! And keep an eye out for the summer 2027 FaithX trips for both youth and adults – whether for yourself, members of your family, or members of your congregation!

CAMP MACK CORNER

December

Website: http://www.campmack.org
Phone: 574-658-4831 | Email: info@campmack.org

Upcoming Events:

December 3 **Women Creating Community**

December 5 **Wreaths and Swags Get-A-Way Day**: Make a traditional Williamsburg Wreath, Christmas wreath, or a swag using greens and fresh fruit to grace your door this Christmas season. Beginner to advanced. Ages 12+. 9a–12p OR 1p–4p. Lunch at noon for either option. Ulrich basement. $35 (includes lunch and materials). Bring gloves. Led by Karen Kauffman.

December 5&6 **Christmas Cookies Get-A-Way Day:** Camp provides ingredients, measuring utensils, and mixing bowls. You bring the family and friends, mix the dough, and decorate cookies. Camp cleans up the mess! Choose 4 batches of cookies (each makes about 3 dozen). Saturday 9a–1p or 12p–4p. Sunday 12p–4p. *The Saturday sessions are almost full*. $55 (1 lunch and all baking materials included; option to add additional meals and batches of cookies). Bring apron and containers to take home cookies. Led by Jessie Kreider. Options: chocolate chip, chocolate crinkles, gingersnaps, sugar, monster, oatmeal raisin, peanut butter, snickerdoodles, snowballs, or butter cookies (pre-baked & ready to decorate).

Dec. 7 or 9 **Homeschool Outdoor Ed Days: Game Day!** Relax indoors with your favorite games. We will teach some of our favorite board games and do a large group game, as well. Ages 7–14. $35/session. $5 optional sack lunch. 9a–4p. Drop off program.

December 13 **Gene's Retirement Celebration!** Join us from 2p to 4p for an open house reception to thank Gene for his decade of service as Camp Mack's Executive Director. Program at 3p. Refreshments will be served.

December 16 **Men Creating Community**

Thank you for your continued support! We are sincerely grateful that you volunteer, donate, and pray. **Prayer Request:** Please pray for peace and joy this Christmas season.

December's Worship Service Ministry Volunteers

Children's Life Application Class Teacher Schedule
Early Elementary (4yrs-pre-K)- Cheryl Frick
Elementary (K-5th grade) - Denise Tuholski
Youth Leader (6th grade-1st year college) - Jeff Tuholski
Attendance Schedule - Sally Whitmer

Prelude/Offertory
12/6 Teresa
12/13 Cindy
12/20 Martha Lou
12/27 Donna

Projector
12/6 Katie
12/13 Nicole
12/20 Jayden
12/27 Katie

Livestream
12/6 Nate
12/13 Jayden
12/20 Scott
12/27 Jayden

Sound
12/6 Ron W
12/13 Nate
12/20 Ron W
12/27 Ron H

Chorister
12/6 Steve
12/13 Steve
12/20 Steve
12/27 Steve

Praise Team
12/6 (Teresa) Steve, Marcia, Dawn
12/13 (Donna) Rick, Tammy, Laura
12/20 (Teresa) Steve, Jack, Laura
12/27 (Donna) Rick, Marcia, Sue

Praise Prayer
12/6 Marcia
12/13 Jeff
12/20 Steve
12/27 Marcia

Worship Leader
12/6 Denise
12/13 Marcia
12/20 Cindy
12/27 Steve

Greeter - Door A
12/6 Melba
12/13 Phil
12/20 Vern
12/27 Melba

Greeter - Door B
12/6 Vern
12/13 Denise
12/20 Melba
12/27 Vern

Welcome Center
12/6 Jeff
12/13 Sally
12/20 Tammy
12/27 Denise

Stewardship
12/6 Ed, Fred - Cindy
12/13 Ed, Fred - Cindy
12/20 Fred, Sally - Marcia
12/27 Fred, Sally - Marcia

Nursery
12/6 Sally
12/13 Tracey
12/20 Denise
12/27 Cheryl

Bible Fun Day
12/6 Denise
12/13 Marcia
12/20 Katie
12/27 Pam

Message
12/6 Len Smith
12/13 Len Smith
12/20 Len Smith
12/27 Len Smith

2026 DECEMBER

*please pray for the names in italics

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	01 *Laura Wiley*	02 *Brent Zumbrun*	03 **3:30pm CE Team Meeting** **5pm Shepherding Team Meeting** **6:30pm Leadership Team Meeting** *Jenn Adams*	04 **1:30pm Cookie Walk & Craft Sale Set-up** **6pm Hobby Night** *John Baker*	05 **9am-12pm 2026 Cookie Walk & Craft Sale** *Volunteers arrive at 8:30am* *Suzanne Baker*
06 **5pm-5:45pm Bible Study** **6pm-6:30pm Prayer Meeting** *Vern Beckman*	07 *Melba Beckman*	08 *Kevin Bernaert*	09  **6-7pm Paper & Hygiene Products Pantry OPEN** *Dawn Bernaert*	10 *Jack Cary*	11 *Real Services Closed* *Martha Lou Cary*	12 **9am Men's Breakfast (Location TBA)** **9am Ladies Ministries Christmas Breakfast** *Phil Carlisle*
13 *2027 Directory Changes Due* **5pm-5:45pm Bible Study** **6pm-6:30pm Prayer Meeting** *Cindy Carlisle*	14 *Chuck Davies*	15 *Dick Divine*	16 *Amanda Divine*	17 *January Newsletter Articles Due* **2pm Elkhart Place Worship** *Betty Fike*	18 **10am-1:30pm Real Services Holiday Meal** *Brent Freel*	19 *Bryce Freel*
20 **10am Special Christmas Medly Worship Service** **5pm-5:45pm Bible Study** **6pm-6:30pm Prayer Meeting** *Brenden Freel*	21  **9am-12pm Church Office Open** *Daisy Freel*	22 **9am-12pm Church Office Open** *Ed Freel*	23 **9am-12pm Church Office Open** *Hannah Freel*	24 Christmas Eve *Church Office Closed* ***No Milton Adult Day Services*** **6pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** *Haven Freel*	25 **Christmas Day** *Church Office Closed* *Real Services Closed* **6pm Christmas Day Community Meal** *Jennifer Freel*	26 *Laura Freel*
27 **5pm-5:45pm Bible Study** **6pm-6:30pm Prayer Meeting** *Lilith Freel*	28 *Real Services Closed* *Sue Freel*	29 *Real Services Closed* *Cheryl Frick*	30 *Real Services Closed* *Steve Frick*	31 *Real Services Closed* *Michelle Gee*	01	02 Pastor Len Smith is available by appointment Wednesdays P.M.-Sundays. *Please call or text him to set up a time and place. Cell Number: (574) 535-4269// Email: lensmith@tkimail.com