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The Messenger

Evangelical United Methodist Church

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From the Pastor's Pen



As we decorate for Christmas, some of us will put out snow globes. I like to shake them and see the contents all stirred up. Each one depicts a different scene. The scenes often convey something important to the owner.

This Advent and on Christmas Eve, we will use snow globes for our sermon series "Shake It Up." We will use the stories related to the first and second coming of Jesus to see how God shakes up our world. Each week's lesson will depict a different snow globe that will help us see the comings of Jesus in a different light.

Christmas is a great time for us to invite someone to church. This is a time of year where people are receptive to an invitation to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Evangelical's Christmas Eve service will be at 7 PM on December 24. The choir will offer the short Christmas Cantata "Glory to the Newborn King!" We'll sing Christmas hymns, hear the Christmas story, and celebrate the birth of Jesus. At the end of the service, we'll sing "Silent Night" with candlelight. Please plan to join us and invite a friend!

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

DECEMBER 22, 2021, 7:00PM



During the hustle and bustle of Advent preparation, does the song lyric, "It's the most wonderful time of the year" ever ring a bit hollow? Maybe we are looking ahead to a "Blue Christmas," absent of loved ones. Perhaps the pandemic has just taken too much of a toll and we are exhausted. Or maybe every year we just struggle with the darkness of short December days.

To acknowledge this less jolly side of the holiday season, Deacon Megan is offering a meditative service of prayer and modern carols. We will remember the struggles that lie at the heart of the Christmas story. We will remember into the darkness of daily life, the light of Christ entered the world.

*This service will not be live-streamed or recorded.



Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
7:00pm

Advent Bible Study 2021

This year we are looking at how Jesus came to shake things up. We are looking at traditional scripture lessons for the season of Advent. The study is at 7 PM on Monday nights before Christmas. Please consider joining us.

BIBLE STUDY: Shake It Up

December 6- Malachi 3: 1-4/Luke 3: 1-6

December 13- Zephaniah 3: 14-20/Luke 3: 7-19

December 20-Micah 5: 2-5a/Luke 1: 39-55



Starting on Sunday December 19, the new 2022 offering envelopes will be available for pick up in the Children's Chapel. Please pick yours up as soon as possible. If you are unable to come on a Sunday please call the office, 717-944-6181, to make other arrangement. Make sure *not* to use them until 2022 as some people's numbers have changed.

ATTENTION: The last day to have donations credited towards 2021 will be December 26th. Anything received at the church after this date will go towards your 2022 offering statement, thank you.

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9:00 a.m., Worship in Education Building

10:15 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

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