

# stay connected

We connect people to Jesus and help God change their lives.



## Christmas Brunch

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Cost is \$5 for adults; \$3 for kids 5-11; free for kids under 5.

## Christmas Music Celebration

Sabbath, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

No Grow Groups. Enjoy extra family time!

## Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

Join us for our traditional candle-light service.

An offering will be taken for Larry Schultz and

his work with Koinonia Youth Ministries.



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## Grow Group News *by Pastor Liz Green*

No Grow Groups on November 30! We are taking the week off so you can enjoy family time on a holiday weekend. Feel free to come early before church and enjoy a cup of something hot and a visit with your church family.

The Winter Grow Group quarter starts December 7! We will have two adult classes this quarter.

Pastor Nick Kersten will be teaching "**Unweaving the Old Testament**," a thematic survey of the Old Testament which will reveal key themes that are woven through the text which are continued on in the New Testament. A major goal will be to cultivate understanding of the relationship



### Classes for All Ages

between the Old and New Testaments to dispel the idea that the OT is describing a different part of history where

God was different and things were worse all around. Pastor Nate will be finishing the study on the book of John in the Spring Quarter.

**Mental Illness is Not a Choice** will continue with Barb Green facilitating.

**Children and Youth classes** will continue using the **Gospel Project**. We will begin our new

volume of the Gospel Project, **A Nation Divided**, on Dec. 14. This volume will take our children and youth through old testament accounts of people like Elijah, Elisha, Jonah, Hosea, Isaiah, Ezekiel and several others in between.

**Preschoolers** will begin Gospel Project lessons as well on Dec. 14. Our Nursery Staff will be teaching these lessons **during the Worship Service time**. We will continue to offer care for your birth - preschoolers during the Grow Group Time.

### Grow Groups

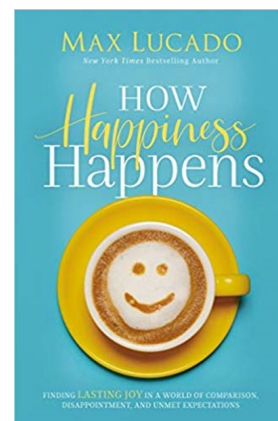
Don't forget that we will not have Grow Groups on our Musical Sabbath, December 21 to allow time for rehearsals before the service.

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## New Women's Bible Study

beginning Thursday, December 12th at 9:30 a.m.  
at Perla Call's home

Our culture tries to convince us there is one way to happiness: aspire, acquire, desire, retire. Happiness depends on what we hang in our closet, park in our garage, and deposit in our bank account. Yet, it's a path that always fails to deliver. In this video Bible study, bestselling author Max Lucado looks at several "one another" statements in the Bible that reveal how the happiest people on earth aren't those who have the most but those who are willing to give the most away. If you have questions, please see Pastor Liz or call her at 608-289-3029.





# Operation Christmas Child – Packing Party Success

by Linda Lyke, Outreach Coordinator

Thank you to all who packed boxes or served at the November 9<sup>th</sup> Packing Party. We packed 256 boxes, 37 more than last year! Good work! PRAISE THE LORD!

Many churches have families pack a box at home and bring it to church instead of having a packing party. Our church made a conscious decision 16 years ago to have a packing party, to involve Awana, our youth and the community in an local event that has global eternal impact in spreading the Gospel.

Thank you to OCC Committee for their long-term planning of

this event:

Linda Gilmore, Jill Groelle, Janette Loofboro, Linda Lyke, Joel Osborn, Becky Snyder and Tara Rotzoll.

## FUN FACTS from the 2019 OCC Packing Party:

Some community members from other churches came to pack boxes. Our desire is for this to engage the community more and more each year!

One new family came because they were at our church that day and heard about the OCC party during church.

One new family came because a church member put an

OCC flier on their door. Awana Clubbers and families attended.

Box packers shared lots of smiles in individual photos to pack in their box. Christmas music added to the party atmosphere.

256 prayers (and more!) went up to the Lord over each box packed!

Lots of laughter as kids and youth passed the boxes from person to person up the stairs to load the truck.

Plenty of new volunteers and returning volunteers helped this year – thank you!





More OCC Packing Party photos taken by LeeAnne Hare can be found at: <https://laphoto.smugmug.com/CommunityEvents/The-Connecting-Church>



### Stocking Stuffers

make great Operation Christmas Child gifts. Just before and right after Christmas, there are great deals on small items that fill up shoeboxes. Please buy these discounted gifts and place in the trunk on the back stairs.

### Children's Christmas Choir Coming!

Calling all kids preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> grade: Come sing with us for the Children's Choir for the Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> worship service. We will be singing the precious song, "It's About the Cross" by Go Fish.



Rehearsals will be on **Wed. at 6:00 sharp: Dec. 4, 11, and 18**, and on **Sat. at 10:00: Dec. 7 and 14**. All rehearsals will be in the Large Group Area. There will also be a rehearsal in the sanctuary on the 21<sup>st</sup> at a time to be determined. Children should attend as many rehearsals as possible. Angie will also provide a YouTube link for the kids to be practicing from home. The choir is being directed by Sydnee Palmer and Angie Mullen. Contact Angie at [asmullen92@gmail.com](mailto:asmullen92@gmail.com) or 608-295-6484 if you have any questions.

### Update on Thrift Shopping for Awana

THANK YOU for keeping your eyes open for some games we are looking for for our upcoming Awana unit.

We now have enough Battleship games. We could still use 2 more **Connect Four** games and several each of **Candyland**, **Sorry**, **Trouble** and simple **chess** boards. You can turn any games you find into the church workroom labeled for Awana.

Also, we are still looking to add some matchbox-style cars to our nursery toys.

If you have any questions, please contact Angie Mullen as 608-295-6484 or [asmullen92@gmail.com](mailto:asmullen92@gmail.com).





## Building Christmas this Season at Awana

“In the beginning, God, the master builder, made the world. This world became marred when God’s people sinned, but God had a plan to fix it. Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, whose life and death enabled God to build a new creation by saving us from our sins!” (overview of the Christmas program, *Building Christmas*)

Our Awana Christmas Large Group unit, *Building Christmas*, will help kids understand the magnitude of Jesus’ birth using something most kids are very familiar with – Legos! Through these lessons, we will open the scriptures to read about the prophecies foreshadowing a coming Savior, the account of Jesus’ birth and those who were there to witness this eternity changing event. Each lesson will emphasize the reason for Jesus’ birth – so that

He could live and die to give us life. Each detail of Jesus’ life on earth was perfectly planned by God in the very beginning. We celebrate Jesus’ birth because without it we could not experience the gift of His death and resurrection.

Matthew 2:10-11a *“When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him.”* Please join us in prayer that God will use this Christmas season at Awana to help our children experience the same joy the wise men experienced those many, many years ago. May they understand the magnitude of Jesus’ love for them and be moved to worship Him the rest of their days.



We will conclude our unit as we always do, with our annual Birthday Party for Jesus! And what is a birthday party without cake? Our clubbers will get the chance to enjoy a cupcake treat on Dec. 18. If you would be able to provide a dozen cupcakes, please contact Angie Mullen at [asmullen92@gmail.com](mailto:asmullen92@gmail.com) or 608-295-6484. You may also sign up in the Welcome Center. Store bought cupcakes are absolutely acceptable.



| December – Christmas Unit |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| 4                         | Club – (6:00 Choir rehearsal)                             |
| 11                        | Club – (6:00 Choir rehearsal) Snowball Night              |
| 18                        | Club – (6:00 Choir rehearsal) <b>Bday Party for Jesus</b> |
| 25                        | No Club – Merry Christmas                                 |

## How to Pray for Persecuted Christians, *continued from page 6*

their behavior – praying, singing and praising God in the face of hardship – was observed by both their jailers and other prisoners. They were able

to share the gospel with their captors in an opportune moment, and the jailer and his family came to believe, as well (Acts 16:34).

*Based on material from Open Doors*

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# How to Pray for Persecuted Christians

## Prayer Focus for December *by Renee Sanford, Prayer Coordinator*

Our prayer focus for December is persecuted Christians.



### POWER OF PRAYER

When we read headlines about people being persecuted for their faith, it seems like there's nothing we can do. We live thousands of miles away. We feel over-extended in managing our own families and responsibilities. Nevertheless, our hearts yearn to ease the hardship of Christians who are discriminated against, harassed, unjustly arrested, beaten, imprisoned or even killed by governments or local leaders who oppose Jesus Christ.

Fortunately, the Bible provides practical insight on how to help persecuted believers through prayer. The prayers of a righteous person accomplish much – and we are righteous through Jesus. So we can help. How should we pray?

#### **1. Pray that in every circumstance, God will give persecuted Christians the right words.**

In Ephesians 6:19-20, Paul asks fellow believers to *“Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.”*

#### **2. Pray that persecuted Christians, whatever their weaknesses, will understand and find peace in the sufficiency of God's grace.**

Christians may be put into scenarios where they must make instantaneous choices under great pressure. For this reason, we pray for them to understand the promises of 2 Corinthians 12:9 which says, *“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”*

#### **3. Pray that Christians facing hardship will draw from a source of power larger than themselves.**

Persecuted Christians often have very little control over their lives, including their own (and their family's) safety and health. They often don't receive a fair trial or representation. They may lose jobs or custody of their children. It's critical to pray for them to see, like Paul, that their hardship helps them rely on a God who is far more powerful than them.

*“For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death.”* Paul said in 2 Corinthians 1:7-9, *“But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on*

*God who raises the dead.”*

#### **4. Pray that God would be present with persecuted Christians in their hardship, protecting them according to His will.**

In Matthew 26:39, Jesus Himself faced an unjust trial. He prayed, *“My Father, if it is possible let this cup pass from me,”* which is the first part of his prayer that inspires us to ask God to deliver persecuted Christians from harm. At the same time, the second part of Jesus' prayer goes hand-in-hand with praying this request. *“Yet not my will, but yours be done.”* Part of our prayer can be that God will deliver Christians from chains, as he did for Peter in Acts 12. But we also pray that if God does not see fit to supernaturally intervene in such a way, that He will intervene to strengthen these believers no matter the outcome.

#### **5. Pray that their witness would inspire those who seek to harm them.**

In Luke 6:27-31, Jesus said, *“But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.”* When Christians can maintain perspective like this, their actions are often noticed by those who persecute them. In the case of Paul and Silas, in Acts 16:25,

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# Highlights of Christian Persecution in 2019

**1. The ongoing reality of targeted persecution against women.** In 2019, Open Doors Ministry reported shocking details about the persecution experienced by Christian women. In many places, they experience a “double persecution” – one for being a Christian and one for being a woman. Gender-specific persecution (including rape or forced marriages) is a key means of destroying the minority Christian community. This kind of persecution is difficult to assess because it is complex, violent and hidden. In many cultures where women are specifically targeted, it is difficult if not impossible to report accurate numbers.

**2. Islamic oppression continues to impact millions of Christians.** In 7 out of the top 10 of the most dangerous countries for Christians (see list below), the primary cause of persecution is Islamic oppression. This means, for millions of Christians – particularly those who grew up Muslim or were born into Muslim families – openly following Jesus can have painful consequences. They can be treated as second-class citizens, discriminated against for jobs or violently attacked.

**3. The world’s two most highly populated countries show increased persecution of Christians.** For the first time, India is part of the worst 10 countries. And things in China got worse in the last year – China moved from 43<sup>rd</sup>

worst to 27<sup>th</sup>. Each of these countries is home to more than a billion people, so these trends are distressing. Hindu nationalists in India continue to attack Christians with no apparent consequences. In China, the increased power of the government and the rule of Xi Jinping make open worship difficult and dangerous.

**4. The spread of radical Islam across sub-Saharan Africa.** While the violent excesses of ISIS and other Islamic militants have mostly disappeared from headlines from the Middle East, these losses have moved many advocates to other regions, particularly into sub-Saharan Africa. Their radical ideology has inspired, or infiltrated, numerous splinter

groups such as Islamic State West Africa Province, a deadly group that broke away from Nigeria’s Boko Haram. These groups kidnap and enslave Christian women and girls as an integral part of their strategy.

**5. More laws have been passed to control religion.** State authoritarianism is increasing in many parts of the world, supported by the ever-spreading availability of personal digital technology, which governments can increasingly track through facial recognition, electronic chips and so on. Places like Vietnam, Myanmar, China and North Korea all saw increases in stricter state control of religious rights.

**Here are the 50 countries with the worst persecution of Christians in 2019 in order starting with the worst. For more information go to [opendoorusa.org](https://www.opendoorusa.org)**

|              |                          |                         |
|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| North Korea  | Uzbekistan               | Kazakhstan              |
| Afghanistan  | Myanmar                  | Morocco                 |
| Somalia      | Laos                     | Brunei                  |
| Libya        | Vietnam                  | Tunisia                 |
| Pakistan     | Central African Republic | Qatar                   |
| Sudan        | Algeria                  | Mexico                  |
| Eritrea      | Turkmenistan             | Kenya                   |
| Yemen        | Mali                     | Russia                  |
| Iran         | Mauritania               | Malaysia                |
| India        | Turkey                   | Kuwait                  |
| Syria        | China                    | Oman                    |
| Nigeria      | Ethiopia                 | United Arab Emirates    |
| Iraq         | Tajikistan               | Sri Lanka               |
| Maldives     | Indonesia                | Columbia                |
| Saudi Arabia | Jordan                   | Bangladesh              |
| Egypt        | Nepal                    | Palestinian Territories |
|              | Bhutan                   | Azerbaijan              |

## Our Generous Church *by Linda Lyke, Outreach Coordinator*

Our church is very generous in giving to outreach opportunities throughout the year. A combination of individual/family donations through our church plus donations from our actual church Outreach budget, totaled around \$25,000 in 2019. That means over 13% of our budget goes to Outreach/Missions opportunities. This is amazingly generous and shows our priorities are in the right place for spreading the Gospel far and wide.

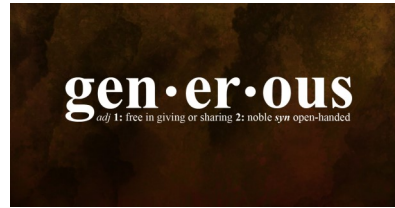
Here is a summary of what you personally donate to through our church and also what is paid from our church budget:

Our long-term missionaries:  
Nathaniel Muench, Zac Muench, Larry Schultz and James Lima

Our short-term missions:  
Koinonia and other short

term opportunities  
Mission projects such as assisting: Rock County Sheriff Chaplaincy program, Operation Christmas Child, Milton East support, GIFTS, and refugees  
Missions Education: Cross Conference, Perspectives class and other missions focused education

This monetary support does not include in-kind donations, another place where our church body is extremely generous. A few examples of our in-kind support are the Devon Oasis Diaper Drive, Operation Christmas Child supplies, food for GIFTS meals, food pantry, and East Side Story.



Thank you for your encouragement through prayer and monetary donations of our community and world-wide support of reaching others for Christ!

*2 Cor. 9:6-8 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*



### Outreach Page

Check out our updated Outreach page on our church's web site: <https://theconnecting.church/outreach/>.

You'll be amazed at all our church does in the community and globally.

From hosting a boy scout troop, to donating regularly to our local food pantry, to our church missionaries.



### CARDS

#### Make Great Christmas Gifts

Proceeds from the purchase of Kwik Trip cards supports our Outreach Ministry, helping our long and short term missionaries, our local Milton East school connection, missions education, refugee support, among many other outreach efforts.

Plan ahead and purchase Kwik Trip cards for Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers by contacting our church office.



## Update From Zac Muench

Over the past two months, I've been attending leadership school through YWAM (Youth With A Mission) in Salem, Oregon. It's a three-month-long school teaching you how to lead from your God-given identity.



Though I'm in the school, I'm still on staff in Barcelona, Spain, and will (Lord willing) return after visiting home for Christmas to resume coordinating and teaching the Calling All Skaters discipleship program and outreach.

The leadership school curriculum is packed full of lectures, prayer, worship, bible reading,

work duties, outreach, and homework; so we're generally kept busy throughout the week.

We've had a different teacher each week discussing things like forms of leadership, character building, faith in leadership, spiritual leadership, and vision, just to name a few. And (!) we're reading through the

entire Bible over these three months.

Praises:

- God is bringing up a lot of things in my life
- God is changing my perspective of the world and people.
- God is teaching me to rest in His presence

Prayers requests:

- Finances as I return home and begin to fundraise before returning to Spain
- Peace as I return to Spain and renew my visa
- To rest in His presence, and remain faithful in any trials

## Capital Campaign Update

Our Wall-O-Money has been a great success raising over \$4,481, as some individuals have donated more than the amount shown on the envelope. 53 out of the 200 envelopes have been filled! We are well on our way to the \$20,100 we can raise if all the envelopes are filled. There are still plenty of opportunities to choose an amount that YOU would like to donate. We challenge you to fill more envelopes in December and help us finish the year strong.

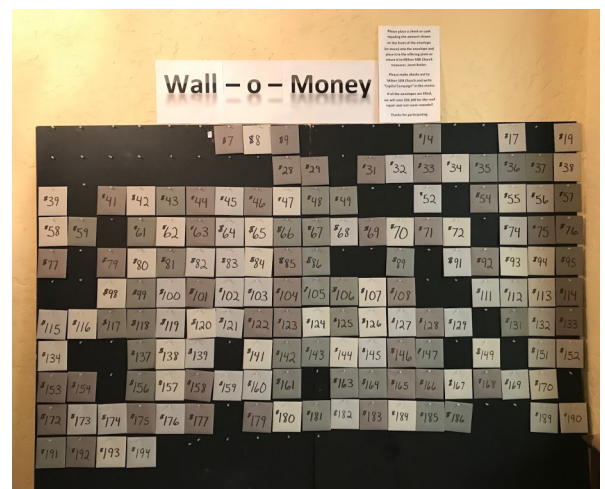
Thank you to those who have made monthly and yearly pledges to help meet our goal of \$100,000 by December 2021. As shown on the chart, we are more than a quarter of the way to our dollar amount goal.

We have completed the lighting upgrade to energy-saving LED bulbs and repaired the bell tower and CE wing roofs. We will have to wait for spring for the masonry repairs because of the weather. We are considering bids for the bathroom remodel and hope to begin the remodel soon.

### Capital Campaign Update

As of October 31, 2019

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| Starting Balance | \$ 2,505.00 |
| Total Income     | \$26,499.24 |
| Total Expenses   | \$14,430.44 |
| Fund Balance     | \$14,573.80 |



# Reducing Your Risk of Breast Cancer *by Barb Green, Parish Nurse*

Although there has been decades of progress in improved diagnostics, better treatments, deeper understanding of genetic risks and stronger support networks, breast cancer remains the most common cancer in women. Even more alarming, the overall incidence of breast cancer is projected to double globally by 2040 and occur more frequently in younger women. Efforts need to be focused on finding ways to reduce this risk by providing education about established lifestyle risk factors, as well as environmental hazards that may increase the odds of developing breast cancer.

Women's breasts are more vulnerable to cancer than other organs because of the unique ways they are built and function. Breast development has two main phases: in the womb and during adolescence. Both are extra sensitive to lifestyle and environmental factors. In contrast, other organs form in the womb and are ready to function after birth. Breasts may be more vulnerable to cancer because they take longer to develop.

A breast cancer risk factor is anything that increases the odds of developing breast cancer, such as having an inherited genetic mutation, taking extra hormone medications or being exposed to particular



chemicals. An inherited gene does not cause cancer by itself, it only increases the risk. The gene mutations, BRCA1 and BRCA2, are responsible for less than 10% of all breast cancer cases.

Major differences between modern life and life 50 years ago help explain why breast cancer is more common today. Some of these realities are listed below:

- Women are living an average of 30 years longer than a century ago. Aging is the biggest risk factor for breast cancer.
- Puberty and breast development are starting earlier. The younger a girl is when she gets her first period, the higher her risk for breast cancer later in life.
- Delayed pregnancy- A woman's first full-term pregnancy protects against breast cancer by making breast cells mature. Mature cells are more likely to grow normally and be less likely to become abnormal, giving rise to cancer.
- Increased use of prescription hormones- Hormone replacement therapy and birth control pills produce a small to moderate increase in risk. The longer



these medicines are taken, the higher the risk.

- Obesity is an epidemic of modern life and an established breast cancer risk factor. Overeating increases body fat and promotes food cravings, leading to more eating. Fat cells make estrogen and the extra fat makes extra estrogen
- Physical inactivity. Regular exercise helps lower the risk of breast cancer by managing weight and limiting food cravings. It helps regulate hormone and blood sugar levels that can trigger extra cell activity.
- Increase in alcohol consumption which can both interfere with the breakdown of estrogen and increase its production.
- Smoking causes double trouble by causing cell damage and by impairing the healing process. Unhealthy, cancer-causing chemicals from smoke go to all parts of the body.
- Low Vitamin D levels. Vitamin D helps regulate normal breast cell growth.
- Stress and sleep deprivation- Both can lead to high blood levels of cortisone which can have a negative effect on our immune system's ability to function properly and protect our cells from injury.
- Environmental pollutants- The widespread use of synthetic chemicals in modern

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**Christmas Brunch**

**Sunday, December 8th, 8-11:00 a.m.**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**\$5 adults/\$3 kids 5-12/ Free for kids under 5**

Come take a break this holiday season & let the youth of our church cook for you! You provide the donated food items. We wake up in the wee hours of the morning to prepare it. You purchase tickets and enjoy being served by the youth.

It's really that simple.  
 Donation sign-up sheets are in the Welcome Center.  
 Tickets are available at the door.  
 We look forward to seeing you there!



| Collision December Calendar |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 4                           | Collision   |
| 7-8                         | Christmas Brunch Lock-in  |
| 8                           | Christmas Brunch  |
| 11                          | Collision   |
| 18                          | Collision   |
| 25                          | No Collision – Merry Christmas  |
| 31                          | New Year's Lock-in – Camp Wakonda<br>4:00 p.m. to Weds., Jan. 1st at 10:00 a.m. |

**Reducing Your Risk of Breast Cancer,** *Continued from page 10*

life has changed the chemical makeup of the environments inside and outside our bodies. Some directly damage our genes; others can mimic estrogen or disrupt the normal hormonal balance and lead to abnormal breast cell growth.

Rereading this list of breast cancer risk factors can give you ideas about what you can do to lower your personal risk. Change is a journey. You must start somewhere. Whether it's making the choice to avoid plastics or rethinking your food choices, start now and try your best. More detailed information can

be found at [breastcancer.org](http://breastcancer.org)

*Think Pink, Live Green.*





# Bulletin Board



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## December Scripture Memory Verse

*She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me."*  
Genesis 16:13



Your help is needed to decorate the church for the Christmas season. Decorating will begin the week of December 1-6th.

Please contact Janet in the church office at 608-868-2741 if you have time available that week to help.

## Ladies Sit & Sip

Tues., Dec. 17, 9:00 a.m.  
Havana Coffee,  
1250 Milton Ave., Janesville  
*Take a break during the busy Christmas season to enjoy time with friends.*  
*All women are invited.*

## Third Thursday Prayer

December 19  
6:30 p.m., Parlor  
A time to pray as the Holy Spirit leads – for our church, our families, our communities, the world. Prayers for God's will to be done are powerful!



## Breakfast Club

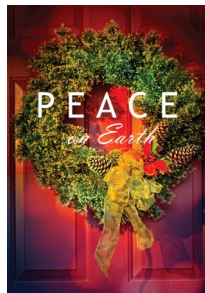
Sunday, Dec. 8, 8:30 a.m.  
Christmas Brunch  
*All are welcome!*

## Men's Breakfast

All men are welcome to join in this time of study and fellowship. Led by Pastor Nate. Meets every Weds. at the IHOP Restaurant in Janesville at 6:30 a.m.



Please call the church office at 608-868-2741 or Mickey Johnson at 608-756-5609 by December 3rd to order your poinsettia for the church altar.



## Sabbath Sunset Times

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Dec. 6 4:21 p.m.  | Dec. 7 4:21 p.m.  |
| Dec. 13 4:22 p.m. | Dec. 14 4:22 p.m. |
| Dec. 20 4:24 p.m. | Dec. 21 4:25 p.m. |
| Dec. 27 4:28 p.m. | Dec. 28 4:29 p.m. |

## Focus on Funds

as of October 31, 2019

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| General Fund Balance     | \$11,225.81 |
| Cash at Mem. Fund        | \$65,661.51 |
| Oct. Undesignated Income | \$16,876.43 |
| Oct. Total Income        | \$18,802.55 |
| Oct. Expenses            | \$16,910.39 |
| Denomination Giving YTD  | \$10,507.02 |

# December 2019

| Sun  | Mon                       | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri | Sat  |
|--|---------------------------|---|--|--|-----|--|
|    |                           |   |  |  |     |  |
| 1  | 2<br>8:00 TOPS - Library  | 3<br><br>7:00 Scouts  | 4<br>6:30 Men's Breakfast - IHOP<br>9:30 Women's Bible Study - Sanford's<br><br>6:25 Awana<br>6:30 Collision                           | 5  | 6   | 7<br>9:00 Grow Groups<br>10:00 Treats<br>10:30 Worship   |
| 8<br>8:00 - 11:00 a.m.<br><br>- Fellowship Hall<br>8:30 Breakfast Club - Fellowship Hall | 9<br>8:00 TOPS - Library  | 10<br><br>7:00 Scouts   | 11<br>6:30 Men's Breakfast - IHOP<br>9:30 Women's Bible Study - Sanford's<br><br>6:25 Awana<br>6:30 Collision                          | 12<br>9:30 Women's Bible Study - Call's  | 13  | 14<br>9:00 Grow Groups<br>10:00 Treats<br>10:30 Worship  |
| 15   | 16<br>8:00 TOPS - Library | 17<br>9:00 Ladies Sit 'n Sip - Havana Coffee<br><br>7:00 Scouts   | 18<br>6:30 Men's Breakfast - IHOP<br>9:30 Women's Bible Study - Sanford's<br><br>6:25 Awana Birthday Party for Jesus<br>6:30 Collision | 19<br>9:30 Women's Bible Study - Call's<br><br>6:30 Third Thursday Prayer - Parlor   | 20  | 21<br>10:00 Treats<br>10:30 Worship<br> |
| 22   | 23<br>8:00 TOPS - Library | 24<br><br>4:30 Candlelight Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary | 25<br>  | 26   | 27  | 28<br>9:00 Grow Groups<br>10:00 Treats<br>10:30 Worship  |
| 29   | 30<br>8:00 TOPS - Library | 31<br>4:00 Youth New Year's Lock-in - Camp Wakonda until 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1st   |  |  |     |  |



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