



### Missions Mitten Tree

is up to be decorated with new donated mittens/gloves, hats, scarves and socks for children and adults. *Please bring heavy winterproof gloves and hats. The little knit ones are pretty but they don't keep out the cold.*

Shepherd's Hand is in immediate need of heavy winter gloves. They are giving out practical gifts each day of Advent for about 60 people. You can take them by there or bring them to the church.



- Wiggler service at **4:00 p.m.** The ABC's of Christmas is an interactive service particularly for children.
- Candle Light Services at **5:30 p.m.** and **8:00 p.m.** Choose the time that brings you and your family to sing carols, hear the scriptures, and close worship with candlelight.

**"Appalachian Winter" Lessons & Carols CDs are for sale in the office during the week for \$15.00. If you did not buy one last year, or if you are looking for a good gift for a friend, here is your opportunity.**

### Prayers

**CELEBRATIONS:** Our children helped us remember the joy and laughter of the season by sharing the message at their pageant last Sunday. Thanks for all the helpful hands that made this happen.

**HEALTH AND HEALING :** Yvonne Williamson, second macular hole surgery 12/16; Sue Gunter, cataract surgery 12/16; Helen Wild is home from MMH rehab; Sharon Becker is recovering from a stay in the hospital at Valley Manor #38; Sinead Woodson, 4 month old, with liver problems at St Mary's; Bob Miller has contracted a MERSA (staph) infection, send him a Christmas card; Howard and Ruth Heath with health and pain issues; Peggy Erickson is struggling with an upper respiratory infection; George Crosby's father, Bill (89) fell and broke a hip and an arm; Verna Brassfield has viral pneumonia; Becky and Butch Clark's son Dean and Candice are parents to Inga Willow, born prematurely in GJ. Kai Koeltzow tonsillectomy 12/21 in GJ; Ester Miller Virginia Luttrell sister-in-law, declining health. Micki Kintner's sister who is healing from fall (broken wrist and Hip) and brother-in-law who is recovering from back surgery and Micki who is caring for them

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE BATTLING CANCER:** Tammy Braun, liver; Chris Ball, 3<sup>rd</sup> occurrence of breast *successful surgery*; Bob Davis, lung; Elliott's daughter-in-law, Alison, breast *radiation finished*; Michael Pugh, stage 4 Hodgkin's *responding to treatment*; Don (Elizabeth) Binder, acute leukemia; Skip Willis, Clare's son, bone cancer in his leg; Dick and Sandy Eastman's son-in-law; Paul Raffa, prostate; Tom Blacklock, leukemia; Brad Bingaman's stepfather, Jim with bladder; Arleen Friedman; Jean Bramer, colon; Kelly Ray, brain tumor; Cheryl DuPont, breast; Melissa Jones, breast; Nancy Zaenger's brother-in-law Daryl Arnold, colon; Mary Lou Jeffers chemo and radiation; Jennifer Lynn's sister, Judy Rosencrantz, brain

**IN HOSPICE:** Wade Lee, Kathy Koeltzow's cousin, at home with kidney and liver failure; Reva Caudill, Marcus's mother, metastatic cancer.

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**December 20, 2015**

**Ushers:** 8:15 a.m.: Craig & Julee Wolverton,  
Casey & Abbie Harrison  
9:45 a.m.: Chuck & Bev Price,  
Gordon & Pat Cockroft  
11:15 a.m.: Penny Lowe, Krista Thompson,  
Clare Willis

**Flowers:** Beckie & Marshall

**Worship Leaders** 8:15: Sharon Moslet

11:15: Colette Holm

### New Sermon Series

**December 6** "Journey through Advent with Joseph of Bethlehem" *-Matt 1:18-25*  
**December 13** "Journey through Advent: Mary's Visit to Elizabeth" *-Luke 1:39-45*  
**December 20**, "Journey through Advent from Nazareth to Bethlehem" *-Luke 2:1-7*  
**December 24**, Christmas Eve: "Journey to the Manger" *-Luke 2:8-20*

Podcast of each Sunday's Sermon is available on the following Tuesday of each week, on our church website. (Past sermons are also available.)

**Church Office Hours:**

**Closed Friday**

**Mon. 9:00-4:30, Tues 9:00-4:30, Wed. 9:00-4:00, Thurs. 9:00-4:30**

*Open during the lunch hour*

**Attendance Sunday, December 13, 2015 Total Attendance: 364**

**8:15 Service: 115 9:45 Service: 178 11:15 Service: 61**

**Adult Sunday School: n/a**

**Children's Sunday School: n/a Sunday nursery: 1**

**Youth Group: 15 Youth Bible Study: 2**

**Pastor's Bible Study: 23 Music at Noon: 85**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES: 8:15 a.m. 9:45 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.**

**Weekday Opportunities**

**Mondays:**

**Adult Caregivers Support Group** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m.

Meet in the library downstairs

**Tuesday:**

**Pastor's Bible Study** 10 a.m. in Baldrige Hall

**Prayer Shawl Group** 1-3 p.m. in the library

**Wednesday:**

**Music:** 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

(Christmas Eve Performers)

6:00 Hand Bell quartets

**Thursday:**

**Community Prayer Group** 10:45 a.m. Room 1

**Emmaus Reunion (Support) Groups**

**Women's Groups (Open to ALL Women)**

--Mondays 5:30-6:30p.m.

Reinhard residence 2238 American Way

--Thursdays 7:00-8:00 a.m.

Looney Bean Coffee Shop 3480 Wolverine Rd.

**Men's Group (Open to ALL Men)**

--Fridays 6:30-7:30 a.m.

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**Sunday Opportunities**

Youth Group Christmas Party Lock-In, 5:30 p.m.

**Meetings this week:**

Tuesday, December 22

No Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 23

Music at Noon in the sanctuary

Laurie Ranum, pianist

**Thursday, December 24**

**4:00, 5:30 & 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Services**

Friday, December 25

12:30 Christmas Day Dinner

**Operation Christmas Child**



Congratulations! Our church, MUMC, filled 125 shoeboxes which brought great delight and a very important message to some very needy kids around the world. The boxes from our area were sent to Mexico & Central

American countries. Our church had approximately 25 boxes taken that were not returned so if you took a box and were unable to return it this year just please keep it for next year as it can still be used. **To all of you who participated**

**- good job and God thanks you very much!**

-Stan Hayes



**If you would like to usher on Christmas Eve at either the 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. or**

**8:00 p.m. services please contact Dick Baker,**

**249-3735**

**SUNDAY SUPPERS**

**at the Cross and Flame Café**

**is a new mission opportunity for everyone in the church. Food will be prepared downstairs for our community. The meals will be from 5-6 p.m.**

**Please come and participate, either by cooking, serving, hosting, sharing or clean up.**

**Every Sunday evening. Signup sheets are**

**available. Donations welcome!**



**Do you like to bake?**

Each month we have **unleavened bread** at communion. Annie Hauck has been providing this

and is ready for a new person to take over the baking. Contact the

church office for details and recipe at 249-3716.

**Christmas Day Dinner!**

We provide the food, the time, the support, and the money to make it happen!

**Signup sheets are in the passageway.**

Someone will contact you. If you are not able to do a lot of kitchen work, perhaps you would be a greeter or host at one of the tables.

**Update! Update!**

**All we need from the congregation is deserts for the Christmas Dinner**

You will note that the "mitten tree" is up for cold weather apparel—*It is looking nice and warm on that tree—more men's socks and gloves are still needed.*



**Christmas Day Community Dinner**

**Friday, December 25,**

**will start early at 12:30 p.m.**

**All have a place at this table.**

Thank you all so much for thinking of Hilltop's Domestic Violence Services this Christmas season. Your gracious and generous contributions will aid in changing the lives of women and children fleeing domestic abuse. Thank you for taking a stand against violence in our community and supporting your local shelter.

-Hilltop's Domestic Violence Services



*Every child deserves to have the best life they can.* A CASA Advocate is the one person who is there just for a child who is a victim of abuse & neglect. There currently are 30 plus court cases waiting for a CASA Advocate. Training starts January 7, 2016. For more information call **970-249-0337**. Learn more about CASA at

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