

**Sharon
United
Methodist
Church**

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December 2013

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HEAD USHER POSITION NEEDED
They will be responsible for finding 4 ushers for each Sunday. This will need to be done prior to the Sunday that the ushers will serve, so their names can be put in the bulletin. The head usher does not need to be in church every Sunday, but needs to make sure that the assigned ushers will be there. Please see Amanda Frank if interested in this position.

What could we possibly give that God has not already given to us. Have you remembered your church in your will?
(By the Endowment Committee)

Reminder
If you change your address, phone number, or email, please let the office know.
Thank you.

Treasurer's Report

Income for Oct. Operating Budget: \$13,682
Expenses for Oct. Operating Budget: \$12,978
Total Oct. Expenses: \$12,978

October 2013 surplus: - \$704

The scheduling of the use of Fellowship Hall, the Sharon Room, or the sanctuary, needs to be done through the church office to avoid any scheduling conflicts.
Thank you.

Sharon Religious Arts Ministries (RAM) for December

December brings Advent and Christmas and the busiest month of the season for the Sharon Religious Arts Ministries, so you really need to be in church every Sunday.



December 1st is the 1st Sunday of Advent. The Chancel Choir sings a beautiful anthem: "Come, Emmanuel".

December 8th, the children have a wonderful musical presentation to share with you during the service.



December 15th is the "Living Christmas Tree Performance". The Chancel Choir, Tone Chimes and Children's Choir will be performing at both the 10am and the 3pm services. We encourage you to bring your friends and relatives to the 3pm service. It is our Christmas present to our friends who do not belong to Sharon Church.

December 22nd, the Chancel Choir hopes to have an interesting surprise for you.

December 24th is Christmas Eve and December 29th the Puppet Troupe is back.

We will do our best to warm you with music throughout the Advent Season.

Merry Christmas! Karen and John Wagner

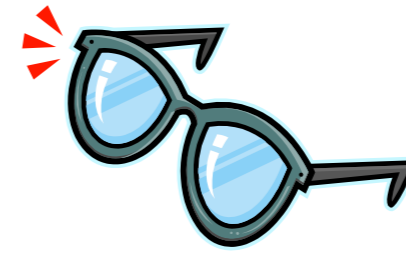
Congratulations!

December Anniversaries:

- 01: Kathy & David Hornocker
- 05: Marilyn & Russ Price
Peg & Lyle Watts
- 06: Irma & Ray Brown
- 09: Belinda & Tom Muller
Emma & Laverne Severson
- 10: Nancy & Cecil Ellison
- 21: Nadine & Don Speer
- 26: Shirley & Rick Zimmerman

FIC - Friends in Christ

the FIC group is off in December.
Look for a January 12th event
in the next newsletter.



Chat 'n Chew

Meets Monday,
December 9th at 8:30am
at Tommy's Restaurant

InBetweeners

the InBetweeners are off in
December.
Look for a January 18th event
in the next newsletter.

Sarah Circle:

Meeting date: December 12
Time: 6:00pm
Meet at: Jan McMann's
1618 Greenlefe Dr. NW
Devotions: Joan Foster
Special Visitation

Any woman in the church is
invited to attend.

Knit Wits

The Knits are not meeting in
December. Look for their
January event in the next
newsletter.

Mini-Youth

for grades 3-6
Next Meeting:
Sunday, December 1st
right after church

Youth Group

grades 7-12
Next Meeting:
Friday, December 20
6:00pm
Christmas Party
meet in the parking lot

The Bazaar Committee is pleased to announce that each of the benefactors of the proceeds - Green Square Meals, Matthew 25, and Community Health Clinic, will be receiving a little over \$400 each.

A great big "thank you" to everyone who participated in this event. Your generosity is appreciated!



Co-chairs: Jan Kuda and Mary Boxa
Bakery Chair: Kathy Patterson
Advertising: Theresa Yackubowski
Kitchen: Kathy Milroy and Karen Reid
Crafts: Jan Kuda and Marilyn Clements

Eastern Iowa Sharing Closet

This resource is available for any church to donate resources and for any church to take the resources.

Open by appointment only.

Contact: Pastor Barb Kruger @ 319-561-0388.

The EISC is located at the Mechanicsville UMC.



In our prayers:

Nancy Nelson - eye surgery

Nadine Speer - recent fall and recuperation

Karen Wagner - cataract surgeries

for John Wagner and his family in the death of his mother
family of Pastor Gary Dobbins who passed away on Nov. 22

December Holiday Events



Mittens, hats, scarves, gloves, boots, snowpants are being collected to distribute to needy children before Christmas. A box is located in the main hallway.



Christmas Cards:
Have your Christmas cards hand delivered by the Sunday School children.
Starting December 1st, you may put your cards in the cloak room for delivery. This is a camp fundraiser.

**Sunday, December 8th at 10am:
the Sunday School Children's Program**
You don't want to miss our children as they share the real meaning of Christmas during the worship hour.

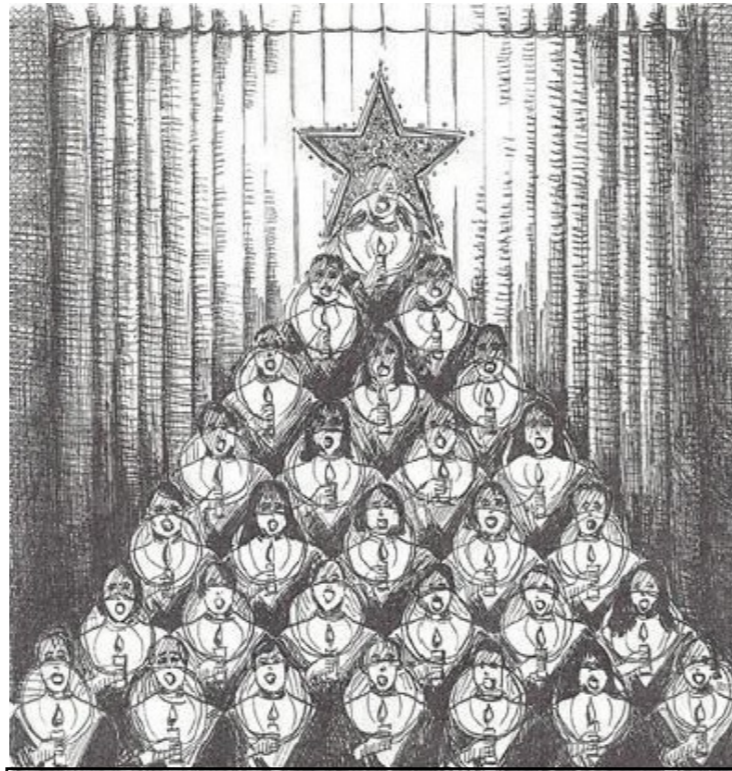


ANNUAL ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER

Join us after the Children's Program on December 8th, for our annual Christmas Dinner.

Turkey/Ham and Mashed Potatoes are provided. You just need to bring a salad or dessert to share. A special surprise awaits our children at this meal.

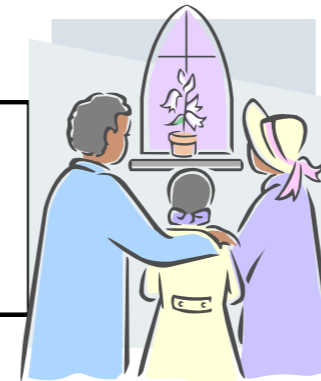
Hope to see you ALL there!!



**Living Christmas Tree Presentation
Chancel Choir, Tone Chime Ensemble
and Children's Choir
Sunday, December 15th, 2013
10:00am & 3:00pm**

This Annual Christmas
musical concert is
presented by
Sharon United Methodist
Church.
You are invited to join us
for an hour of music
guaranteed to share the
true joy of Christmas.

Christmas Eve Service
Join us Tuesday, December 24th at 7:00pm
for a service of carols and scripture.



New Year's Eve
The Church will be open from 4-8pm on
December 31st for anyone who would like to
partake in Holy Communion.

MISSION/OUTREACH PROJECTS



Recent projects:

- * Mexican Bazaar - gave our \$1200 to 3 local charities:
Green Square Meals, Matthew 25, Community Health Clinic
- * Sweatshirts: collected 117 sweatshirts
- * Operation Christmas Child (shoe boxes): made 51 boxes
- * Community wide Thanksgiving Meal
- * Sunday School: sold calendars to raise money to send children to summer camp
- * Sunday School: baked and sold over 100 pies

Current projects:

- * Mitten tree: donations of mittens, scarves, gloves, boots, and snowpants are being collected
- * Christmas cards: the Sunday School children are delivering Christmas cards to members of the congregation as another way to raise money for camp
- * Heifer Project: the Chancel Choir is heading up this project to buy animals for people across the world.

Ongoing projects:

- * Sharon Food Pantry: a new project headed by Toni Overton and Mary Boxa. Our pantry is in need of canned goods, paper products, cereals, personal hygiene items, etc. We hope to restock this pantry every 2 weeks, with the extra products going to Mission of Hope.

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 9th St. SW
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Growing disciples in faith
 to live in God's love!

Names in *Italics* are birthdays. Contact us if we missed yours.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Breakfast Chime Practice Day School Ship Service Youth nt Study #1 Meeting - Scouts	2 9:30am: Women's Bible Study 6:30pm: Boy Scouts	3 6:30pm: Chancel Choir 6:30pm: Education Mtg	4 5:30pm: Bible Study 6:30pm: Finance Meeting	5 3-6pm: Green Square Meals	6	7 9am: Children's 10am: LCT 1-4pm: Gra
Free Sunday Day School ren's Program stmas Dinner ge Conference t Study #2 Cmte Mtg.	9 8:30am: Chat 'n Chew 9:30am: Women's Bible Study 6:30pm: Boy Scouts	10 <i>Dustin Boxa</i>	11 5:30pm: Bible Study 6:00pm: Chancel Choir	12 6:00pm: Sarah Circle @ Jan McMann's	13 5:30pm: Choir Caroling <i>Trudy Berry</i>	14 9am: LCT
Sunday School g Christmas Tree formance g Christmas Tree ormance t Study #3	16 9:30am: Women's Bible Study 6:30pm: Boy Scouts	17 7:00pm: Worship Cmte	18 5:30pm: Bible Study 5:30pm: RAM Christmas Party	19	20 6:00pm: Youth Christmas Party <i>Michelle Zikes</i>	21 <i>Mary Rob t Kayden</i>
Day School ip Service nt Study #4	23	24 7pm: Christmas Eve Service <i>Paul Newman</i>	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS <i>Betty Matheny Helen Burns Pastor Mee</i>	26 <i>Nicholas Olive</i>	27 <i>Marcy Usher</i>	28 <i>Scott C Bill J.</i>
School p Service	30 <i>Cassie Pasker</i>	31 4-8pm Church is open for communion				

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December Helpers						
Date	Greeters	Liturgist	Hymn Leader	Sound System	Laptop	Cleaning Crew
1	Jason Clements Sonya Clements Rick Flynn Mary Kennedy	David Hornocker	John Wagner	Dale Usher	Mary Reeve	Dale Usher
8	Mary Reeve Doris Flynn Gloria Jahnel Jan Kuda	Tami Flockhart	Zach Wagner	Bill Jahnel	Mark Achey	Chyma/Evenson
15	Karen Reid Willia Rinehart Kathy Patterson Jan McMann	Mark Achey	John Wagner	Steve Flockhart	None needed	Tomash
22	Stacey Evenson Dave Leonard Doris Leonard John Powers	John Wagner	Kathleen Weiss	Duane Usher	Phyllis Daugherty	Duane Usher/ Lyle Watts
29	Nancy Ellison Tami Flockhart Rona Gilbert Marilyn Clements	Marcy Usher	Tim Ruppert	Bill Jahnel	Cecil Ellison	Bill Jahnel/ Paul Newman