

DECEMBER 2019



**WHAT  
CAN'T  
WAIT**

## 2019 ADVENT Sermon Series

**12/1**      *Hope Can't Wait*

**12/8**      *Peace Can't Wait*

**12/15**      *Joy Can't Wait*

*"Carols in the Round" during  
10:30 am worship on 12/15*

**12/22**      *Love Can't Wait*

*"At Last Noel"*

*A Christmas Cantata with Choir  
and Orchestra during both worship  
services on 12/22*

## Christmas Eve Worship

**Tuesday, December 24th**

### **5 p.m. Family Worship**

Music led by the  
Redeemed Praise Band

### **7 p.m. Traditional Worship**

Music led by the  
Sanctuary Choir

*Candlelight, Communion and  
Silent Night at both  
worship services*



# FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



*May the light of the Advent candle serve as an invitation to draw near to God. In that light we can feel God's warmth.*

*May this candle remind us that God's light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*

## Dear Friends:

I am so happy with your response to our **2020 Stewardship Commitments**. We have met, and hopefully will exceed, our number from 2019 indicating your desire to support the ministries of Wentzville United Methodist. Thank you so much! To date we have 113 commitments for the Ongoing Ministry and 71 commitments for the Building Fund, for a total of \$407,410 pledged. This meets and slightly exceeds our proposed budget for 2020. Our 2019 statistics and approved budget for 2020 will be available following our Church Council meeting on Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. I am looking forward to a prosperous New Year with new ministries to come.

We have an exciting Advent season planned with our hand bell ensembles, Christmas Cantata and Carols in the Round. Please note the schedule of events and invite your friends. It will be fantastic!

Our **Adopt A Family Ministry** is reaching out to 20 families from the Wentzville School District and Habitat for Humanity to offer our support and love. Look for the AAF Christmas Tree in the lobby on November 24<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. All **unwrapped** gift items are due back to the church by Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> for distribution on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **A Note from Pastor Chris Dumas...**

Greetings friends! Wanted to share with everyone my good news! I have recently accepted the position of Full-time Chaplain at SSM St. Joseph West Hospital. I am very happy and excited to join the team at Lake St. Louis. It will involve working some Sundays, so if you don't see me - no worries - I will see you "next week!" Thank you for your prayers! ...Chris

Chris and I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

*Pastor Mark*

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Deadline for the  
JANUARY 2020 Newsletter  
is Monday, 12/30



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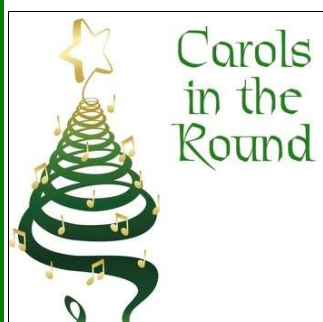
Bruce Kates, Lisa Morgenthaler, Paul Morlock,  
Sean Morlock, Todd Oberlin, Brian Phipps and  
Kermit Sandorf

# THE MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS

## Handbell Christmas Concert

**Sunday, 12/8 at 4 p.m.**

Join our Adult and Youth Bell Choirs as they fill the church Sanctuary with the sound of Christmas music. The concert is FREE and open to the public, so invite your family and friends for this special holiday treat. *See you there!*



**Sunday, 12/15**

**10:30 am Worship**

This is reflective worship in Scripture and song as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Sing familiar carols of the season, and enjoy music by our Redeemed Praise Band. This is a special time to be shared with family and friends. All are welcome!



## Choral Arts Singers — *“Christmas Around the World”* Sunday, 12/15 at 3 pm

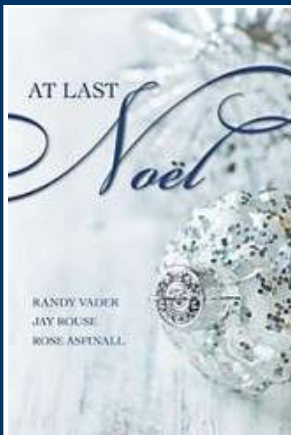
As part of our 2019-2020 Concert Series, we welcome the Choral Arts Singers (CAS) on Sunday, 12/15. They have been performing in St. Charles County and surrounding areas for over 40 years. *Wentzville UMC church members Sally Adams and Dan Benwell currently sing with the choir.*

*“Christmas Around the World”* features holiday songs from around the globe, including Europe, Africa, Asia and America, sung in nine languages. From French, Spanish and Norwegian carols, to Nigerian drums, to Hollywood classics... join us for some fun and festive songs! *Concert is free and open to the public.*

## Christmas Cantata

**Sunday, 12/22**

**9 & 10:30 Worship**



*Christmas is a celebration of the miraculous, the fulfillment of ancient promises. Hundreds of years passed while darkness filled the land and God's people waited for some sign of the Messiah. The waiting seemed unbearable, but everything was going according to an eternal plan. Then... the world changed forever! At last, God spoke! At last, His glory was revealed! At last, the Messiah had come! At last, Noël! Join the Sanctuary Choir, Wall Street Philharmonic Orchestra, and Narrators on Sunday, December 22nd — Merry Christmas!*



# LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR



**United Methodist Women** meets in the church Café at **12 noon on Thursday, 12/12** for their annual Christmas program. Sandwiches will be provided by the UMW Board, and members are asked to bring cookies or a light dessert. This is a special time of fellowship and all women are welcome. For more information contact Nancy Driscoll at 636-357-7571



On behalf of the Wentzville United Methodist Women, thank you to everyone for your support of the Turkey Dinner and Bazaar! Whether you donated food items, baked turkeys or pies, worked in the kitchen, or helped set up and take down, we could not fund our annual mission goals without your help. Thank you also to Kermit Sandorf and Paul Morlock for putting up the signs around town, and to the Youth Group for serving drinks and cleaning the dining room! We served 334 people (11 children) which included 70 carry-outs! This was actually 10 less than last year but a very good turnout. Not all of the bills are in yet. Preliminary figures show that the UMW made

around \$3,600 on the dinner and \$650 on the Bazaar. Lydia Circle Quilters earned \$585 for their quilts! All of this will go toward 2020 Missions, both local and beyond. This is an awesome church—Thank you for your support!

...Nancy Driscoll and Dee Hansen, Co-Chairs



We work Mary Martha Thrift Shop the week of December 16, Monday through Saturday. It's a busy time for everyone, but we hope you have a few hours to help. Check the Sunday Connect Card for dates and times, or Call Kay at 314-328-5451.



## December Needs

- ◆ Canned Fruit (no pineapple)
- ◆ Canned Ravioli
- ◆ Cereal

*Place in baskets outside the church office.*

*No glass, please—thanks for your support!*



## Men's Group Breakfast and Christmas Open House

Come one, come all to our Annual Open House Breakfast in the church Café at 8 am on Saturday, 12/14. It's catered by Bob Evans and cost will be \$10. Breakfast includes sausage, fruit, biscuit and gravy, and sweet rolls. Ed Liliensiek will give his testimonial and also discuss his involvement in the Prison Ministry. All are welcome! Check the Sunday Connect Card or call Kermit at 636-734-2171.

## Men's Group: Basketball Game Group Outing?

The Men's Group is planning an outing for January-February 2020 to attend a Saint Louis University Billiken basketball game. Look for more information in January.

## Did you know?

Directly west of the church campus, there is a walking path that was built for an Eagle Scout program over 10 years ago. Recently, the Men's Group placed new mulch on the path and cleared out some landscape debris to make the area more walkable. Take a stroll and enjoy!

# Children's C H U R C H

## **Greetings from Children's Church!!**

*"Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred. We are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmastime."— Laura Ingalls Wilder*

It's the MOST wonderful time of the year!! My prayer is that in the midst of all the hustle and bustle of the season we take time, every day, to reflect on the Christ Child and the Good News that His birth sends for all of us. The children and I will be digging into the beautiful treasures found in His story and how He still is our greatest gift today.

We will be hosting a **Parents' Night Out** on Saturday, December 7th for ages Pre-K to 5th grade. Your child may come anytime between 5-8pm. This is our gift to you!! Have a date night....do some shopping....enjoy a few quiet hours at home....it is up to you! Please let me know who will be attending or check the Connect Card on Sunday.

The kiddos of Wentzville UMC are especially excited about going back to our friends at Heritage Pointe on Sunday, December 29th to bless the residents with winter crafts to decorate their doors and rooms.

*Unto us, a Child is born...Unto us, a Child is given...*

In His Name,

Angela Langdon

*Children and Family Director*

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# FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

**Game Day for the 55+ Crowd**  
Wednesday, 12/4 at 1:30 p.m.



**Wednesday, 12/4 at 6 pm**  
*"A Spool of Blue Thread"*  
by Anne Tyler



**Saturday, 12/14 — 8 am**  
**Christmas OPEN HOUSE**  
**Breakfast in Church Cafe**  
See page 4 for details  
Questions? Call Kermit, 636-734-2171



## YOUTH FUNDRAISER

### Butter Braids, Cookie Dough & Pizza

Order sheets in church lobby  
Last order date for Christmas is  
Sunday, 12/15—Pick up on 12/22

## THANK YOU

To **Lisa Morgenthaler** for her six years of stellar service as WUMC Treasurer!

To all who help and support the **Food Pantry**.

To the **Men's Group** for their donation of a new parking lot spotlight that illuminates the church's entrance to the parking lot, and provides more lighting visibility.

To **Al Herter, Tom Keeling, Brian Phipps and Kermit Sandorf** who added new mulch and trimmed the brush on the walking pathway west of the church campus.

## DECEMBER

### Quik View

#### CONCERT SERIES

**WUMC Handbell Concert**  
Sunday, 12/8 at 4 pm  
**Choral Arts Society**  
Sunday, 12/15 at 3 pm  
**WUMC Christmas Cantata**  
Sunday, 12/22 9 & 10:30 am

**Lydia Circle Quilters**  
Tuesdays, 8 am—12 Noon

**Game Day for Seniors**  
Wednesday, 12/4 at 1:30 pm

**Parents' Night Out**  
Saturday, 12/7 from 5-8 pm

**United Methodist Women**  
Thursday, 12/12 at 12 Noon

**Men's Group Breakfast**  
**Christmas Open House**  
Saturday, 12/14 at 8 am  
*Church Café — ALL Welcome!*

**Adopt-A-Family Christmas**  
**Pick Up**  
Saturday, 12/14 at 10 am

**Carols in the Round**  
Sunday, 12/15 at 10:30 am

**Hymn Sing at Parklane**  
Thursday, 12/19 at 10 am

**Christmas Eve Worship**  
Tuesday, 12/24 at 5 & 7 pm

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