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Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6

A LETTER FROM YOUR LEAD PASTOR



Dear Friends,

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6 NIV)

The birth of Jesus changed everything! It is the hinge point of history. God took on flesh-and-blood to live among us and to go to a Cross to die for our redemption. In the birth of Jesus we celebrate the coming of the Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace!

Our December worship series will be For Unto Us. Here is the lineup:

- Dec 1—Advent 1 & “Hope of the Ages” with Holy Communion
- Dec 8—Advent 2 & “Oh How He Loves Us!”
- Dec 15—Advent 3 & “Joy to the World!”
- Dec 22—Advent 4 & “Prince of Peace”

December will feature our annual Christmas Jubilee on Saturday, December 14. The Jubilee Tree will be in the lobby by the time you read this, waiting for us to take a tag, purchase a gift, and bless a child for Christmas. On the 14th, hosts will help the parents wrap the gifts for their child(ren) and we will bless them with all the groceries they need for a ham dinner for Christmas!

Then, on Tuesday, December 17, at 6:00 pm we will host the Cloverton Christmas Concert in our sanctuary. Please watch for more details through the usual announcement sources.

Our Christmas Candlelight Services will take place this year on Sunday, December 22, at 3:30 pm, and again on Tuesday, December 24, at 6:00 pm. This year’s services will feature Christmas carols, the reading of the Christmas story, special music, a play titled “One Holy Night” and the lighting of candles with Silent Night.

I hope you will be present each Sunday for our worship services as we focus on the birth of our Savior, that you will participate in the Jubilee, that you will catch the Cloverton Christmas Concert, and that you will be able to worship at one of the two Christmas Candlelight Services!

May the deep joy of Jesus’ birth fill all your family celebrations and Christmas remembrances!

All for Him,
Pastor Mike



A LETTER FROM YOUR YOUTH PASTOR

Hello Amazing Church Family!!!

November was a busy month. We enjoyed having a Barn Bash for the students. We also enjoyed having the group – “We Are Pieces”. They led worship in the morning and the evening on Sunday, November 10th. Enjoy the pics below.

I also ask for prayers for the FCA at McCutchen High School. Amazing things are happening on the school campus. Besides speaking, I was also asked to lead worship on Monday mornings for students before school. Thanks for your prayers.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Ray



December Schedule

- Dec. 1 No Overhaul
- Dec. 8 Christmas Caroling
- Dec. 15 Christmas Extravaganza
- Dec. 24 & 29 No Overhaul

JESUS IS COMING

The people of Jesus' day expected him to be an earthly king who would overthrow the Romans and restore the kingdom of Israel. From our standpoint in history, we know that the baby Jesus grew up to become the Suffering Servant (see Isaiah 53), a sinless sacrifice who died in our place. One day, Jesus will return bodily to rule as King over all heaven and earth. But as Immanuel, or "God with us," Jesus also remains always present with us, no matter what we're facing. Remind children of that precious promise as Christmas approaches—and every day after!

Guest Prep. Brainstorm things your family does to get ready for guests. Discuss what you'd do differently if Jesus came to stay at your house. Read aloud Mark 1:3-4. Say: "John the Baptist told many people that Jesus was coming. We, too, can let others know what Christmas is about—our Savior's birth." Pray, asking God to bless your family's plans for his Son's arrival.

Holding onto Hope. At breakfast, discuss each day's Christmas-related plans. Talk about how anticipating this special time is like or unlike what Mary and Joseph hoped for as they waited for Jesus.

Preparing a Place. Have children design place cards and decorate paper plates for a meal. Afterward, read Luke 14:12-24 and talk about how God loves each of us and invites us to a heavenly feast. Say: "While we're preparing our hearts for Jesus, God is preparing a place for us in heaven." Close in prayer, thanking God for each family member by name.

Waiting for the Promise. Discuss why waiting is tough—and how it feels when a long wait is finally over. Read aloud Jeremiah 33:14-16. Say: "This prophet told people that the Messiah, Jesus, was coming. More than 500 years later, God's promise was fulfilled." Brainstorm promises you could make that might be worthwhile in 500 years. Say: "Knowing that God always keeps his promises helps us trust him while we're waiting."

"Spread" the News. Set out sugar cookies, frosting, blunt knives, and sprinkles. While kids decorate cookies, discuss ways we can "spread" the good news about Jesus' birth and add "sprinkles" of joy to people's lives.

Nativity Copycats. Encourage kids to follow the examples of people in the Bible: loving Jesus as Mary and Joseph did, praising Jesus as the angels did, telling others about Jesus as the shepherds did, and giving Jesus gifts as the wise men did.

Christmas Concert. Let younger children ring bells, play music boxes, and dance to Christmas carols. Say: "Knowing that Jesus is coming makes us happy!"

The Big Picture. On a long piece of paper, outline a Christmas design. Each day in December, spend a few minutes coloring in the details together. As the mural comes into focus, discuss how to stay focused on Jesus. Display the completed mural in a window.

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Find more Christmas Prep information on the church website

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POWERSOURCE

ASK JESUS:

1. To help your family members prepare their hearts for the upcoming Christmas celebration.
2. To make you alert to ways you can share your faith during the holiday season.
3. To keep you ready and watchful for Jesus' second coming.



YOU ARE INVITED TO

ONE HOLY NIGHT!

Christmas Candlelight Service

December 22, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.

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December 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m

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4 Decorations + 1 Family of 4 =

One Holy Night!



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GIDEON BIBLES

This Christmas at Dayton United Methodist Church we will be giving Gideon Bibles in your loved ones' name to remember them, In Memory of and/or In Honor of. Each Bible is \$5.00. You may place your order in the church office or look for the insert in the Sunday bulletin. Orders must be in no later than December 15.

Call Kathy Hill for information or to place your order, 296-3155.



Christmas Jubilee is a ministry at Dayton United Methodist Church that provides gifts for less fortunate children in the Dayton and surrounding area. We provide the gifts that the families have requested, and we ask the adults in the family to join us in wrapping and personalizing each gift.

The DUMC congregation has always been extremely generous in providing the gifts requested by the children. In the church lobby, you will see a Tree of Wishes. On the Christmas tree is paper ornaments. Two ornaments are grouped together. One will ask for your information. Please fill it in and place it in the basket under the tree. The other is the gift request and age of the child. Take this one with you as a reference and then return your gift to the church (unwrapped) with the paper ornament attached.

We also provide an abundance of food for the families so they can have a delicious Christmas dinner. In addition, we send with them a full box of groceries to sustain them for many days. Therefore, gift cards or monetary donations are always welcome. You can include this in your offering envelope. Please just label how much goes for Christmas Jubilee.

It takes the entire church to make this happen. We ask for your help and support. Please consider what you can do to help. Volunteers are needed to shop, provide cookies and help on Saturday, December 14 at 9:00am. This is a blessed time to talk to the family members about the love of Christ and invite them to become a part of our church family.

If you can help in any way please, call Sandy Guinn at 765-296-3986.

CHRISTMAS CARD BOX

In the lobby of the church, you will find a big alphabetical wooden box. This is used to exchange Christmas cards with your church family. Bring your cards and distribute them according to the first letter of the last name, and collect your cards using the same procedure.

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