

WELCOME TO GOD’S HOUSE

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come! Listen! A voice cries out: “In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

People: We come, and we wait in the just peace of the coming Messiah.

Leader: Pay attention! God is removing barriers and leveling the playing field!

People: we are making a way for all people to witness the glory of the Lord of Peace.

Leader: We wait, and we work as God’s people, filling in valleys and making rough places a plain.

People: We work to bring peace where conflicts and obstacles once reigned.

OPENING PRAYER

God of Peace, as we gather today, may we prepare our voices to proclaim your truths and our hands to work for your peace, so that our lives will announce the coming of our Savior and Comforter. We come to worship and declare that we belong in your arms, and invite you into our lives. Amen.

🎵 O Come, All Ye Faithful | Hymnal Page 234 vs 1,2,3

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

🎵 Will We Know Him? | Shawnee UMC Choir

CHILDREN’S TIME

Isaiah 40:1-11 | Leader: The Word of God, for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God!**

IN THE ARMS OF GOD - Rev. Dr. Lori Reiber

OFFERING

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

As we bring our tithes and offerings to you, we pray that our giving continues to point to the Christ who comes in love and compassion. May our giving in this season reflect our hope for the promised kingdom to reign in our world. We pray this in the name of the Messiah, Jesus our Savior. Amen.

🎵 What Child Is This? | Hymnal Page 219

PASTORAL PRAYER | LORD’S PRAYER

🎵 O Little Town of Bethlehem | Hymnal Page 230

December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

10am Children’s Christmas Program in the Sanctuary

7pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service in the Centrum

11pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary

December 31

NEW YEARS EVE

10am ONLY Worship Service in the Sanctuary

SERVE WITH US AT OUR NEXT MOBILE FOOD PANTRY on Sat., Dec. 16 at Shawnee UMC! Please arrive at 7:15am to help unload the truck and sort the food. We will be both inside and outside that morning. All ages are welcome to help! To help spread “Season’s Greetings” We are collecting Hot Chocolate Packets & Seasonings to hand out. We are asking the hot chocolate be boxes of 8-10 packets and any kind of seasonings (Seasoning Salt, Italian seasoning, garlic powder, onion powder, etc!) so we can “spice” up our boxes we hand out! Let us know you plan to help by signing up on the church app or by contacting the church office.

IT’S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL TRADITION TO BLESS OUR SHUT-INS WITH A CHRISTMAS BASKET! Would you be willing to make and take a Christmas basket to one of our shut-ins? Please see the display in the Commons for an example of what your basket could look like, a list of suggested items, and a sign-up for whose basket you'd like to make and take. Please deliver your baskets to the appropriate person anytime between December 4-22! See Lori Wright with any questions.

CAN YOU HELP? We are needing more people to usher one time a month at the 11am service. Contact the church office if you’re willing to help!

ANGEL TREE NEEDS YOU! We will be delivering our gifts on Saturday, Dec., 23 We will meet at the church at 9am, have breakfast & then deliver the gifts after that. This is a great activity for all ages and family types! Please sign up on the app or contact the office if you can help!

AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE Friday, Jan 12, 2024 from 5:30-9 pm—Sat., Jan. 13, from 9-Noon.
*Childcare will be provided if needed. (There is an optional Friday night social event after we close.)
Soup and Salad Meal and Continental Breakfast provided. Let us give thanks to the Lord and start off the New Year with the best possible attitude! This retreat will focus on the things that we are grateful for! We will also dive deeper into the spiritual discipline of giving thanks in all situations. Time will be spent developing a gratitude journal, reflecting on scripture, experiencing prayer stations and spending time with friends and fellow disciples. This retreat is geared towards adults (but if there is enough need for childcare, we will offer some special activities for the kids as well).

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS Now available for purchase. Please fill out the “Get Involved” form on our app, a form at the Welcome Desk or call the office. Please place the money in the offering plate or the lock box in the office. They are \$16 each. Orders due by Fri, December 15!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND CHRISTMAS CARDS to our shut-in congregation members, you can find an updated list at the welcome desk!

WE HOPE THAT YOU ARE ENJOYING THE NEW PICTURES on the wall in our foyer of the kids receiving an education at the Borde school in Haiti! For three decades now, Shawnee UMC has been invested in this school & we have continued to financially support them since. Please be in prayer during this school year for the students, staff, and Pastor Obed at the Borde school in Haiti!

THERE ARE NOW CHRISTMAS BOOKS in the commons bookcase! They are available to be borrowed by anyone, no sign up sheet, they are on the honor system. Help yourself!

OUR SAMARITAN HOUSE goCO will meet twice during the month of January. On Tuesday, January 9, we’ll have a time of planning and fellowship at The Grind (320 S Cable Rd) at 11:30am. Our serving event will be Tuesday, January 23 @ 5:30pm where we will serve dinner to the ladies & children at The Samaritan House. All women are welcome to join at either event! We will not meet in December.

SUMC FAMILY & YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS

EVERY SUNDAY: QUEST SUNDAY SCHOOL for 5th grade & up. We will begin at the 11:00 worship service for the music & then head to the Youth Room after the songs for a discussion of the Scripture, snacks, activities and fellowship. All youth are welcome but High Schoolers are encouraged to serve in worship, the tech team, Roots Kids Ministry or elsewhere.

JANUARY 28TH CHILI COOK OFF 12:00 P.M. IN THE SOLID ROCK CAFÉ Everyone is invited to our first Chili Cook off! Enter your best chili by signing up (email or text Lisa at kidsminlisa@gmail.com or 614-746-9465). \$5.00 to sample chili (cornbread, cookies & drinks included). You can "vote" on your favorite chili with dollars and change- so bring your cash!

JANUARY 6TH, YOUTH GROUP RESUMES for 5th grade and up! 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the Solid Rock Café (every Sunday unless noted) Join us for fun, fellowship, games & Bible study & discussion about real life Biblical application

REMIND MS & HS youth and their families are invited to sign up on the Remind app to get up to date information, links to event sign-ups, and more. Sign up by texting the following code to 81010.
High School: @ygsunmctumc Middle School: @mssunmctumc



UPCOMING CALENDAR

Are you getting
our text notifications?

Text the word Shawnee to the
number 844-242-4708.

Dec 16 - Mobile Food Pantry

Dec 17 - Angel Tree Gifts Due

Dec 23 - Angel Tree Delivery

Dec 24 - Family Christmas Program- 1 SERVICE ONLY @ 10am in Sanctuary

Dec 24 - Contemporary Christmas Eve services @ 7pm in Centrum

Dec 24 - Traditional Christmas Eve services @11pm in Sanctuary

Dec 23 - Jan 1 - Office Closed

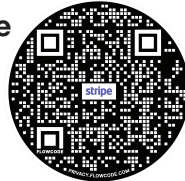
Dec 31 - 1 SERVICE ONLY @ 10am in Sanctuary

Jan 21 - Youth Group Snow Tubing Trip at Mad River Mountain

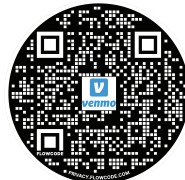
Jan 28 - Chili Cook Off

Feb 11 - Superbowl Sub Sale

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Ways to give electronically...



Venmo

DON'T
FORGET TO
CHECK IN!

church center

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OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY	8:30am-3:30pm
TUESDAY	8:30am-3:30pm
WEDNESDAY	8:30am-11:30am
THURSDAY	8:30am-3:30pm
FRIDAY	8:30am-3:30pm



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December 10, 2023 | 9:30am Service

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