

**Stewardship of Time and Talents, December 20, 2015**

General.....\$2,289.16	Bathroom.....\$50.00
Parsonage.....\$125.00	Coffee Outreach .....\$20.00
Hospitalization .....\$50.00	Attendance ..... 51

**Schedule of Events and Meetings for this Week**

Today, December 27, 2015 .....	9:00 AM.....	Worship
.....	10:00 AM.....	Sunday School
Monday, December 28, 2015.....	9:00 AM.....	Sermon Shaping
Wednesday, December 30, 2015.....	9:00 AM.....	Book Club
Thursday & Friday .....		CUMC Office CLOSED
Saturday, January 2, 2015.....	11:30 AM.....	Food Pantry

**Announcements and Reminders .**

- The Portage Lions Club continues to collect old reading and/or prescription **eyeglasses** you no longer use. The eyeglasses are cleaned and given to those in need. Please place them in the box located in the Narthex, at CUMC. Thank you.
- **AGAIN, A SPECIAL THANKS** to everyone who so generously donated for this year's Christmas Food Baskets.

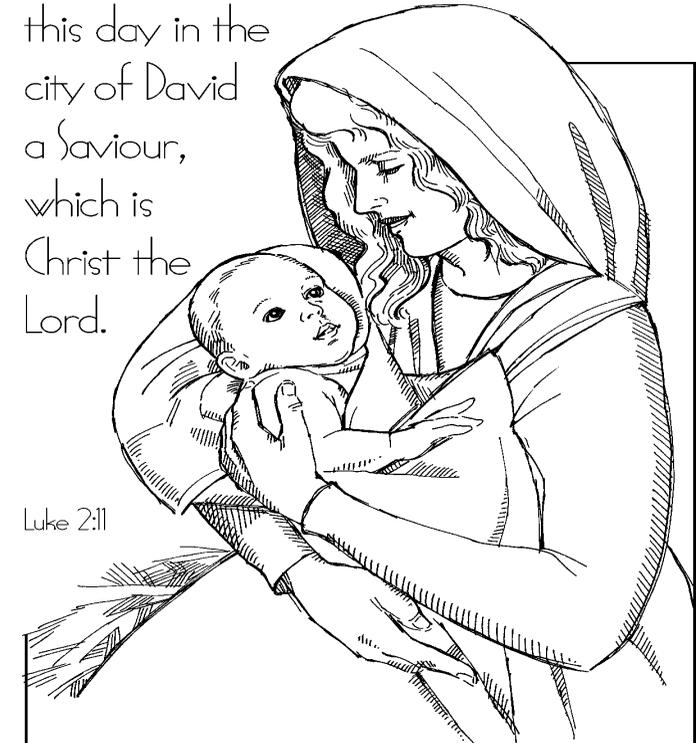
**Praises, Prayers and Concerns**

Don Allen	Tedd Aldrich	Terry Amos
Richard Angel	Kim Arasato	Ivan Avery Family
Enriqueta Baldonado	Mike Bateson	Family of Joanne Bechstein
Family of Hunter Blasius	Family of Chase Boltz	Linda Brownell
Julie Clausen	Josh Earl	Mary German
Leslie Gill	Mike Gill	Tate Glassford
Connie Grilliot	Betty Hampshire	Patricia Harm
Zachary Hunter	Phyllis Johns	Family of Zella Levanthal
Marcia Moore	Family of Tanna Naus	Gerry Otley
Family of Josh Pearce	Evelyn Perez	Joe Perez (Dad & Son)
Family of Coke Perez	Smoke Perez	Gary Rothenmueller
Kay Stevens	Family of Anne Strickland	Family of Franklin Taylor
Ethal Thomas	Dolly Warner Gregory	Ruth Troxel
Bennet Wossener	San Bernadino, CA	



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For unto you is born  
this day in the  
city of David  
a Saviour,  
which is  
Christ the  
Lord.



Worship: 9:00 AM  
Sunday School: 10:00 AM  
Vision Statement:

CHRISTIAN SERVANTS UNITED IN MISSION TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD  
[HTTP://HOME.DACOR.NET/CHRISTUMC/](http://home.dacor.net/christumc/)

# Christ United Methodist Church

December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas

\*(this symbol is an invitation to stand if you are able)

## Gathering and Preparation

Time of Gathering and Welcome

Announcement

Prelude....music to help us prepare for worship

\* Call to Worship

Alyce Roller

How are we to live as God's beloved children?

**We are to have attitudes and actions of compassion and justice.**

How are we to live as neighbors with one another?

**We are to put on the garments of love and peace.**

Let us come before the Lord in gratitude for all we have been given.

**Lord, thank you for all you continue to do in our lives.**

Hymn #234 (verses 1, 3, 6)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Christmas Prayer

Alyce Roller

God, who walks with each one of us, help us to place our trust in your guiding care for us as we gather to learn the great lessons of living in peaceful community with each other. Prepare us to be witnesses of your love and forgiveness. Make us ready to work for you in your creation; for we ask this in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son.  
**AMEN.**

## The Way of Letting Go

Offering the Prayers We Bring

Prayer for One Voice

## The Way of Creativity

A Conversation with the Children

Ellie Krassow

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

Christ's birth and role of peace and justice are foretold by Isaiah

Song #211 (verses 1, 2 7)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

The Second Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-9

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown  
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Song #216 (verses 1, 2)

The Third Lesson: Micah 5:2-4

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem

Song #230

O Little Town of Bethlehem

The Fourth Lesson: Luke 2:1-5

Luke tells of the birth of Jesus

Song #249 (verses 1,2)

There's a Song in the Air

The Fifth Lesson: Luke 2:6-7

Luke continues the story of the birth of Jesus

Song #229

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

The Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:8-20

The shepherds go to Bethlehem

Song #238

Angels We Have Heard on High

The Seventh Lesson: John 1:1-14

The Word became flesh

Song #246

Joy to the World

## The Way of Compassion and Justice Making

Offering ourselves through our presence, gifts, service and witness

\*Doxology

Offering Prayer

## Blessing

A song to send us on our way

Hymn #251

"Go tell it on the Mountain"

Benediction

People who have been found, loved, and forgiven, go into God's world bringing messages of peace, love and hope to all you meet. Be prepared for lives of service, helping others in all kinds of needs and situations. Go in peace.

**Postlude** (Pause to gather thoughts, feelings and possible actions that may result from this time of worship. Please remain seated until it is finished.)

## Participants in this morning's Worship

Pastor..... Rev. Bruce McDaniel  
Organist ..... Linda Allen  
Pianist ..... Kathy Bame  
Acolyte .....  
Liturgist..... Alyce Roller  
East Greeter ..... Jackie Krassow  
North Greeters..... Millie Broka  
Ushers..... Jay and Anne Deutschman