

Schedule of Events

Today, December 28, 2014, 9:00 a.m., Worship; 10:00 a.m., Sunday School
Monday, December 29, 2014, 9:00 a.m., Sermon Shaping

Participants in this morning's Worship Service

Pastor, Rev Bruce McDaniel
Organist, Linda Allen
Pianist, Kathy Bame
Liturgist, Paul Herringshaw
Greeters: East, Bruce and Deb Smith
North, Millie Broka
Ushers, Jay and Anne Deutschman

Stewardship of Time and Talents, December 21, 2014

General, \$1,243.05	Parsonage, \$100.00
Hospitalization, \$100.00	Christmas Offering, \$275.00
Building, \$20.00	Poinsettia, \$16.00

Prayer/Concerns Requests

Sherrred Adam, Jim Avery, Mary Briggs, Family of Nancy Bostdorff, Lisa Cole
Joe Colen, Family of Dennis Deters, Josh Earl, Dale Fry, Carole Hummel, Zak
Hunter, Charlotte Jones, Char Kelly, Family of Tom & Char Horky, Brent
Hoestetler, Karen Landries, Roy and Vicki Lanham, David Lowe, Nancy
Lowe, Kay Michaels, Marcia Moore, Joe Perez, Laura Rothhaar, Family of
Bob Sabo, Ralph Stacey, Family of Nicholas Salaz, Nancy Stehulak, Derek
Stender, Family of Michael Wenig

Announcements and Reminders

- **BANNER COMMITTEE** will meet January 4th after church to create our new masterpieces. Lunch will be provided.
- Please mark your calendars, our **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DAY** has been scheduled for Saturday, January 31, 2014, from 9 AM – 4:30 PM. Details will be posted at a later date.
- **THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 31 and January 1, 2, 2015.**

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Christ United Methodist Church

December 28th, 2014
1st Sunday after Christmas

Sharing of Events & Ministries

Passing of the Peace (Greet one another with gestures of welcome)

Prelude as the Light of God enters Among Us

Call to Worship

Spinner, weaver of our lives, your loom is love.

May we who are gathered here be empowered by that love

To weave new patterns of truth and justice into a web of life

That is strong, beautiful, and everlasting. May it be so.

Hymn #234 O Come, All Ye Faithful (vss. 1, 3, 6)

Time with the children Endings and Beginnings

Reading of the Sacred Text **Luke 2:22-40**

Interpreting the Sacred Text "Uninvited Comments"

Prayers

Offering our prayers

Personal and Corporate Prayer

Litany for the Past Year

Let us remember and celebrate the past year. We light this candle remembering the children who were baptized this past year into our congregation.

This light beams so that all young people may be able to grow up receiving affection and protection.

We light this second candle remembering all those who have experienced grief and loss in our congregation: the death of a loved one, the ending of a significant relationship, the loss of employment.

This light beams for their continuing comfort and support.

We light this third candle remembering all those who have shared in ministry in this place: Ministers, lay preachers, organists and singers, those who offered pastoral care or reminded us of our wider community, those who visited hospitals, nursing homes, cooked meals or offered transport.

This light beams with the compassion of the Christ One in our midst.

We light this fourth candle remembering all those who have visited our congregation in recent times and decided to call this place, 'home'.

This light beams in order that we continue to explore and enjoy everything we have received, as a gift.

We light this fifth candle mindful of those who have called us to risk the way of Jesus: to create inclusive and safe, open, and honest communities for all.

This light beams as a symbol of hope in the midst of both challenge and comfort.

We light this sixth candle having each and every one of us in mind, bearing each other in strengths and weaknesses, anxieties and hopes.

This light beams on the pathways we have welcomed and where we didn't want to go. It will continue to shine for each and every one of us on the new pathways we will tread.

Offering

Offering of our presence, gifts, service and witness

Offertory and Doxology

Prayer over the Offering

Hymn #251 Go, Tell it on the Mountain

Words of Blessing

Our time in this sacred place may have ended,

but our connection to each other and our respective communities remain.

Together may we walk the path of justice,

speak words of love,

live the selfless deed,

tread gently upon the earth, and fill the world with compassion.

May the God who dances in creation,

who embraces us with human love,

who shakes our lives like thunder,

bless us and drive us out with power

to fill the world with her justice.