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Christmas Special Offering of the Christian Church *(Disciples of Christ)*

Your gifts received for the Christmas Offering will benefit the work and ministry of the Oregon-Idaho Region of our denomination. A few of the ministries supported by your Christmas Offering are the women's retreats, ministerial placement, support to Ecuador, leadership training, technical support and youth camps. The Christmas offering will be received Sundays, December 8 & 15.



JOIN US THIS ADVENT SEASON

Preparing the Greens, Saturday, Dec. 7, 9am, in the narthex. Dress in grubbies and bring pruning sheers if you have them. All are welcome to help.

Second Sunday of Advent, Dec. 8. Peace Sunday, Hanging of the Greens during morning worship, the Christmas Special Offering will be received.

Third Sunday of Advent, Dec. 15. The Christmas Special Offering will be received.

Church Christmas Workshop, Sunday, Dec. 15, following worship. Fun activities for all ages are planned including crafts and a photo booth.

Blue Christmas Service, Saturday, Dec. 21. Time TBA.

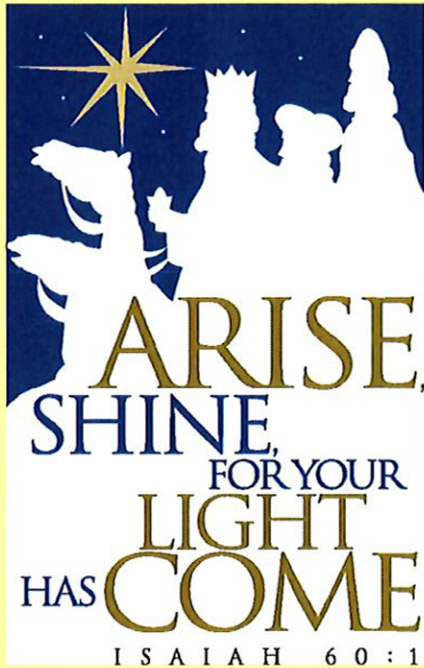
Fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec. 22, worship at 10:30am.

Caroling, Sunday, Dec. 22, 2:30 - 5:00pm. All are invited!

Shelton/Reid Open House, Sunday, Dec. 22, 5:30 - 7:30pm.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Tuesday, Dec. 24, 7:00pm

Sunday of Carols, Dec. 29, during morning worship.



Angel Tree gifts are due by Sunday, December 15th. Drop off in the church office.

Silverware Wrappers

- Dec. 12: Claudette M.
- Dec. 19: Ted K.
- Dec. 26: Nan & Larry M.
- Jan. 2: Ron B.
- Jan. 9: Claudette M.
- Jan. 16: Ted K.
- Jan. 23: Nan & Larry M.
- Jan. 30 Ron B. (5th Thursday)

PRAYER CORNER



Continuing Prayers

- Harrison Meyer
- Doug & Cathy Myers-Wirt
- Susie Adams
- Those traveling

Holiday Closures

Small Steps and the church office will be closed December 25, 26, 31 and January 1.

Epiphany Sunday

Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of God to the world and the journey of the magi, as well as the baptism, life and ministry of Jesus. Please join us January 5, at 10:30am for Epiphany Sunday.



Community Activities

The 2019 Medford Winter Lights Festival will be held in Pear Blossom Park, Saturday, December 7, 3:30 – 7:30pm. Bring the whole family for a night of holiday fun! Tree Lighting, Photos with Santa, Live Performances, Booths & Activities and Fireworks.

Kick off the season at the Annual Candy Cane Hunt. Special prizes will be awarded in each age group for finding the marked candy canes. Saturday, December 7, 4:30pm, Pear Blossom Park. Free event. Ages 1-12.

Home for the Holidays, the Rogue Valley Chorale will be joined by the Cantare Choir to present a variety of holiday homecoming music. Saturday and Sunday, December 7 & 8, Craterian Theater.

2019 Christmas Lights Tour, Friday, Dec. 13, 5:30pm. Enjoy the holiday lights and decorations around our valley in the comfort of a RVTB bus. Pre-registration required. Cost is \$6 per person. Pay online at: playmedford.com or call 541.774.2400 to pay over the phone.

Christmas Memories, presented by Southern Oregon Concert Band, with special guest, The Rogue Ringers and The Ashland Brass Quintet. Saturday, December 14, 7:00pm, at Central Medford High School auditorium, 815 S. Oakdale, Medford. Admission is free.



December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday								
<p>1</p> <p>10:30AM MFCC-Sanct., FH, Kit, Lib.</p> <p>11AM Korean-CH, FH, Kit</p> <p>1:45 AA-CH, FH</p> <p>1st Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>2</p> <p>ACCESS Food Pantry noon-2PM</p> <p>RV Chorale 6:30PM-FH</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7PM AA-CH</p> <p>Elders Mtg. 6PM @ Stacy's house</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7PM Korean-CH</p> <p>Bell Choir Practice 5:30PM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7PM AA-CH</p> <p>Community Dinner 5-7PM</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Prep the Greens 9AM Narthex</p> <p>Reiki-11AM, Lib.</p>								
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<p>22</p> <p>10:30AM MFCC-Sanct., FH, Kit, Lib.</p> <p>11AM Korean-CH, FH, Kit</p> <p>1:45 AA-CH, FH</p> <p>4th Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Caroling 2:30PM</p> <p>Shelton Open House 5:30PM</p>	<p>23</p> <p>ACCESS Food Pantry noon-2PM</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7PM AA-CH</p> <p>Christmas Eve</p> <p>Christmas Eve Service 7PM</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7PM Korean-CH</p> <p>Christmas</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7PM AA-CH</p> <p>Community Dinner 5-7PM</p> <p>Small Steps & Church Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>								
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Worship: Sundays, 10:30am

Access Food Pantry: Mondays, noon – 2:00pm

Thursday Night Community Dinner: Thursdays, 5:00 – 7:00pm

Pastor: Rev. Stacy Shelton

Accompanist: Jen Dykstra

Song Leader: Kathy Williams

Church Office: Katherine Goin

Small Steps Director: Teresa Fiuren

Food Pantry Co-Managers: Buttons & Marsha Cummings

