

The Current Of The River Of Life

Join us as we celebrate His
"Christmas Presence"

A Glorious Christmas Cantata

brought to you by
River of Life United Methodist Church
and First Congregational Church

Saturday, Dec. 4 ■ 3 pm
Sunday, Dec. 5 ■ 10 am

First Congregational Church
801 Bushnell St., Beloit

There is no cost; a freewill offering
will be shared by both churches.

Masks will be required.



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Please contact the office if you or a friend would like a prayer shawl. We have many shawls to share.

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Seven people without internet currently have the bulletin and sermon mailed to them each week. Call the church office if you would like them mailed to you as well.

Our condolences to the Family and Friends of...
Marianne Petersen's cousin Jenice

People we have prayed for....



Barbara	Jonathan
Brenda	Kerri
Doub	Kim
Erik	Linda
Gary	Matt
Harry	Nan
Helen	Trinity
Irma	



Pastor Brenda will be on Vacation from January 3rd through January 17th.
Please contact Pastor Keith with pastoral emergencies.

We are taking orders for the Disciplines 2022 devotion book.
Sign up at church or call the office 608-362-8866 by December 12th.
Regular/Large Print: \$12/\$13

Not ready to come back to in person worship yet?
Or out of town for the weekend?

Be sure to participate in worship on our church website or on Facebook. The River of Life website and Beloit Facebook page now have the Beloit service and the Clinton Facebook page has the Clinton service, so you can watch two services each week!

From the Pastor's Desk



I love Christmas lights! Although I have strings of colored lights, I usually decorate my tree with clear lights – so that they look white. Although we don't decorate the outside of our house anymore, I love when houses have the white icicle lights. Seeing them fills me with a combination of joy and peace. There is a stunning house in my neighborhood. Their backyard can be seen from Gateway Boulevard, so they decorate both the front and back yards of their house. They include nativity sets, so that wins points with me too.

John reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world. But Jesus said that YOU are the light of the world.

This will be an interesting Advent and Christmas season. There are people who are still not comfortable gathering with others. There are other people for whom Christmas will be "normal" this year. For all of us, how can we go into this Christmas season as light? How will people experience the light of Christ through us? How will people experience Christmas differently because of our light? After the losses of last Christmas, how do we be intentional about light and love this Christmas?

The answers may be different for each of us, but I would encourage you to think about it as Advent approaches. How will you be light this year?

I'll see you in church, where we reflect the light of Christ for each other!

Love, Pastor Brenda



This Advent we will be finding faith in the story of The Grinch. Be sure to attend worship each week as we talk about the heart that grew three sizes.



5:00 pm Beloit Family Christmas Eve Worship Service
7:00 pm Clinton Christmas Eve Worship Service
9:00 pm Beloit Christmas Eve Worship Service

Financial Corner

Month of:
October 2021

Current month :

Operating Income \$ 20,481.53

Operating Expense \$ 27,778.92

Year to date: 2021

Operating Income \$ 302,044.83

Operating Expense \$ 277,857.61

Designated giving year to date:

Apportionments: \$ 7,320.50

Gods Fund Balance: \$ 1,151.76

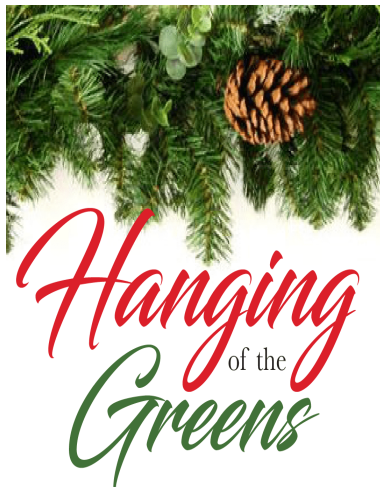
Bags of Hope Balance: \$ 5,453.70

Blankets of Warmth Balance: \$ 1,536.78

**Thank you to those that donated to
missions!!!**

**We received \$755.12 for Family Promise and
\$80.00 for World Communion!**

**We are excited to announce that people
can now donate to the River of Life United
Methodist Church online!**



Join us in preparing the church building for the
season of Advent

Wednesday, November 24th

5:30 pm Beloit

Hands of all sizes are needed and appreciated!
Enjoy festive music and food as we join together
in the Christmas spirit

Contact: Tracy Maxwell 608-290-3597

Clinton Hanging of the Greens:

Sunday, November 21st

Following 10:00 am Worship



MISSION NEWS

So many things to talk about in Missions this month!

First of all, **Loose Coins** for November are going to **God's Fund**. This is a fund we keep at the church to meet occasional situations where people need a helping hand. Someone who needs support to go on a mission trip or to church camp....someone struggling to get by who needs a gas card to get to work. In the past we have also kept some of this money on account with the Salvation Army, where we would refer people who ask for help at the church. The Salvation Army is equipped to screen and serve people in need.

In December, Loose Coins will go to the **Salvation Army**. Though some services have moved to Janesville, the Beloit location is still open three half-days a week. The Salvation Army provides free daily noon meals, a food pantry, addiction counseling, and many other services to alleviate both the symptoms and causes of poverty. Note: If anyone is interested in being a bell-ringer for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign this Christmas season, they may sign up for a time slot at <https://registertoring.com/> or call 608-757-8300, ext. 216, at the Janesville office.

MMDC updates -- One of the projects our mission trip members worked on at Midwest Mission was tracing **sewing patterns** for small children's outfits. The patterns are provided to people who want to work on the sewing at home. Pictured are some of the outfits that home sewers can make. We have one package of patterns available to anyone who would like to start sewing. See Diane Gemignani or Ellen Butchart.



Also, we received an email from Midwest Mission that the Home Care Kits (buckets filled with cleaning supplies) that our team filled were sent out on Nov. 3. They were shipped to Guyana through a partnership with Food for the Poor, who provide aid to school children and families internationally. It's great to know exactly when our efforts at the mission go into action!

And finally, a reminder that collection bins for our ongoing support of **Caritas** and **Project 16:49**, as well as the current drive for the **Clinton Food Pantry**, are in the coatroom at the Beloit campus. Caritas is asking for pop-top canned soup (other than tomato soup); 16:49 needs toiletries and nutrition bars for teens; our requested donation to the Food Pantry is jello and fruit cocktail.

-- Ellen Butchart

The next two adult mission trips
to Midwest Mission Distribution Center will be
March 30 - April 1, 2022
and
May 17-19, 2023

Watch for more information in the January Current!
In the meantime, if you have questions, contact Diane Gemignani
at dianegem23@gmail.com or 608-290-5274



News From

Caritas is financially healthy due to gifts from folks like all of us, gifts from companies and organizations, grants, and a forward-thinking executive board.

- ◆ Did you know Caritas provides a food box for each family at the Domestic Violence Shelter every two weeks?
- ◆ Did you know Caritas provides 85 food bags a week to Beloit School district for homeless and unaccompanied students?
- ◆ Did you know Caritas sends homeless and unaccompanied youth home with food for the weekend?
- ◆ Number of households served in Sept. = 407, 679 Adults, 264 Children

A recent audit verified that Caritas is in alignment with where they should be in all areas. A representative from Second Harvest indicated we are serving almost twice as many families as many of his other pantries.

We can be proud and grateful to be a part of such a strong organization reaching out to serve where the need is greatest.

GREATEST NEED PRESENTLY IS SOUP, SOUP, AND MORE SOUP,
(but noooo tomato please!)

Roger and Pat Sands, Representatives to Caritas

Loose Coins Offerings...

Formal Church Contributions....

Extra Donations in Church Bins. ..

How do they make a difference in the lives of our neighbors and community?

The Mission Committee is presenting a "Mission Fair" in February to share how our giving makes a significant difference through the organizations we support. Learn more on what and how our contributions put Christian love into action.

More information to come.

-Kathy Allen



Knit & Crochet With A Mission Group

Our next meeting is December 29th at 1:00 pm in the Office Workroom. We welcome all knitters and crocheters, no matter what skill level, and anyone wishing to learn.

If you have any questions call Sandy Ovist: 608-362-6583.

Please join us!!

Christmas Cantata Returning!

The Chancel Choir is thrilled to once again be able to offer a Christmas cantata to the congregation and community! We will present *Christmas Presence: A Gathering of Hope, Peace, and Love* at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4, and 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at First Congregational Church, 811 Public St. in Beloit. The Sunday presentation will be in a joint worship service of River of Life and First Congregational.

The cantata is under the direction of our Lois Ulvin, director of music at ROL. There will be an organ prelude by Max Yount, organist and director of music at First Congregational Church. Narration will be done by Rev. Joy Baumgartner and Rev. Gene Van Galder of First Congregational. As always, we have loyal guest singers and former members joining us in the choir. And Lois has secured an ensemble of our longstanding orchestra players, some of whom are making sacrifices to play for us.

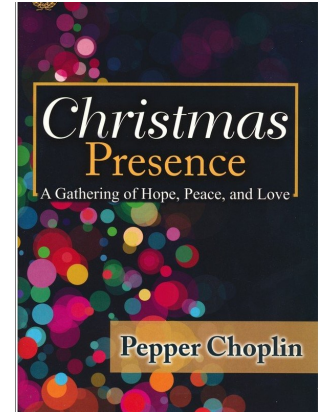
It's been two years (Christmas 2019) since we have been able to present a cantata with our expanded choir, orchestra, and piano. In March 2020 we were just two weeks from the date of our Easter cantata when the decision was made to cancel it due to the rising danger of Covid19. It's been a much longer hiatus than we ever expected, but the leadership of both churches have decided that, with Covid safety protocols in place, we can safely return to our joint music tradition this Christmas season.

Audience members will be required to wear masks and social distance. This is a requirement of First Congregational Church, and it has been working very well in their Musica Maxima concert series.

As we return to this beloved tradition, the choir will be feeling the loss of several dear people: our friend, stage usher, and "choir spouse," Paul Dixon; our longtime returning choir member, Lynne Kreisman; and our gifted narrator and singer, Dan Kreisman. Also, with Judy's retirement, it will be the first time in more than three decades that Judy Paddock will not be playing with us. But along with all those who have borne losses, we rejoice that we can come together to celebrate the coming of Christ and of God's peace.

We are excited to come back to this cherished holiday tradition, which many in the church and the community have told us is the start of the real Christmas season for them. We are excited to bring our message of unity and peace, and to bring people together in hope. Come and join us on Dec. 4 and 5 for *Christmas Presence*!

—Ellen Butchart



Note: If your name is not on our lists, please call the office so we can update our records.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 1

Peggy Buckler
Delores Hahn

December 2

Jeff Caple

December 4

Armoni Longman
Mikyah Longman

December 6

Madeline Cawkins

December 10

Britta Hartje

December 12

Louise Junig

December 13

Marilyn Busjahn

December 15

Destiny Knutsen

December 16

Sandra Hays
Lee Kuska

December 17

Ralph Irvin
Karen Parssinen

December 19

Zekaeus Lutzow-Fuller

December 21

Pam Dodge

December 24

Priscilla Pann

December 25

Roger Brendenmuehl

December 29

Sandy Ovist

December 30

Barbara Putney

January 2

Eleanor Burnside
Lora Cawkins

January 4

Katie Ward

January 7

Mary Jane Kellicut

January 8

Jean Schrader

January 12

Wilma Shultz

January 18

Steve Haas

January 20

Nita Hansen

Tru Longman

Shirley Sweet

January 22

Marlene Erickson

Kellyse Lutzow

Doug Mitchell

Nadine Stoner

January 26

Elsie Lynch

January 28

Nancy Bryant

Mark Hammett

January 30

Zachary Christiansen



December 1

Steve & Susie Haas

December 15

Tim & Jean Crawford

December 18

Dennis & Vicki Boschma

December 23

Bruce & Lora Cawkins

December 31

Scott & Kathy Weiser

January 16

Don & Deanna Parish

January 23

Bill & Kathy Rodgers

Issue deadline:

January 7th

The next newsletter will
be available January 16th





Pray Without Ceasing

Have you seen those ladies always wearing little white hats? They are usually members of the Mennonite or Old German Baptist Christian groups. They believe that women should have their heads covered when they pray and that they should be ready to pray at all times. Hence the little white hats.

I had occasion to visit with one of these ladies at the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Show last September. We talked about praying at all times, and I told her about the articles that I was writing for ROLUMC-UMW concerning praying in odd minutes

This lady told me that when she is trying to fall asleep at night, she prays for former pastors or members of her church. She starts praying for the oldest person first and continues down the line by age. She told me that she is usually asleep before she gets to the present pastor!

Do you have special odd moments when you pray? Would you be willing to share them with your UMW sisters? If so, please send them to carolc2933@gmail.com. Your name will not be used unless you give permission. I'm hoping to hear from many of you.

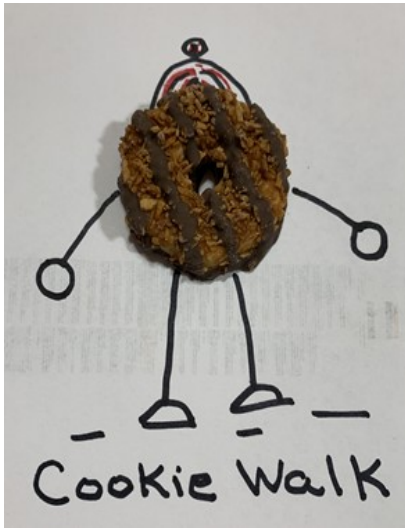


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Did you know that....

720 dozen cookies have been pledged for the cookie walk, with more likely to come?

We can hardly wait to see all those trays of cookies and to start filling our boxes on December 4th from 9-until sold-out



Watch out on December 4!!!

Why?

December 4 is the UMW annual COOKIE WALK and you may encounter cookies on the move. They will be walking right out of the Fellowship Hall and into someone's home for Christmas. You are invited to help them walk.

Time for the Cookie Walk: 9:00 until sold out.

Price: \$7.00 per pound

Watch out—Cookies walking most anywhere.



Mail Box Blessings

Wish a UM missionary worker a happy birthday!
Birthday greetings to foreign missionaries are best sent by email.
The following link is for free Christian greeting cards,
<https://www.crosscards.com>

jnday@umcmmission.org

Kyoni Nday is a missionary to Mozambique and is the contact person for the UMGLOBAL MINISTRIES, Combine Agricultural Ministry. The goal of this ministry is to provide enough food for the Educational Mission Center and to provide agricultural training for the students in the center. He provided the picture on the right. Wonderful information about this project may be found at <http://www.umcmmission.org/>.



Chin Cho December 16

ccho@umcmmission.org

Chin Cho serves in Mongolia! Just think, we here in Beloit, Wisconsin USA can have contact with a UM missionary in far off Mongolia. Chin has a wonderful story starting with being born into a Christian home and experiencing Christ in a personal way at a youth revival meeting when he was 16 years old. It is well worth the time it takes to key in the following link which tells about Chin and his family. I strongly encourage you to do this. <https://advance.umcmmission.org/%2Fp-1624-cho-chin.aspx>





UMW Calendar

December 4

Cookie Walk

December 14

Martha Circle Lunch

Mary Circle Lunch

A Steampunk Challenge for Somebody!?!

First off, what is steampunk?

According to Merriam-Webster steampunk is a noun meaning science fiction dealing with 19th-century societies dominated by historical or imagined steam-powered technology. A little broader meaning is just taking old stuff and repurposing it into something useful. Probably the simplest example would be taking an old typewriter key, or a scrabble piece, or a domino and fashioning it into a piece of jewelry.

This organ was donated to the UMW rummage sale. Obviously it didn't sell as it needs some tinkering to make it play. There seems to be no place to donate it.

Here comes the challenge:

Anyone can pick up this organ and repurpose all or parts of it.

Here are some ideas: a sofa table, desk or other furniture,

use the upholstery cloth for a cushion,

the keys can be made into jewelry,

key racks, and an amazing number of other things.

Some people are even scrapping them out and making lots of money, as seems there are a number of copper parts and sometimes silver.

Check out Pinterest for upcycled piano art or electric organs.

This challenge is open to anyone, anywhere!!!! Perhaps there is even someone out there who could repair it to once again produce beautiful music.



-Carol Connors, Communications Coordinator

From the Trustees.....

As we say good-bye to this year's growing season, the trustees would like to say thanks to at least a few of our members who have continuously given so much to grounds work. It is good to have so many who like to work to keep our campuses looking good.

The trustees would like to send a big thank you to Dennis Boschma for all his hard work pruning and trimming shrubs and tree branches at the Clinton campus. The church grounds really look good thanks to all of his efforts. During the growing season he has been keeping a good eye on things there. Thank you, Dennis!

The trustees would also like to thank Wes Brill for all his work, donated soil, and spring bulbs to make a spring garden in the little empty plot by the south side of the Beloit office. It will be a lovely spirit booster next spring. Thank you, Wes!

The trustees would like to thank Carol Allen for her efforts during the growing season to keep the flower pots looking beautiful by the church entrances at the Beloit campus. She also is the one responsible for the fall table displays and all the thought filled take home hand -outs the congregation has been enjoying after services. Thank you, Carol!

Aldrich Intermediate School is seeking volunteers to help with their Holiday Bazaar. The Holiday Bazaar is like a rummage sale of donated items but everything is free for the Aldrich families and community. Students often pick out items to be gift wrapped and given to their family for Christmas. Volunteers are needed on Friday, December 10th at 4:30-6:00pm to help with set up and on Saturday, December 11th from 8am to noon to help with the event and clean-up. Please see Karen Parssinen if you are interested.

-Carolyn Lynch



may you know
the comfort & joy
of God's
presence this
Christmas
season & always!
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Deco Update!

The Decorating and Furnishing Committee has been hard at work behind the scenes this fall. With the help of funding from the Memorials and Wills Committee, as well as some appointed donations, new paraments have been selected and will be purchased for the sanctuary. Altar clothes and scarves will be purchased for four liturgical seasons. There is an opportunity to purchase matching decorative banners that would also be used in the sanctuary; however, more funds are needed for this purchase. If you are interested in making a monetary donation towards the purchase of matching banners, please reach out to one of the team members. Another acquisition will be a large, locking storage unit for the current youth/multipurpose room. This unit will function as a private wardrobe for the Pastor to use when preparing for worship, and also for use with wedding parties during their preparations. Working in conjunction with the Hospitality Committee, soon new signage will be displayed above doors throughout the building to aid visitors and guests with room locations. Finally, our most recent project was cleaning and reorganizing the storage room in the Beloit church building. It was quite a project, and we're hoping all organizations and items now have a place to call home!

Committee members: Carol Allen, Sheryl Horvath, Tracy Maxwell, Kathy Smith, Kathy Weiser

Upcoming WATR

November 24th No Regular WATR, BUT 5:30 Hanging of the Greens

December 1st 5:30 Dinner; 6:30 Courage book study

December 8th 4:00 Tutoring; 5:30 Dinner; 6:30 Courage book study

December 15th December 22nd, December 29th, January 5th No WATR

Tutoring Resumes January 12th

Charge Conference December 7th at 6:30 pm

River of Life UMC will be having our own in-person Charge Conference this year. Our District Superintendent, Forrest Wells will be presiding. All members are encouraged to attend this annual business meeting.





The River of Life United Methodist Church Stewardship 2022 Campaign



What is Generosity? Generosity is the quality of being kind and unselfish, especially as it pertains to sharing money and other valuables with others. The Bible has a lot to say about generosity as a desirable character trait. Proverbs 22:9 says, "The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." God is generous, and He expects us to follow His example.

God's generosity is evidenced all around us. God created this planet that is specially suited to sustain us and provide for our needs and pleasures. He supplies us with color, light, sound, air, and the ability to taste and enjoy, hear and appreciate, touch and be satisfied. Above all, God demonstrated His generosity when He offered His Son as a sacrifice to atone for our sin. In the face of such generosity, we can only say, "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15). The gift of Jesus to sinful mankind was the ultimate act of generosity.

We, the members of The River of Life United Methodist Church, Beloit and Clinton Campuses have a lot to be thankful for! Your Generosity has been seen and felt by many folks within the surrounding communities local and afar. Our church feeds folks every month through the Monthly Pancake Breakfast held the second Saturday of each month at Clinton Campus. All are invited to share the breaking of the bread with others. We help feed many others through generous donations to both the food pantries of Beloit and Clinton. We help out in so many other ways. Not to forget to mention all of those delicious homemade cookies, cakes, cinnamon rolls and many others items you bake. Your Stewardship Team expresses great gratitude to each and everyone of you for all you do for your church.

Through your generous giving, through pledging and other donations, three in-house missions through our churches have been birthed. These three missions alone provide food, both for helping to fill a basket of food for the week or getting a warm meal for the day, personal hygiene products, comfort of getting their own blanket for warmth. These things could not happen without you! Your pledge also helps to grow new programs, help out current programs and overall, the legacy that each and everyone of you are creating and how we are utilizing the legacies of those who have gone before us. Thanks Be To God for each and everyone of you.

This year's campaign is winding down. There are approximately 117 pledge cards to be turned in. By the date this newsletter is printed, I will have mailed out letters to those who may have not had the opportunity to return their cards. Please take the time to complete your Estimate of giving card and return it in by putting it in the offering plate, or drop it off at the Beloit Office. After office hours, there is a mail slot for your convenience. We are in need of \$76,000.00 to meet this years campaign goal of \$300,000.00. Through your generous pledging and giving, we all can make this goal a reality.

God Bless To All,
Thomas C. Alverson
Stewardship Chairperson

Food cards for homeless students sought

November is National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Month

By HILLARY GAVAN
Senior staff writer

BELOIT— As more students are being identified as homeless in the School District of Beloit, Beloit Homeless Liaison Coordinator Robin Stuht is calling on the community to donate food cards in light of November being National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Month.

Cards may be dropped off or sent to: Beloit Learning Academy, 1033 Woodward Ave., Beloit, WI 53511. For more information people can contact Stuht at rstuht@sdb.k12.wi.us or by calling her at 608-361-4355.

Restaurant gift cards can be helpful for young people who may not have access to a kitchen. Having a gift card to a fast food restaurant not only provides a meal, but can give youth a pleasant place to sit down and study. Gift cards for grocery stores such as Walmart, Aldi's, Piggly Wiggly or Woodman's also can be a great help to hungry families. Gas cards can also assist families as it can help with transportation as well as shelter for those living in vehicles.

Gift cards for fast food or groceries can be \$10 to \$20 as every little



File photo

(From left): School District of Beloit Math Teacher and Homeless Advocate for Beloit Learning Academy Tracy Schoville and Homeless Liaison Robin Stuht hold fast food and grocery gift cards for a previous year's collection. They are again collecting the cards for hunger and homelessness awareness month in November.

bit helps. People may also want to see if they have unused gift cards they have received as gifts that they can share.

As of Nov. 9 Stuht said the School District of Beloit has identified 350 homeless students, defined as not living in fixed, adequate or regular night-time housing.

"That number continues to grow weekly.

We have some families living in their vehicles, garages, and basement floors," Stuht said.

Lack of stable housing continues to be a barrier for some students. While the school district can help students obtain food and hygiene items and provide academic and emotional support, it can't solve the problem of unstable housing situ-

ations.

Stuht said more families are risking homelessness as increasing numbers of landlords begin to sell their properties due to the high prices they can get in a booming housing market. Selling the properties is especially attractive to some landlords after they may have not received rent money

during the eviction moratorium.

"Kids are still losing their places due to landlords selling, and ones that are exiting their shelter stays are finding it very difficult to find any affordable or available rentals," Stuht said.

The most common issue students experiencing homelessness face is not knowing from one day to the next where they will be staying at night.

"Some are experiencing anxiety and depression. Many need clothing and access to washing clothing to go to school as they lose their items as they move from place to place," Stuht said.

Stuht said all schools in the district have a care closet. The schools also offer food, hygiene products, school supplies and many other items.

"This is all possible because of a community of caring people that donate gift cards to help our struggling students. What has become difficult for myself and other homeless advocates/social workers is to go home to a warm place and warm bed knowing some of our students are not afforded that at this time." Stuht said.

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thanksgiving
gather
thankful family
blessed grateful
together blessings
november

Happy
THANKSGIVING
Day



Youth Fun Page



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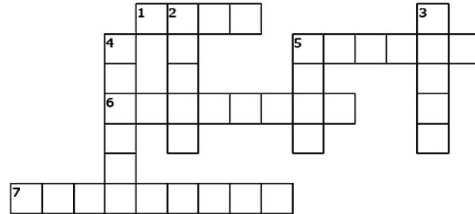
Birth Of Jesus

Crossword

The Birth of Jesus

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7 (KJV)

Puzzle is based on Luke 2:1-20



ACROSS

1. An infant or very young child
5. The place where Mary laid the baby Jesus
6. A person who takes care of sheep
7. The city where Jesus was born

DOWN

2. Heavenly being that told the shepherds about Jesus' birth
3. The savior of the world
4. The earthly father of Jesus
5. The mother of Jesus

JOSEPH	ANGEL	BETHLEHEM	BABY
MARY	SHEPHERD	JESUS	MANGER

Matthew 1 - The birth of Jesus

C T F R E G N A M H A S L E G N A E I
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Word List"

MESSIAH
 DAVID
 BETHLEHEM
 KINGS
 FURIOUS
 BAPTIZE
 HISTORY
 ABRAHAM
 INFANT
 MISSION
 JOSEPH
 BIRTH
 JERUSALEM

TREASURES
 GALILEE
 CHRIST
 GOSPEL
 SAVIOR
 DAVID
 FRANKINCENSE
 MARY
 IMMANUEL
 HEROD
 EGYPT
 NAZARETH
 TEACHER

DECEMBER
 SHEPHERD
 CARPENTER
 ANGELS
 DREAM
 PROPHECY
 JEREMIAH
 WARNING
 CHRISTIAN
 JEWISH
 MANGER
 ASTRONOMY
 PROPHECY

Fingerprint Holly Craft

Add a little touch to your gift tags this Christmas! You can make a single holly or continue making holly in a circle to form a wreath.



Materials:

- red finger paint • green finger paint
- old margarine container lid for a pallet • paper or card stock.

Instructions:

- Squeeze a bit of red finger paint onto a margarine container lid.
- Squeeze a bit of green finger paint onto the lid, spaced away from the red paint (or use a second lid).
- stamp the pad of your index finger into the green paint.
- Use your finger to make 2 holly leaves at angles to each other.
- stamp the tip of your pinkie finger into the green paint.
- Use your pinkie finger to stamp a red berry beside where the holly leaves are closest.
- fingerprint holly

<http://www.dltk-holidays.com/xmas/mfingerprint-holly.htm>

<http://www.joyfulmeditations.org/resources/kids/bible-activity-sheets>

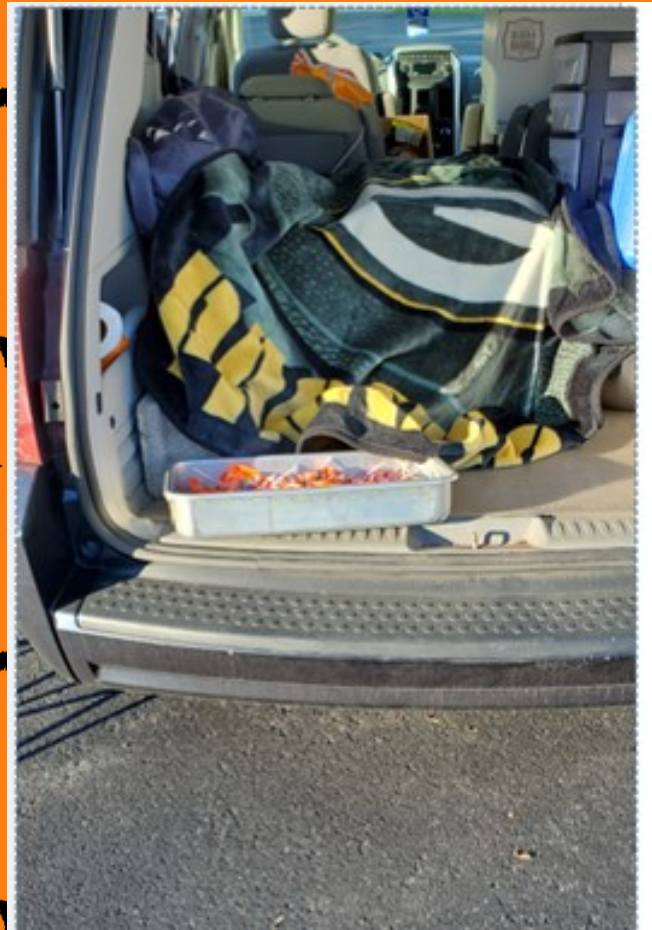
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FLAT JESUS CAME TO TRUNK OR TREAT



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Calendar of Events

Christmas BLESSINGS

Calendar

(also posted on the Web & Facebook)

- Nov 21 11:00 am Hanging of the Greens (Clinton)
- Nov 22 6:00 pm Trustees (FH)
- Nov 23 6:30 pm Ad Council (FH)
- Nov 24 5:30 pm Hanging of the Greens (Beloit)
- Nov 23 Office Closed
- Nov 24 HAPPYTHANKSGIVING
- Nov 28 Advent Begins
Special Offering United Methodist Student Day
- Dec 3 4:00 pm Food Stand & Clinton Holiday Parade
- Dec 4 8:00 am UMW Cookie Walk
3:00 pm Christmas Cantata at First Congregational Church
- Dec 5 10:00 am Christmas Cantata at First Congregational Church
- Dec 7 6:30 pm Charge Conference
- Dec 8 Deadline for Jello & Fruit Cocktail for Clinton baskets
- Dec 11 8:30 Clinton Pancake Breakfast
- Dec 12 Deadline to order Disciples 2022 devotion book
Special Offering for Apportionment
- Dec 14 11:00 am Missions (FH)
Martha & Mary Circles out to Lunch
Office out to Lunch
- Dec 20 6:30 pm Stewardship (FH)
- Dec 21 6:30 pm Finance (FH)

Christmas Eve:

- 5:00 pm Beloit Family Christmas Eve Worship Service
- 7:00 pm Clinton Christmas Eve Worship Service
- 9:00 pm Beloit Christmas Eve Worship Service

Sunday
9:30 am Beloit Worship
10:00 am Clinton Worship

Monday
1:00 pm Card Club (FH)

Tuesday
10:00 am Men's Coffee Hour (FH)
1:00 pm Staff Meeting (O)

Wednesday
10:30 am Bible Study (Zoom)
6:30 pm WATR &
Adult Bible Study

Thursday
4:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday
7:30 am Bible Study (Zoom)
5:30 pm Saturday Worship

