



Crossroads UMC
December 15, 2019
3rd Sunday in Advent

GATHERING

Please silence cell phones. Thank you!

WELCOME Jane Fleischer,
Director of Caring Ministries

PRELUDE

*(During the prelude we invite you to quietly
prepare your heart for worship)
(Mission Can Coin Offering)*

AN ADVENT READING Psalm 146

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*OPENING HYMN:

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear vs. 1,3,4
Red Hymnal #218

UNISON PRAYER: O Lord, you know the
deserts and the parched places in our lives. We
seek your healing power. Lead us on this
Advent journey to the place of new birth and to
the place of our redemption; for we ask this in
Jesus' Name. AMEN.

***GLORIA PATRI** *Red Hymnal #70*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(After message children may go to Sunday School)

OFFERING

Offertory Anthem

"My Soul Glorifies the Lord (Mary's Magnificant)
David Foley

*Doxology

Red Hymnal #94

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Blest Are They" vs 1,2,3
Black Hymnal #2155

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:39-56

L: The word of God for the people of God

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD:

"Blest Are They" *Refrain*

MESSAGE "Finding God in Our Families"
Rev. Don Ackerman

***CLOSING HYMN:** "Joy to the World"
Red Hymnal #246

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*(Please refrain from moving out of your pews or
talking until the worship team has reached the back
of the sanctuary...thank you).*

**All who are able please stand.*

Christmas Offering

The Christmas offering will go to support the food ministries of Crossroads. Christmas envelopes are in the pews. You can also use a regular envelope and just mark it "Christmas". Your donations go to provide a good many of our neighbors with a hot breakfast or a bag of groceries throughout the year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Claudia Selby 12/18	Betty Allison 12/21
Larry Smith 12/19	Ruth Rice 12/21
Michelle Jeffries 12/19	Nancy Newhouse 12/22
Jean Keating 12/20	Wilbur Klotz 12/22

If we missed your birthday, please contact the office so we can update our records.



Our church has many homebound members who would appreciate a call, card or visit. Contact the office for more details if you'd like to reach out to them & brighten their day!

OATMEAL MINISTRY CHRISTMAS BAGS



Providing Christmas gift bags for our breakfast guests has been a compassionate and loving tradition of the oatmeal ministry for many years. We plan to assemble **150 Christmas gift bags**, and to do this we need YOUR help!

We are requesting two key items...

1. Men's crew socks.

2. Holiday cookies and/or candy

Last day to donate is today!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Joan Huff; Cindy Black; Karen Justus & Family; Zestadell Family; Murphy Family; Kathy Dilley; Kay Groves; Bill Rogers.



FOOD PANTRY ITEM OF THE MONTH

Granola Bars



THIS Sunday, December 15

1:00pm New Vision UCC lunch ministry-Wesley Hall
11:00 am Bible Study in the Library
4:00pm WMM church —Wesley Hall

Wednesday, December 18

9:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast-Wesley Hall
6:00pm Volleyball - Gym
7:00pm WMM Church -Wesley Hall
8:00pm Sisters in Sobriety - Lounge

Friday December 20

1:30-3:30 Food Pantry
6:30-9:00 Little Flower Dinner & Clothing

NEXT Sunday, December 22

6:30-9:00am Oatmeal Ministry - Wesley Hall
9:00am Adult Bible Study - Library
10:00am WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY
1:00pm New Vision UCC lunch ministry -Wesley Hall
4:00pm WMM church - Wesley Hall

Office Hours Tue-Fri 9:00am-4:00 pm
OFFICE HOURS: Tue-Fri 9:00am to 4:00pm



Poinsettias Orders

We still have some poinsettias available if you haven't ordered yet. You may complete the form found on the table in the sanctuary or call the office. The cost is \$10.00.

Cards will be available on Christmas Eve for those of you who would like to deliver a plant to a homebound member. The poinsettia tree will be up on December 22 and Christmas Eve. You may take your plants home after the Christmas Eve service.



Crossroads at the Canton Charge
Saturday afternoon 2pm, Feb 29,
2020

More Info soon; mark you calendars.



2020 Flower Calendar

The 2020 flower calendar is up. Costs are **\$40.00** for two vases. If you would like to sponsor flowers, see the sign up sheet by the sound booth for available dates or contact the office. If you'd prefer to make a \$25 donation to the food ministries, a silk arrangement will be used in place of live flowers. Please mark "food" on the square when you sign up if that is your choice.