



# The Grinnell Presbyterian

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December 2017

Kirsten Klepfer, Pastor

## GARDEN OF READIN'...

I feel a little cheated this year.

Advent is the season before Christmas ó specifically, the four weeks leading up to Christmas Eve. I love Advent, and would go so far as to say I need Advent. It is the season of paradox: darkness and light; anticipation and paying attention to the moment; despair and hope; God's world has already come in Jesus and all is not yet well. Advent holds all of these things together ó or at least asks that we try to hold them together.

Advent helps me get through the commercial Christmas season with its relentless optimism and simplistic cheeriness, its reds, greens, and whites, shopping, Christmas trees, food. The commercial aspect of Christmas is so simplistic, so one dimensional, that it would ring completely hollow for me if it weren't for the complexity and depth of Advent. So I need it.

But this year, I feel like I'm not getting the whole thing. I will be gone the first Sunday of Advent, and the fourth Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve. Basically, I feel like Advent is cut in half for me. I will hear endless loops of Christmas music without the benefit of haunting Advent hymns. The simple peace of óSilent Nightó doesn't work for me without the slow, long yearning of óO Come, O Come, Emmanuel.ó The pure jubilation of óJoy To the World!ó falls flat without spending time, óIn the Bleak Midwinter.ó

I need it all for the world to make any sense. Our world is complicated, and holding on to hope in the face of the brokenness and challenges we encounter every day is hard enough without a culture that tries to oversimplify problems and deny our capacity for evil. Staying with the long, hard, slog-through-the-muck work of justice, peacemaking, and kingdom building is hard enough without a culture that forces you to be cheery and always ólook on the bright side.ó

We live in a óChristmasó culture most of the time, and so Advent becomes all the more necessary for the life of faith. Two weeks is not enough. Four weeks is probably not enough some years. I hope that all of us can find ways to embrace and engage Advent both in worship and outside of the church this year.

Pay attention to what music you are listening to, what things you are reading, what tasks are demanding your attention, and how you are feeling as a person of faith. Pay attention to the paradoxes that surround us, the small flickers of light in the darkness, the natural beauty amidst the destruction.

Live an advent life for these next four weeks, so that we might be truly prepared to welcome God as a vulnerable, beautiful baby in a world that draws our attention elsewhere.

Peace,  
Pastor Kirsten

## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

For the past several years, the Worship Committee has highlighted various groups in the church to light the Advent candles. This year they will be lit by members of the Worship Committee.

Dec. 3: **Char Ewan and Rich Thorson**

Dec. 10: **Ed and Karen Phillips**

Dec. 17: **Karla Kriegel and Susan McIntyre**

Dec. 24: **Suzanne Redenius and Donna Ricks**

Christmas Eve: **Dan, Sara McCue and family**



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

The annual cookie exchange and Advent service will be held on **Saturday, December 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.** Please bring two dozen cookies to share and enjoy some with coffee. Music and an Advent service will be enjoyed by all. Everyone is welcome!

A **BIG** thank you was received from our friends at the **Hearts and Hands Clinic** in Des Moines. Four boxes of baby items were delivered on November 16.

Thank you to all for the \$646.71 given to the Presbyterian Women Thank offering on Sunday, November 19.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING – AFTER 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY POTLUCK

Join friends from First Presbyterian Church in taking the beautiful music of Christmas to the homes of some of our homebound members and friends! This year caroling is set for Sunday afternoon, December 17, following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Potluck dinner. We'll travel with warm hearts and full tummies in daylight hours!

No tryouts are required for our caroling chorus! **EVERYONE** is welcome to share the joy of the season in this memory-making way!



## WORSHIP ON CHRISTMAS EVE: 7 P.M.



We will have our annual service of word, music and light. As always, we will end with lighting candles while singing Silent Night, to send us into Christmas centered on the birth of Christ.



## SAVE THE DATE – AN EPIPHANY PARTY!!!

Please save the evening of Saturday, January 6, for an all-church Epiphany Party! Karen and Ed Phillips, who have hosted such events in the past, are leading the planning for a joy-filled evening to mark the end of the 12 days of Christmas and the start of the Epiphany season.

More details will be announced as December progresses, but just know that this is a date that you will want to reserve on your calendar! Save it now!

Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush.

- Anonymous. Taken from [www.healthyspirituality.org](http://www.healthyspirituality.org).

## STEWARSHIP UPDATE

	<u>October</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Pledge Income	\$11,891	\$117,011
Budgeted	\$11,880	\$118,801
Total Income	\$12,399	\$122,026
Budgeted	\$12,371	\$123,717
Expenses	\$18,295	\$123,298
Budgeted	\$11,808	\$119,159

Let us all make a special effort this month to see that we finish the year with our pledges up to date, if at all possible. If you are uncertain as to where your giving stands for the year, you may call Sheryl Parmley at the church office (236-6059).

**If you have not turned in your pledge card for the year 2017 we hope you will do so this week.** You can send it to the church office or bring it in during Sheryl's office hours (Monday through Friday; 8:30 a.m. to noon). If you need a new form, let us know and we will get one to you.

## COLLEGE STUDENT LUNCH

Grinnell College Students are invited for lunch and conversation on **Sunday, December 10** immediately following the morning worship service. The lunch will be held at the home of **Carolyn Jacobson** and **Erik Simpson**. Rides will be available. Feel free to invite a friend. Students will receive more information by email the week before the event.

## THANK YOU FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Thank you to each of you for returning your **GETTING TO KNOW YOU** survey. These surveys help the worship committee as Sunday Servants are assigned. Additionally, Session committee chairs find them very useful as they do the work of the Session. The survey has also been helpful in updating the email lists which come out from the church office.

This Advent, I want to warm myself by the fire of hope!

-Christopher West

## LECTIONARY IN DECEMBER

**December 3ô 1st Sunday of Advent.** Lectionary reading: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37.

**December 10ô 2nd Sunday of Advent.** Lectionary reading: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8.

**December 17ô 3rd Sunday of Advent.** Lectionary reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28.

**December 24ô 4th Sunday of Advent. Christmas Eve.** Lectionary reading: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 (15-20).

**December 31ô 1st Sunday after Christmas Day.** Lectionary reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40.



## FOOD RECOVERY NET-WORK UPDATE

The Food Recovery Network is in need again of clean plastic food containers with lids; cool whip, cottage cheese or margarine containers work best. Please leave them at the church.

## DIRECTORY CHANGE

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## CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

Every year at the Christmas Eve worship service, we collect an offering that does not go to our general operating fund. The offering will be designated to go to the **Grinnell Ministerial Association** this year.

A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes...and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1943

## SUNDAY SERVANTS

### **December**

3- Liturgist: Char Ewan  
Greeter: Elizabeth Trimmer  
Deacon: Mary Lou Doty

Ushers: Carolyn Jacobson, Erik Simpson  
Coffee: Donna Winburn  
Acolyte: Peter Simpson

Van Driver: John and Susan McIntyre

Nursery Volunteer: Hannah Lundberg

Communion Servers: Dennis Day, Jim Ferguson

Offering Counters: Dan McCue, 2<sup>nd</sup> person as assigned by Finance Committee

**10-** Liturgist: Marlene Peak

Greeter: Char Ewan

Deacon: Paul Parmley

Ushers: Marv Doty, Russ Stoker

Coffee: Doty Stoker

Acolyte: Hanna McCue

Van Driver: Karla Kriegel

Nursery Volunteer: Emily Moore

**17-** Liturgist: TBA

Greeter: Miriam Baumann

Deacon: Ed Phillips

Ushers: Phil McCune, Rich Thorson

Potluck: Marlene and Ray Peak

Acolyte: Slane McCue

Van Driver: Paul Parmley

Nursery Volunteer: Jill Kaiser

**24-** Liturgist: Selva Lehman

Greeter: Montie and Suzanne Redenius

Deacon: Chrissy Hazlett

Ushers: Dan and Sara McCue

Coffee: Donna Ricks

Acolyte: Alana Ferguson

Van Driver: Al Ricks

Nursery Volunteer: Marta Miller

**246 Christmas Eve Service**

Liturgist: Donna Ricks

**31-** Liturgist: Montie Redenius

Greeters: McCue Family

Deacon: Marlene Peak

Ushers: Char Ewan, Janice Logan

Coffee: Mary Lou Doty

Acolyte: Zach Nickle

Van Driver: Carey Krull

Nursery Volunteer: Deb Martenson

Cake Baker: Karla Kriegel

### **January, 2018**

7- Liturgist: Ray Peak

Greeter: Sue and Jim Ahrens

Deacon: Phil McCune

Ushers: Denise and Rich Creps

Coffee: Linda Stoll

Acolyte: Lydia Klepfer

Van Driver: Marv Doty

Nursery Volunteer: Linda Cranston

Communion Servers: Karla Kriegel, Dan McCue

Offering Counters: Mary Anne Nickle, 2nd person as assigned by Finance Committee

**14-** Liturgist: TBA

Greeter: Dennis Day

Deacon: Gail Greenwald

Ushers: Alana Ferguson, Carolyn Jacobson

Coffee: Doty and Russ Stoker

Acolyte: Damien Nickle

Van Driver: Carey Krull

Nursery Volunteer: Kendall and Zach Nickle

**21-** Liturgist: TBA

Greeter: Art Heimann

Deacon: Paul Parmley

Ushers: David Isch, John Martenson

Potluck: Sue and Jim Ahrens

Acolyte: Julio Parmley

Van Driver: Marta Miller

Nursery Volunteer: Chrissy Hazlett

**28-** Liturgist: TBA

Greeter: Katie Hoisington

Deacon: Marlene Peak

Ushers: Janice Logan, Selva Lehman

Coffee: Karen Phillips

Acolyte: Peter Simpson

Van Driver: Montie Redenius

Nursery Volunteer: Evelyn Freeman

Cake Baker: Karen and Ed Phillips

### **I BELIEVE-**

That it isn't always enough to be forgiven by others. Sometimes you have to learn to forgive yourself.

## 2018 BIRTHDAY CAKE BAKERS

A new sign-up sheet is on the kiosk for 2018 cake bakers. Thank you for volunteering for this delicious responsibility each year.



Thanks be to God for the indescribable gift.

2 Corinthians 9:15

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NOVEMBER SESSION MEETING**

### **Reports from Working Groups**

**Personnel** ó staff evaluations have been completed. Recommendations for 2018 staff salaries and 2018 terms of call for Pastor Kirsten have been made to the Finance Committee. At the December 20, 2017 meeting, the session will review and recommend the congregation approve the terms of the call.

**Worship** ó the Committee met on November 13, 2017. Members of the Committee will be responsible for candle lighting during the first three Sundays of Advent. The McCue family will light the candles on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent.

There will be two worship services on December 24, 2017. Suzanne Redenius will identify the liturgist. Susan McIntyre will select the banner. Char Ewan will be responsible for the Christmas Eve service. The Christmas Eve service will be lessons and carols. Ed Phillips will help Sheryl Parmley find and put up the decorations. Sheryl will purchase the tree. The next Committee meeting will be Monday, January 8, 2018. The purpose of the meeting will be to prepare for Lent. Ash Wednesday is February 14, 2018. Easter Sunday is April 1, 2018.

**Education** ó Pastor Kirsten gave each working group chair the list of persons who indicated their willingness to serve as a result of the "Getting to Know You" survey. Pastor Kirsten encouraged each chair to reach out to their new members.

**Finance** ó the 2018 budget will be presented to the Session for approval at the December 20, 2017 meeting.

**Memorials** ó the next Memorial Sunday will be September 16, 2018.

Motion made by the Committee for the Finance Committee to set up a separate fund to be a gift in a fixed amount for young persons in the congregation transitioning from high school into their next phase of life. The motion passed. Dan McCue, Marta Miller and Janice Logan will set up the guidelines for the fund. The fund will be available in the spring, 2018.

Motion made by the Committee to approve the purchase of a gigaware speaker and a Bose SoundLink Revolve Bluetooth speaker. The total amount of this purchase is \$230.00. The motion passed. The speakers will supplement sound from the computers used with the projector.

Motion made by the Committee to approve the purchase of a rotating wire literature rack for \$120. The motion passed. The rack will replace many of the acrylic brochure holders scattered through Fellowship Hall.

Motion made by the Committee to approve using the Velda Bossø memorial, in the amount of \$425, for Take Away Hunger. The motion passed.

Stan is in the process of reviewing bids for automatic door openers and light weight church tables.

**Nominating Committee** ó the Committee is working on the slate for elders and deacons. The slate will be presented at the December 20, 2017 meeting for the session to review and recommend the congregation approve the slate of officers.

**Presbytery Report** ó Dennis reported most of the Presbytery meeting held on November 14, 2018 was spent on the 2018 budget. A budget with a \$47,000 deficit has been passed. There are other sources available to offset this deficit if necessary. Three missions supported by the Presbytery will see decreased funding. The suggestion has been made by the Presbytery to accept the per capita collected by each church rather than the amount accessed. Per capita for 2018 is \$43.52.

### **Unfinished Business**

Jenny Peek will receive a custom made stole. A rendering has been made which depicts the windows in the sanctuary. In addition, Mary Ogata, widow of Pastor Dan Ogata, is donating a stole which was Dan's and incorporates the Presbyterian cross.

### **New Business**

#### **Dates**

Motion made by Stan to approve the following dates. Jim seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Session Meeting (includes outgoing session members): Wednesday, January 10, 2018.

Congregation Meeting: Sunday January 14, 2018 following worship.

Officers' Ordination/Installation: Sunday January 21, 2018 during worship.

Officers Retreat/Training: Sunday, January 21, 2018 following worship.

All committee written reports are due December 18, 2017.

**Christmas Eve Offering** ó motion made by the Worship Committee to approve the Grinnell Ministerial Association be the recipient of the offering. Motion passed.

**Audit of Financial Records** ó Karla submitted a letter to session indicating she had reviewed the records for the 2015 and 2016 First Presbyterian Church general fund. They are found to be accurate with a few minor corrections. The bank statements for the Memorial Fund, Capital Improvement, Presbyterian Women, Deacons and the certificate of deposit for the church are in good standing.

### **Pastor's Report**

Pastor Kirsten will be gone November 20, 2017 through December 5, 2017. During that time she will not have access to email or phone. Rev. Dondrea Walker will be on call while Pastor Kirsten is away. Also, our deacons will be available as needed.



**Sara and Dan McCue** for hosting the college lunch in November.

**All the deacons** for another successful Harvest

Dinner!

**All those who participated in Take Away Hunger.** Much needed food was sent to Texas and Florida.

**Dennis Day** for attending Presbytery in November.

**Char Ewan** for being such an outstanding clerk of session! Every year, our records are reviewed at the Presbytery level, and every year we get a great review because Char does such a wonderful job. Thanks also to **Sheryl Parmley** for helping to get the books put together.

**Mary Lou Doty** for creating the beautiful Table of Bounty in the sanctuary on Harvest Sunday.

**Jon Melhaus and Al Ricks** for preaching for Pastor Kirsten while she was away.

**Mary Ogata** for donating a beautiful stole of Dan's to give as a gift to Jenny Peek upon her ordination.

**Church Women United** for a beautiful World Community Day worship service.

**Susan McIntyre, Donna Ricks, and Char Ewan** for helping with the All Saints Day service.

**Al Ricks** for filling in at the organ for Mary when she's been gone.

**David Isch** for assistance with the front door. **Meredith Breiting, Mary Fopma, Al Ricks,** and **Donna Ricks** for their assistance with the setting up for the funeral service while Pastor Kirsten was away.

**Sheryl Parmley** for hosting the funeral and working with the family.

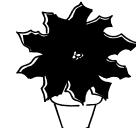
**Donna Ricks** for updating the kiosk.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

8<sup>th</sup> Amber Martenson  
Elliott Uhlenhopp  
9<sup>th</sup> Damien Nickle  
12<sup>th</sup> Zach Nickle  
20<sup>th</sup> David Cranston  
23<sup>rd</sup> Richard Creps

*Happy Birthday!*

## POINSETTIAS



Poinsettias will decorate our sanctuary on December 17, Christmas Eve, and the following Sundays.

If you would like to provide one, please bring it or have it delivered to the church by 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 16. If your poinsettia is a memorial, please give the information to Sheryl in the church office by **Wednesday, December 13**, so that it can appear in the Sunday bulletin.



## DIRECTORY CHANGES

This is a regular feature of the newsletter so that we can keep our picture directories up to date. Please notify the office if your address, phone number or email address changes. Thank you.

HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE

## PRAYER TIME: TUESDAYS AT 4 P.M. (NOTE THE NEW TIME!)

Every week, a small group gathers in the library for a time of silent prayer and meditation. All are welcome: come once, come every week, come whenever you can. If you want more information or have questions, call Pastor Kirsten.



## ALTERNATIVE GIFT GIVING

Give a goat for Christmas! Or some rabbits or chickens, or half a water buffalo! Please consider giving a donation to **Heifer International** in honor of a friend or loved one this Christmas season. You can do so online at [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org) and have a gift card sent to your recipient acknowledging your gift. Or, you can make a donation through First Presbyterian and put "Heifer" in the Memo line. Sheryl has some gift cards at the church office.



## ADVENT

The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming" or "visit," begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year for Christians. [Liturgical -- from liturgy, which means the forms and functions of public worship.] During Advent, we prepare for, and anticipate, the coming of Christ. We remember the longing of Jews for a Messiah and our own longing for, and need of, forgiveness, redemption and a new beginning. Even as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward anticipating the second coming of Christ as the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming. Taken from [www.umc.org/advent](http://www.umc.org/advent)

At this Christmas when Christ comes,  
will He find a warm heart? Mark the sea-  
son of Advent by loving and serving the  
others with God's own love and concern.  
- Mother Teresa

Lawrence Hall Dec 2016

### **ADVENT ROSARY**

Dark Advent is a silent waiting time  
When autumn chills into pale, year-end days  
And joy seems smothered by hard-frosting rime:  
Cold is the debt that spring to winter pays



In Advent we rediscover the beauty of  
all being on a journey...across the paths  
of time. - Pope Francis

The seasons link to seasons in a chain,  
The chain of being that links, also, our souls,  
Seasons and souls, not always without pain:  
Summer's wild lightning falls and thunder rolls.

Linked to us too, rose by mystical rose,  
This holy Advent is Our Lady's Grace  
To us who wait in exile sad; she knows  
Where souls and seasons sing, the Night, the Place.

Seasons and souls, linked to days dreary-dim:  
Follow them with roses to Bethlehem.

## A FRANCISCAN BLESSING

(Al Ricks used this as the blessing/benediction at the end of the service on Sunday, November 26, 2017)

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejections, starvation and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

And may the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you, now and forever. Amen.

# December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study  4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Boy Scouts Din- ner	2
3 Holy Commun- ion Food Pantry 9:15 Sunday School 2:00 Turlach Ur	4 7:00 Alanon	5 12:00 Food Re- covery Network  4:00 Prayer	6 12:00 Food Re- covery Network	7 5:15 Respite	8 10:00 a.m. Toys for Tots Distribution in Fellowship Hall and Parking Lot  12:00 Lectionary Bible Study	9 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. PW Cookie Exchange
10 Heifer College Lunch 9:15 Choir, Sunday School 2:00 Turlach Ur 7:00 Taize at United Methodist Church	11 7:00 Alanon	12 10:00 Care Giv- ers Group 12:00 Food Re- covery 4:00 Prayer	13 12:00 Food Re- covery Network  6:30 Deacons	14 5:15 Respite	15 12:00 Lection- ary Bible Study	16 7 am to 9 am Food Share
17 Third Sunday Potluck and Car- oling Party 9:15 Choir, Sun- day School 2:00 Turlach Ur	18 3:00 to 6:00 Food Distribu- tion 7:00 Alanon	19 12:00 Food Re- covery Network  4:00 Prayer	20 12:00 Food Re- covery Network  6:30 Session	21 5:15 Respite	22 12:00 Lection- ary Bible Study	23
24 9:15 Choir 2:00 Turlach Ur 7:00 Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas Day Office closed	26 Newsletter Deadline 10:00 Care Givers Group 12:00 Food Recov- ery Network 4:00 Prayer	27	28 10:30 Newslet- ter Mailing 4:30 Bell Choir 5:15 Respite	29 12:00 Lection- ary Bible Study	30
31 Birthday Sun- day 9:15 Choir 2:00 Turlach Ur						

## SUNDAY SERVANTS

**February, 2018**

4- Liturgist: TBA

Greeter: Jill Kaiser

Deacon: Phil McCune

Ushers: Creede McClellan, Donna Winburn

Coffee: Kendall Nickle

Acolyte: Hanna McCue

Van Driver: Al Ricks

Nursery Volunteer: Alana Ferguson

Communion Servers: TBA

Offering Counters: TBA

**11-** Liturgist: TBA

Greeter: Hannah Lundberg

Deacon: Mary Lou Doty

Ushers: Phil McCune, Stiven Parmley

Coffee: Donna Ricks

Acolyte: Slane McCue

Van Driver: Marv Doty

Nursery Volunteer: Emily Moore

**18-** Liturgist: TBA

Greeter: Erik Simpson

Deacon: Paul Parmley

Ushers: Ed and Karen Phillips

Potluck: Gail Greenwald

Acolyte: Lydia Klepfer

Van Driver: Carey Krull

Nursery Volunteer: Peter Simpson

**25-** Liturgist: TBA

Greeter: Lola and Dallas Sterk

Deacon: Chrissy Hazlett

Ushers: Rich Thorson, Janet Carl

Coffee: Janice Logan

Acolyte: Damien Nickle

Van Driver: Susan McIntyre

Nursery Volunteer: Jill Kaiser

Cake Baker: TBA

**The March and April Sunday Servant lists will appear in the January, 2018 newsletter.**

## A NOTE FROM THE MICA FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is extremely grateful for our donation of 19.7 pounds of food plus the milk and bread vouchers. With our support the MICA Food Pantry was able to provide food to 316 households throughout Poweshiek County during the month of October. However, since families are now eligible to obtain food twice a month, 411 food boxes were distributed.

The need for food on the pantry shelves continues to grow. Expenses are high for the MICA clients, so all kinds of items are appreciated. In addition to staple food items, fresh fruit and vegetables are appreciated at this time of year. Personal hygiene items help the clients meet their family needs. Other items such as laundry detergent, dish soap, dryer sheets, etc. are also appreciated. Additional, a monetary donation is also accepted for MICA to purchase food items. Whatever you donate, is greatly valued!



## HAND BELL CHOIR

There will be no Bell Choir practice in December.



**There is no  
Sunday School on  
December 24 or  
December 31.**

## THINGS THAT WILL MAKE YOU SMILE!

Hot chocolate loaded with marshmallows and peppermint candies.

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Return Service Requested

