



This year's Service of Peace will be held at our Cluster Sister Church Clay United Methodist Church.

The Service of Peace is designed especially for people who do not feel "merry and bright" during the holidays. God's faithfulness is present despite the circumstances of life and the Christ Child came to bring comfort and peace to all who seek Him

Service of Peace (Longest Night) Monday December 16th



December 16
6:30pm
Clay United
Methodist
Church

Christmas Truce: a history lesson

The **Christmas truce** was a series of widespread, unofficial ceasefires that took place along the Western Front around Christmas 1914, during World War I. Through the week leading up to Christmas, parties of German and British soldiers began to exchange seasonal greetings and songs between their trenches; on occasion, the tension was reduced to the point that individuals would walk across to talk to their opposite numbers bearing gifts. On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day many soldiers from both sides independently ventured into "No Man's Land" where they mingled, exchanging food and souvenirs. Several meetings ended in carol-singing.

The truce is seen as a symbolic moment of peace and humanity amidst one of the most violent events of modern history.

Taken From Wikipedia the free encyclopedia

.With God All Things are Possible. Remember our Service Personnel in your Prayers.

Sunday
Worship 9am
Kidz Praise 9am
After Children's Message

Sunday School
10:15

Every other Sunday
Club 456 plus! 3pm

Wednesday
Friends of Christ 5:30
Senior High Youth Group
7-8:30

Ministers:

Members of Northwest
United Methodist Church

Pastor:
Rev. Vickie VanNevel
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Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
7pm December 24th
Join the Celebration of the
Birth of Jesus our
Lord and Savior



Applying Bible Principles

“Strategic planning” is a two-word term that can best be described as a “buzz word.” It’s in vogue. It’s trendy for businesses (and churches) to talk about and engage in strategic planning.

Frequently, when quizzed about why they should engage in strategic planning, business owners and managers will respond with a host of reasons and yet miss the basic benefit that comes from planning: Businesses which plan are more profitable than those which do not. In other words, those who aim at something are more likely to hit it than those who aim at nothing.

Similarly, when it comes to giving, Christians are to develop a “strategic plan.” We are instructed to set aside funds systematically, regularly, for support of the Lord’s work. In that way, when we come to worship each week, we’ll be

prepared to give. We will have “planned” our giving under the divine leadership of the Holy Spirit. Then, by giving that which we have set aside, we will put our plan to work as the offering is received.

Yes, the Holy Spirit can and sometimes does lead us to give gifts in a spontaneous manner without planning. But as a rule, **s p o n t a n e o u s , u n p l a n n e d** giving is the exception. Most of the time, God wants His people to give systematically and to respond to His direction in their lives by careful planning.

Just because they are not physically present when the offering plate is passed does not mean that they skip a Sunday.

Speaking of consistent givers (the kind who generally plan their giving), Randy Alcorn described them as the “backbone of the church.” Such people do not miss giving to the Lord’s work, even when they are unable to attend. Just because they are not physically present when the offering plate is passed does not mean that they skip a Sunday or

two in supporting the life and ministry of the church.

Be ready to give as the Spirit of God leads, even on a moment’s notice. Be ready to give when a special need arises. But most of all, develop a “strategic plan” to give by seeking God’s direction concerning your giving and by putting aside funds in preparation for giving. Then “work your plan” by giving those funds as you gather at Northwest United Methodist Church with other Christians each Lord’s Day. And when you can’t be present for worship, plan carefully to be sure that your giving follows your plan. Remember, the work and ministry of Northwest United Methodist Church go on week after week, even when you are unable to be present.



We would like to thank our church family for their prayers and support over the last 18 months while Mary fought her battle with cancer. My brother Scot and Mary truly believe in the power of prayer and know this is what helped her to stay strong until she was called to her home in heaven. We are truly blessed to belong to such a caring church.

Eric, Brenda, Carolyn and the Scott Jena family.



Prayer Network: Power of a Praying Church

Throughout the month of December the following families or persons will be lifted up in prayer by our Prayer Ministry Team. Please add these families to your own prayer list.

- Rhonda Clifton
- Martha Kouts
- Rick & Mary Ann Nimtz
- Dorothy Webb

If you have a prayer concern you

can call or e-mail your concern to Rosie Yaw.

Rosemerry Yaw
269-683-6388
e-mail: rosiebr2@juno.com

The prayer chain is a very important part of who we are here at Northwest UMC. We invite anyone that would like to be a part of this important ministry to contact Rosemerry Yaw .



Attendance August

November 3	139
November 10	123
November 17	126
November 24	128

December Scripture

December 1
Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14;
Matthew 24:36-44

December 8
Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

December 15
Isaiah 35:1-10
Luke 1:47-55

James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

December 22
Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

December 24
Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-20

December 25
Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98
Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)
John 1:1-14

December 29
Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm 148
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23



*Advent
Scripture Lessons*

December Volunteers

Sunday Morning Praying

December 1 Rosemerry Yaw
December 8 Georgia Boyer
December 15 Jordan Harper
December 22 Marcia Dills
December 29 Jen Parks

Chapel time Fridays at 9:30

December 6 Sharon Robertson
December 13 Rosemerry Yaw
December 20 Pastor Vickie
December 27 **CLOSED**



Call Rosie Yaw
269-683-6388
If you would like to help with either of these vital ministries.



Stewardship/ Evangelism: Proving Christmas Meal Bags

It's that time of year where we start making our plans for Christmas. Where are we going to spend the day this year; who is going to bring what to eat? Let's not forget about our neighbors that don't know what they are going to eat today let alone on a special day like Christmas.

It is our Christmas wish for each family that call Northwest their church home to provide Christmas dinner for a family of 4 with the following items. Also prayerfully consider joining us on Sunday December 22 after Sunday School to pass out the meal bags at Laurel Woods Apartments.

Suggested Contents of the Christmas Bags:

Canned ham, or Turkey or gift card to cover cost of meat

Box of stuffing

2 cans green beans or any vegetable

1 Can or jar of gravy

Instant Potatoes or large can of sweet potatoes

Dessert (Christmas Cookies, pickup pie on way to church on 22nd, baking mix that just takes water.



"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink" Matthew 25:35

Project Warm: Volunteer opportunities and Donations

Did you know that during the winter of 2012-2013 that no man died on the streets of South Bend? Project Warm was opened December 2011 with the hope that no man would die on the streets of South Bend because he did not have a place to get out of the cold. Project WARM is a Christ centered outreach providing overnight weather protection during the coldest times of the year for the South Bend homeless population. The aim of this project is to provide food and shelter as we bring the transforming power of the Gospel to men who live on the streets. This ministry happens through the hospitality and love shown via the food, fellowship and message that they receive, all as God guides and provides. Project Warm weather amnesty shelter will be open every night from 12/1—3/31. 8pm to 7am, at Hope Ministries on Michigan Street in South Bend.

Volunteers opportunities are available every evening. At least three volunteers are need. There will be Three paid staff each evening as well. One volunteer is to provide a snack (this is different from last year wear a meal was provided). The Men will eat at Hope before coming to the shelter. Volunteers will arrive at 7:45 and pray before the men come in at 8pm, the will say a prayer for the snack, one volunteer will do a short devotion, clean up and leave at 9pm. Staff can escort you to your car if needed.

For more information or to sign up to volunteer go to www.projectwarmsb.org.

Snack ideas, bring disposable dishes if needed

Soft fruit, Bananas, grapes, berries

Fruit cups, pudding cups, applesauce

Loose snacks place in individual baggies

Dessert, cake, soft cookies

Bottled water

Other needed items

Cold weather clothes: Sweatshirts, coats, gloves, hats, shoes, boots

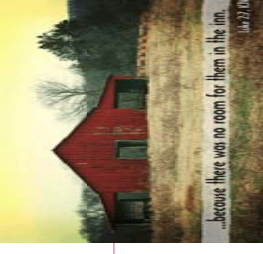
Breakfast bars, protein bars (soft), Snack to take with them

Hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray (to clean cots)

Shaving items, travel size please

Socks are always needed

DECEMBER 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	2 3:30 pm Piano 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	3 3:30 pm Piano 6:00 pm NCLC Board B. Harry Howe	4 3:30 pm Piano 5:30 pm Friends of Christ 7:00 pm Youth Group	5 3:30 pm Piano B. Walt Taberski	6 B. Pat Wolf	7
8 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School B. Kim Spencer	9 3:30 pm Piano 6:30 pm Cub Scouts B. Steve Yaw	10 3:30 pm Piano 6:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm Ad Council A. Dwight & Sally Miller A. Kirt & Judy Scherer B. Ken Miller	11 3:30 pm Piano 5:30 pm Friends of Christ 7:00 pm Youth Group	12 3:30 pm Piano B. Lil Whetham	13 6 pm NCLC Parent Appreciation Night	14 1 pm UMW Christmas Luncheon B. Stacey Proctor
15 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School B. Helen Yaw	16 3:30 pm Piano 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	17 3:30 pm Piano 7:00 pm UMW 7:00 pm Cub Scout Cmte	18 3:30 pm Piano 5:30 pm Friends of Christ 7:00 pm Youth Group B. Tanner Lipsky B. Gary Shenefield	19 3:30 pm Piano B. Patty Suddarth	20 B. Harold Benninghoff B. Nathan Hechtl	21 B. Carolyn Coddens B. Alex Coffman
22 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School B. Mike Mangus B. Ginger Moritz	23 3:30 pm Piano 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	24 Christmas Eve 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service B. Connie Harper	25 Christmas Day	26	27 B. Bob McCuddy	28 B. Trina Duncan-Covey B. Connie Van Nevel
29 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School A. Tom & Kim Spencer	30 3:30 pm Piano 6:30 pm Cub Scouts B. Jane White-Stevens	31 New Year's Eve				

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Check out our WEBSITE
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Sunday Worship 9:00

Kidz Praise 9:00 (after the
children's message)

Sunday School 10:15

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December 4th.... Friends of Christ

Thanksgiving and Christmas Celebration

December 14th.... Women's Christmas Luncheon.

1pm. Reservations needed

December 8th.... Last day to donate Toys for

Broadway Jubilee Christmas Store

December 16th... Service of Peace (Longest Night) 6:30pm this year at

Clay United Methodist Church. Ironwood Drive.

December 22nd... Distribution of Christmas Meals to Laurel Wood Apartments

11:30

December 24th... Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7pm