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West District Recognizes Hughes UMW

Hughes UMW was recognized at the recent annual meeting of the Washington West District of the United Methodist Women.

Our UMW received a "Five Star Award" for their financial contributions to the following five categories: Pledge to Mission, World Thank Offering, Gift to Mission and Gift of Memory. The women were also pronounced a Gold



Mission Today Unit for completing 14 of 17 required activities in the past year's program and study.

According to Dorothy Van Zandt, these accomplishments would not have been possible without the fine support of the congregation and staff. Working together they supported the local community and the global ministries of the Church. The UMW appreciates the support.

"We at Hughes know well the efforts and dedication that the UMW commits to God's work," said Dr. Ennis. "The District UMW's recognition is well-deserved."



MELISSA LAUBER

Hughes' own Ken Steward portrayed John Strawbridge in the recent dedication of the historic John Evans House. The Evans House is part of the Strawbridge Shrine in New Windsor, Maryland. Evans is recognized as the first convert to Methodism. For more information about the dedication, see the story in the November **UMConnection** <www.bwcumc.org/um_connection.asp>.

United Methodist Bishops Urge Immediate Withdrawal of Troops

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N.C. – Bishops of The United Methodist Church last month called for the United States and its coalition partners to begin an immediate withdrawal of all troops from Iraq.

In addition, the UMC Bishops' resolution urges the United States and its partners to:

- Declare there will be no permanent military bases in Iraq.
- Increase support for military

veterans of the Iraq war and all wars.

- Initiate and support a plan for reconstruction in Iraq, giving a high priority to humanitarian, social and educational needs of the Iraqi people.

The resolution is directed to U.S. President George W. Bush, the U.S. Congress, and leaders of the coalition.

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United Methodist Women

December Meetings

Executive Committee: 10 a.m., Monday, December 3, Parlor

General Meeting: No General Meeting in December.

January Meetings

Executive Committee: 10 a.m., Monday, January 7, Parlor

General Meeting: noon, Wednesday, January 16 Social Hall. Business will be installation of new Officers. Lunch will be provided. Training for all local officers will be held from **1 - 3 p.m., Saturday, February 2, 2008** at Potomac UMC, 9908 South Glen Road, Potomac, Maryland.

Circles

Love

DECEMBER - 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 4, Parlor

JANUARY - 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 8, Parlor

Friendship

DECEMBER - noon, Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the home of Hostess Helen Wilson, 2000 Wallace Ave. (301-942-7590)
JANUARY - noon, Tuesday, Jan. 8, Social Hall, Hostess: June Robertson (301-946-7692)

Loyalty

DECEMBER - 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the home of Hostess Gwen Cooley, 15209 Redgate Drive (301-235-9550)
JANUARY - 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 2, Parlor, Hostess: Eloise Woods (301-235-9550)

Thank you

The greatest, most beautiful expression of our Creativity is to find a way to give ourselves

Michael Card

UMW thanks all who helped and contributed to Asbury Guild Elves Day. We wrapped and delivered approximately 300 Christmas gifts to residents who require assisted living and nursing care at Asbury Methodist Village.

Thank you for saying YES!

Wow!!!

Thanks to the Congregation for all your help. The donations included Cookies, (28 tins) small and large, 2-1/2 cases of juice, Christmas gifts, stuffed animals, games, mugs, socks and gloves.

Shirley Leyshon, Phyllis Frye and The Board of Child Care Auxiliary

HUGHES FAMILY

DEATHS

November 9, 2007
Mabel Kennon
(member)

November 16, 2007
Mary Frye Hoke
(Sister of Charles Frye)

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"Every day that the war continues, more soldiers and innocent civilians are killed with no end in sight to the violence, bloodshed and carnage," the bishops said in their resolution. They cited the deaths of more than 3,800 United States soldiers, 300 from other coalition countries, more than 28,000 wounded and the deaths of more than 76,000 Iraqi civilians.

The bishops made the call during their semi-annual meeting at a church retreat center in North Carolina's Smoky Mountains. The bishops represent more than 11 million United Methodists in the United States, Africa, Europe, and the Philippines. About 125 active and retired bishops from around the globe attended the meeting.

arts

Movie Review - Michael Clayton (R - language)

This review was developed by the official online ministry of The United Methodist Church, www.UMC.org. The full review and discussion topics for the film appear there.

BY GREGG TUBBS (UMC.org) — Adults rejoice! A bona fide grown-up drama, filled with ideas, moral dilemmas, realistic action and intelligent dialogue has arrived. And it's got George Clooney's star power to boot! Michael Clayton is the kind of thinking person's drama—like *Three Days of the Condor* or *The Parallax View*—that used to be a Hollywood staple, but is now as hard to find as a film in black and white. Michael Clayton plunges us into the shadowy world of high stakes, big money, backroom deals that are hidden from all but the richest and most powerful. In a world where the risk is vast and dollars are counted in billions, right and wrong gets twisted, and sin is measured on a

sliding scale. And when you get in too deep, someone like Michael Clayton bails you out. But what happens when the morally flexible "fixer" discovers his conscience?

Michael Clayton, superbly played by George Clooney, is a lawyer for a high-powered corporate law firm, but he hasn't seen the inside of a courtroom in years. His job is to keep things out of court. Whether it's a sexual indiscretion, a hit and run, substance abuse or corporate misdeeds, Clayton will do what it takes to "fix it" and make it go away. Money, influence and the best legal resources are at his disposal, and he possesses the moral flexibility to view it all as part of a day's work. But, as is often the case, the one thing this fixer can't fix is his own

unraveling life. Newly divorced, saddled with a heavy gambling problem and in deep in debt from a failed business venture with his addict brother, Michael finds himself at the end of his rope.

The film is really an examination of three characters caught in dire circumstances—the kind of difficult situations that create heroes, villains and martyrs. Tilda Swinton plays Karen Crowder, the chief legal counsel for U-North, a huge chemical firm currently being sued for selling toxic weed killers to small farms, and represented by Clayton's firm in a class action suit involving several deaths. Her sleek, pristine exterior masks an interior churning with anxiety and self-doubt. In fact, when we first meet her, she is covering in a restroom before a critical news conference, shaking and drenched in sweat.

Leading U-North's defense is Arthur Edens (Tom Wilkinson), founding partner in the law firm and Clayton's friend and mentor. His voice is the first we hear in the film, but it's the ravings of a madman as he desperately tries to explain to Clayton, in voiceover, why he has switched sides and will represent the plaintiffs against U-North in the lawsuit. Edens (whose name may symbolize the innocence of the Garden of Eden) is manic-depressive and, having fallen off his meds, has experienced

Will *The Golden Compass* Lead Christians In A Wayward Direction?

The ***Golden Compass***, a fantasy film starring Nicole Kidman, will to be released into theaters on December 7. The movie is based the first offering in Philip Pullman's *His Dark Materials* trilogy of children's books, a series that follows the adventures of a streetwise girl who travels through multiple worlds populated by witches, armor-plated bears, and sinister ecclesiastical assassins. The book was originally published in England under the title *Northern Lights*.

Books of the trilogy have sold more than 15 million copies around the world, with *Northern Lights* winning the Carnegie Medal for Children's Literature in 1995 and in 2007 being awarded the 'Carnegie of Carnegies' for the best children's book of the past 70 years. *The Amber Spyglass*, the final book of the series, won The Whitbread Prize in 2001, making it the first children's book to do so. Some classify the trilogy the same fantasy genre as *Lord of the Rings*, the *Narnia Chronicles* and *Harry Potter*.

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Evergreen Corner

The magic of Christmas will be alive and well in Wheaton again this year, as the annual Angels for Children Program, sponsored by the Wheaton & Kensington Chamber of Commerce and the Wheaton Rescue Squad and led by Marcia Jacques

of Evergreen School, bring the joy and delight of the 2007 holiday season to many families who, otherwise, might not receive any presents this year.

Led by a police escort, and riding aboard Rescue Squad vehicles with lights and sirens, Santa and Mrs. Claus and many "elves" will deliver toys and other gifts to more than 400 children identified by the Maryland Housing Partnership. Wide-eyed children of all ages (and their parents, too!) will gather at the windows, their bright, beautiful faces anxiously awaiting the opportunity to see Santa Claus and receive presents. Many will make cards and pictures for Santa in anticipation of his arrival. And excitement rapidly mounts as jolly ol' St. Nick and the Mrs. enter the buildings and young and old alike clamor for pictures and hugs.

What makes the Angels Program so special is the opportunity to participate from start to finish and really experience the joy that comes from being able to brighten the holidays for others. Here at Evergreen, for example, many of our parents take their children shopping to help pick out a special gift and let them bring it to school to put in the Angels collection box. A little closer to the holidays, they join other volunteers in wrapping the presents. And then, just before Christmas, they help Santa deliver the presents. All-in-all, it is a wonderful life lesson in giving and caring and community; it's as heartwarming an experience as one might ever hope to have.

For Santa and Mrs. Claus, Paul and Marcia Jacques, whose own children are all grown up, the Angels for Children Program has become a holiday tradition. Whenever home for the holidays, their children are "elving" right along side the other many volunteers, so the magic of the season remains very much a part of their family celebration.

The Angels for Children Program is one bright example of what this season of love and sharing is all about. We hope you will want to participate in this worthwhile community project. For information, contact Lorie Allion at 301-942-5979.

Editor's Note: Beginning with this issue of the Caller, the Evergreen Corner will report on accomplishments and activities at the School.

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an epiphany: he must speak out for the victims of U-North's greed and reveal their deadly chemicals and deadlier deals.

When Clayton is sent to "clean up" after his friend Edens and get him under control, a complex interplay between Clayton, Edens and Crowder begins as each weighs his or her loyalties, ambitions, fears and ever-growing regrets over compromised principles and selling out the truth for profit. Each of them, in essence, must answer to her or his own conscience. Clayton's struggle may be the hardest, and the easiest to relate to, given that his desperate financial situation and his loyalty to Edens pulls

him in opposite directions. But over time, he develops a deeper loyalty to the truth. He realizes that quieting Edens and assisting in the cover-up, makes him complicit in U-North's lethal crimes.

Accountability is precisely what Michael Clayton is all about. Certainly, the film deals with the issue of personal accountability. Each of us must answer for our actions, especially when our deeds harm others. The film also explores the complex nature of an attorney's duty to both the client and the truth, and what happens when the two are in conflict. But the broader theme is about organizational accountability. In a land where corporations are given

virtually all the legal rights and protections of an individual (some would argue more), this film asks the question whether they should also be held accountable for their actions. Shouldn't corporations be required to make amends for unsafe products, reckless pollution and egregious disregard for human life, when profit is at stake? I think the answer is clear, when Crowder, with smug satisfaction, reports to U-North's Board, that despite the legal fees and cost to settle the lawsuit, the whole issue was essentially "a wash." Such accounting reduces people's lives to numbers on a ledger. Is that really a wash?

To Hughes - From Jan and Joan

We would like to thank all the people who worked so long and hard on the Market Place Show to make it successful.

There are just too many to list all of you in this Caller article. The first article we wrote would have taken up three full pages. So here comes the shorter version.

The church booths were very successful. A lot of Dealers and vendors would have liked to have seen more customers so that they could have done as well. That would have been nice for us all.

To all who chaired a church booth - Gail and Jeff Broadhurst; Ann Brunk and June Robertson; Dwight and Linda French; Dan Cieslowski and his crew; and the dealers from Antique Row (Diane, Jill and Beth) - you guys all did an amazing job. Thank you so much.

And to our resident artists Adam Grant and Susan Moses for their beautiful artwork; the show logo and the backdrop for the Antique

Row was fantastic. Thank you.

For all the people who baked or donated items to the Country Store and the Silent Auction, a very special thank you. The booths needed your donations to earn money, and they did. Thank you.

Everyone who worked so hard on Thursday and Friday preparing the building for the Show - you were wonderful. Things were carried upstairs and down, things were moved from here to there and back again. Curtains and wreaths were hung. Then most of these folks returned Saturday afternoon and took them all down.

Several people were there on Saturday morning at 6 a.m. helping dealers unload and carry their items into the building. They came back at 3 p.m. to reverse the procedure. We really cannot thank you enough for your time, energy and patience.

And to all who worked during the show, meeting and greeting,

working in booths and showing visitors around, Thank you. We were been told repeatedly how friendly, helpful and organized the folks from Hughes were. That was one of the reasons people said that they would come back next year.

To all who came to shop and had lunch - Thank you.

The Business Patrons and our Hughes Sponsors were so generous and that allowed us the opportunity to spend money on the wonderful newspaper ads. Also, we were able to purchase the sign that was used out front. We want to thank you for your support. Also to Susan Blanton for handling publicity and Sharon Skinner for arranging for the sign.

Thanks to the office staff who put up with us all Spring and Summer.

And last, but far from the least, a thank you to Marie Bunting. What would we have done without her help. She was great. We know she got tired of all of the phone calls and questions. She walked us through things we were unsure how to handle. After one such day, we told her, "We're sure you're going to hate us by the time this is over!" Marie stopped, looked back and said, "WHEN it's over!" We all laughed. But we thank her from the bottom of our hearts. She even came in on her day off to help. We could not have done this without her help. Thank you, Marie.

You have read 'Thank you' over and over. But we mean it, truly. Thank you all.

May God bless you all with a happy, healthy new year.

Love, Jan & Joan

Advent Activities Sunday

On December 16, 2007, Sunday School classes will meet together to make advent crafts, listen to Christmas music, decorate Christmas cookies to share and enjoy refreshments as part of the Advent season.

All children age 3 and up should meet in the Chapel at 10:20 a.m. and then we will go together to the Social Hall. Parents can meet their children in the Social Hall after church. Friends are always welcome at Sunday School, so be sure to invite them.

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There has been much e-mail traffic debating the meaning behind the film, so much so that the discussion has earned a posting on www.snopes.com, the website that investigates urban legends. Critics call the film's message 'anti-Christian' and point to Pullman's atheist philosophy as confirmation. Last month, several Christian organizations, including the Catholic League, called for Christians to boycott the film.

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- Philip Pullman, author of The Golden Compass

The plot follows a little girl, Lyra, on a quest to find her friend, who's been kidnapped by Mrs. Coulter (played by Kidman in the film). Lyra is on a quest to find out why children are disappearing, and in the process she becomes involved with a plot concerning her uncle, Lord Asriel and Mrs. Coulter, and a mysterious substance called "dust." In the book version of the story, the struggle pits on one side what readers interpret as the Church (referred to as the "Magisterium" in the film, which in turn is defined as the "teaching authority in the Catholic church") trying to rid the world of sin by committing

atrocious acts against children, and on the other side, headed up by Lord Asriel, while trying to stop them, are not clearly the "good guys" either.

During an online discussion of the film (www.moviesblog.mtv.com), its director, Chris Weitz, acknowledged that the movie is less direct on some aspects on the story than is the book: "How does one go about adapting a book that has controversial elements into a film that a very wide variety of people can enjoy, without betraying the original? One tries to be clever about it. I realized that the overt stating of some of the themes in "The Northern Lights"/"The Golden Compass" would never — this is important to make clear — never EVER get across the goal line. There isn't a wide enough audience for that — yet. If I wanted to popularize this series of extraordinary books and open them to a wider reading public than ever before, I was going to have to make some compromises."

But that is precisely what outrages some of film's critics. Bill Donohue, of the Catholic League, has said "They have dumbed down the worst elements in the movie because they don't want to make Christians angry and they want to make money. Our concern is this, unsuspecting Christian parents may want to take their kid to the movie . . . and say, this wasn't troubling, then we'll buy the books. So the movie is the bait for the books which are profoundly anti-Catholic and at the same time selling atheism."

Weitz doesn't dispute part of that statement: "The whole point, to me, of ensuring that "The Golden Compass" is a financial success is so that we have a solid foundation on which to deliver a faithful, more literal adaptation of the second and third books. This is important: whereas "The Golden Compass" had to be introduced to the public carefully, the religious themes in the second and third books can't be minimized without destroying the spirit of these books." The second and third books challenge religion – or at least the abuse of religion – more overtly. Weitz, however, rejects as a "ridiculous idea" the accusation that he is pursuing an atheist agenda.

"I'm trying to undermine the basis of Christian belief"
- Philip Pullman

Appearing on the *Today Show* in November 2007, Pullman likewise disavowed that the *Dark Materials* books are anti-Catholic and promote atheism.

"My point is that religion is at its best — it does most good — when it is farthest away from political power, and that when it gets hold of the power to (for example) send armies to war or to condemn people to death, or to rule every aspect of our lives, it rapidly goes bad," Pullman said. "Sometimes people think that if something is done in the name of faith or religion, it must be good. Unfortunately, that isn't true; some things done in the

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name of religion are very bad. That was what I was trying to describe in my story."

He added, "As for the atheism, it doesn't matter to me whether people believe in God or not, so I'm not promoting anything of that sort.... Good things have been done in the name of religion, and so have bad things; and both good things and bad things have been done with no religion at all. What I care about is the good, wherever it comes from."

According to the *New Yorker*, however, Pullman, during a December 2005 lecture on religion at the University of East Anglia, told his audience, "I don't profess any religion; I don't think

it's possible that there is a God; I have the greatest difficulty in understanding what is meant by the words 'spiritual' or 'spirituality'; but I think I can say something about moral education, and I think it has something to do with the way we understand stories."

In a 2003 interview with the *Sydney Morning Herald*, Pullman stated "My books are about killing God." Finally, in 2001 Pullman told the *Washington Post* "I'm trying [with my books] to undermine the basis of Christian belief."

So what are Christians to make of these conflicting positions? Some say seize it as an opportunity to reaffirm your family's faith.

"The writing of *His Dark Materials* is so masterful that it is bound to

spark the spiritual imagination of anyone who reads it," said Craig Detweiler, co-director of Reel Spirituality, a pop culture and religion think tank at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif. "In this era of the messy marriage of politics and religion, we desperately need more imaginative expressions of faith and doubt."

If your children want to see the movie, use it as a springboard to read the books as a family first (borrow them from the library if you do not want to financially support Pullman's endeavors) and discuss them in the context of your family's faith in Jesus Christ. To ignore or censor the movie or books arguably conveys to others, including your children, that you fear the stories. A discussion, however, could teach them that as Christians cloaked in God's Armor, we have nothing to fear.

- Rick Ripley

A Perfect Church?

I think that I shall never see
A church that's all it ought to be;
A church whose members never stray
Beyond the straight and narrow way.
A church that has no empty pews,
Whose pastor never has the blues,
A church whose deacons always deak
And none is proud and all are meek;
Where gossips never peddle lies,
Or make complaints or criticize.
Where all are always sweet and kind
And to all other's faults are blind.
Such perfect churches there may be,
But none of them are known to me.
But still we'll work and pray and plan
To make our own the best we can.

- submitted by Ann Brunk

From the Editor:

Don't miss out on the color graphics, and additional photos of the electronic *Caller*. Join the more than 75 Hughes subscribers by simply sending an email to theripleys@mac.com or leaving your email address in the Caller Box at the church.

Service Opportunities

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these ... you did for me" – Matthew 25:40

Hughes Giving Tree

On Sunday, November 25th, The Giving Tree was setup in the Garden Entrance. Once again, Hughes UMC is in partnership with the Takoma East Silver Spring Service Center (TESS, 8513 Piney Branch Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901). This agency has identified "Holiday Adoption" families who are in great economic and spiritual need.

Please spread the Christmas cheer by taking as many "ornaments" as you can from The Giving Tree to purchase and donate holiday gifts for these families. We will be collecting items for three families in need this year. Number 1120 is a family facing eviction while trying to hold the family together. Number 1111 is a recently divorced family of three whose head of household is looking for employment. Number 901 is a large family of nine supporting a Grandparent and also facing an eviction order. Look for family biographies and additional items needed on a bulletin board near you. Monetary donations, by check or cash, will be gratefully accepted instead of or in addition to the Christmas gifts. Please place your check in the offering plate and mark it "The Giving Tree." All wrapped gifts and unwrapped food items must be received by December 16th AT THE LATEST. Please keep the Giving Tree Ornament with the gift. Delivery of these gifts will be made to TESS in the beginning of the next week. If you can help organize these gifts for the individual families on December 16th after the morning services, drive to TESS on December 18 or have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Kathy Ripley at 301-565-3604. Thank you for your support during this holiday season!

Interages

Interages offers an opportunity to help a second grade child in your own neighborhood improve his or her reading skills. "The Ruth Rales Comcast Kids Reading Network" matches volunteers with the same child each week to read books and share activities at the child's elementary school. No experience needed - volunteers receive training, materials and site supervision. Contact Program Director Sara Cartmill at 301-949-3551 or Cartmill@interagesmd.org.

ROCK 2008

Security Volunteers are needed for ROCK 2008 (January 11-13, 2008) in Ocean City, Maryland. ROCK is the Conference annual retreat for high school students. If you have been part of the ROCK Security Team in the past, or would like to join this year, contact Jack Treiber at jtreiber51@comcast.net.

United Methodist Men

Volunteers are needed to participate in the servant ministry of distributing 20 tons of potatoes to needy families. Forty pick-up trucks and 150 men are required to accomplish this task. The volunteers will meet at Fowlers UMC Saturday, Dec. 8 at 7 a.m. For more information contact Richard Campbell at 410-533-6941 or rcampbell@annapolisdist.org.

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This month: Viann Skovholt

Last September, while discussing Dr. Ennis' "People Parables" over lunch, Viann Skovholt considers the various stories portrayed during the SonFest worship service.

"I identify most with the Good Samaritan," she explains. Viann embraces the notion empathy and care that parable embodies. Viann believes that her faith perspective would make her comfortable in any religion or church. "I go with my heart and with what God put there," she says.

Viann spent most of her early childhood in Long Island, New York before moving to Agawan in Western Massachusetts in high school. After high school, Viann attended University of Texas, where she studied computer science. She currently works as a Quality Assurance Analyst for Digital Sandbox, a risk-management software developer in Northern Virginia.

Viann is fourth generation Norwegian-American. Her great-grandfather Julius, a farmer, immigrated to North Dakota from Norway in 1885. Julius was one of nine children; Viann remembers attending large family reunions in North Dakota as a child. Coming from Long Island, they were considered

"city-folk."

During one of those reunions, that "city-folk" moniker became the source of some amusement. Viann and her sister, Nancy, were cutting across a pasture when they attracted the attention of some cattle that were grazing.

"The cows started to follow us," Viann remembers. "We started to walk faster and then started in a slow run, but the cows kept coming.

We started to panic [they were 10 and 8 at the time] and ran to a clump of large trees that separated two of the pastures. We stayed there until

a family member found us. Everyone got a laugh out of that. One of our relatives kept teasing us that it was a good thing that they were milk cows and not beef cows."

Viann moved to the Washington area in 1981 and became a member of Hughes in 1985. So how did Viann – who was raised Roman Catholic but also attended Presbyterian – end up at Hughes for going on 22 years?

"Reverend Van Metre," Viann responds. "I was looking around

for a church in the area, and I visited Hughes and heard him preach. His sermons spoke to my heart."

To the Hughes family, Viann and her son Justin, a freshman at Bethesda Chevy Chase High School, appear inseparable. Two years ago, she took Justin to Norway for 10 days to visit relatives and show Justin the country. By day seven, Viann remembers that Justin was in desperate need of a soda. The woman working at the Hotel offered a drink of water, and when Justin resisted, remarked that people come from all over the world to drink Norwegian water, which the woman said was "99.9 percent pure."

"Without missing a beat Justin said 'Then I must be getting the point one percent that isn't pure,'" Viann says. The woman was speechless, and Justin got a soda. †



Fast Facts

Viann Skovholt

- Hometown: Long Island, New York
- Fourth generation Norwegian-American
- Hughes member since 1985
- Software Analyst

December

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	<p>Sunday services: 9 a.m. Contemporary Service and Adult Bible Study; 10:30 a.m. Traditional Service; noon Spanish Service; 10 a.m. Fellowship in the Social Hall; 10:20 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.</p> <p>Monday evening music classes: 5:15 p.m. Chapel Bell Choir; 6 p.m. KICK Choir and Wesley Choir; 6:30 p.m. Wesley Bell Choir and Instrumental class.</p> <p>Monday Night Dinner: 5 to 7 p.m. – Social Hall.</p>					1 3 pm Christmas Play Tryouts (Sanctuary)
2 “Hanging of the Greens” 12 Church Christmas Dinner 4:30 Confirmation Class Mid Hi Progressive Dinner 6:30 Sr. Hi MYF	3 10 am UMW Executive Bd. Mtg. (Parlor) 9 am Christmas Decorating 7 pm Bible Study (Conf R) 7:30 pm Trustees (Parlor)	4 9:30 am Love Circle 12 pm Friendship Cir. 6 pm First Place Ex. 7 pm First Place Mtg. 7:30 Adult Basketball	5 1 pm Coffee Klatch 7:30 pm Loyalty Circle	6 6:30 Chancel Bells 8 pm Chancel Choir	7	8 3 pm Christmas Play Practice
9 11:30 Blood Pressure Screening 6:30 Mid Hi MYF 6:30 Sr. Hi MYF	10 7 pm Bible Study (Conf R) 7:30 pm Staff Parish (Parlor)	11 6 pm First Place Ex. 7 pm First Place Mtg. 7:30 Adult Basketball 7:30 SALT mtg.	12 1 pm Coffee Klatch 7:30 pm Hughes Market Place Wrap-up (Parlor)	13 6:30 Chancel Bells 8 pm Chancel Choir	14	15 3 pm Christmas Play Practice 6 pm Sr. Hi Cookie Baking
16 4:30 Confirmation Class No Mid Hi Sr. Hi Caroling & Progressive Dinner	17 7 pm Bible Study (Conf R) 7:30 pm Ministry Groups (Parlor)	18 6 pm First Place Ex. 7 pm First Place Mtg. 7:30 Adult Basketball	19 1 pm Coffee Klatch 7:30 pm Finance Com	20 6:30 Chancel Bells 8 pm Chancel Choir	21	22 3 pm Christmas Play Practice
23 11:30 Blood Pressure Screening No Mid or Sr. Hi MYF	24 6 pm Family Service 10:30 pm Concert 11 pm Candlelight Service		26 No Coffee Klatch	27 NO CHOIRS	28	29
30	31	<p>December 30: Young Adult Service – 10:30 a.m. (One Service Only) December 31: NO MONDAY NIGHT DINNER AND NO CHOIRS</p>				2007

January

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27 6 pm Mid Hi MYF 6:30 pm Sr. Hi MYF	28 7:30 pm Administrative Bd. Mtg. (Parlor)	29 6 pm First Place Ex. 7 pm First Place Mtg. 7:30 Adult Basketball	30 1 pm Coffee Klatch 7 pm Life Skills Classes	31 6:30 pm Chancel Bells 8 pm Chancel Choir	Monday evening music classes: 5:15 p.m. Chapel Bell Choir; 6 p.m. KICK Choir and Wesley Choir; 6:30 p.m. Wesley Bell Choir and Instrumental class. Monday Night Dinner: 5 to 7 p.m. – Social Hall.	

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