



DECEMBER 2019



## From the Hand of Dan

What is your favorite Christmas carol? I know, I know, it's like asking what is your favorite piece of chocolate, or your favorite out of all my sermons. They're all so good, it's hard to narrow it down! There's really no bad Christmas carol, I suppose. I have heard it said that even bad pizza is still pizza!!

I love Christmas music! I think I inherited that from my mother, who would keep her house decorated for Christmas all year round, If my dad would let her. I am going to say my favorite carol is What Child is This?

I love the melody, both melancholy and uplifting. There is a very old tradition that says the tune was written by King Henry VIII as a gift to his beloved Anne Boleyn, but who knows how accurate that is. We Methodists find value in our British roots, and our roots include this English Reformation story. Traditions have such weird beginnings, sometimes.

But what I love about the song is that it seems like a question we ask one another all year long, when thinking about Jesus. What child is this? Who is Jesus, for you? Is he a wonderful counselor? The King of Kings? A teacher of wisdom? Is he an example of the best life, a model for our faith? Is he a broken atonement for sin? Is he ... who is he?

What child is this? During the period of Advent, we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christ's incarnation. It seems like a good time to ask one another the question: what child is this?

## The Giving Tree

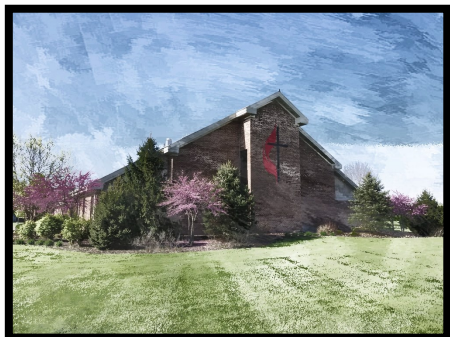
Helping Those  
in Need



We will once again have our Giving Tree this Christmas season. The tree will hopefully fill with requests as we reach out to those who may have fallen on hard times.

We invite you to pray over the tree but most importantly pull a tag from the tree and be a blessing to others this Christmas.

If you want to add someone to the tree please call the church office. If you want to find a partner to help complete the gift, that would be great. We also invite the families of our After-School Program to join in this blessed event.



Sunday Worship 9:00 am

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Church Telephone#  
(219)474-6225

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Office Hours 9am-12 Noon (M-F)  
Pastor Dan Ashton

### Kentland Trinity United Methodist Church Mission Statement

Know Christ as Savior  
Transform Lives  
Unite God's People  
Missionary Outreach  
Community Centered

### VISION STATEMENT



KTUMC envisions to be the  
commons of Kentland offering  
unconditional love, friendship and  
fellowship to all.





# December 2019



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 8am Choir Practice 9am Worship/ Communion 10am—Sunday School	2	3	4 8am Coffee Fellowship 2pm WILD Bible Study 5:30pm Finance Mtg 5:45pm Yoga Class 6:30pm Admin Council Mtg 7pm A.A. Meeting	5 6:30-8pm Cantata Practice	6 4-6pm S. Army Bell Ringing	7 10am-Noon S.A. Bell Ringing
8 8am Choir Practice 9am Worship 10am Sunday School	9	10	11 8am Coffee Fellowship 2pm WILD Bible Study 5:45pm Yoga Class 7pm A.A. Meeting	12 6:30pm After School Program Board 6:30-8pm Cantata Practice	13 4-6PM S. Army Bell Ringing	14 10am-Noon S. Army Bell Ringing 11am-8pm Church Reserved
15 8am Choir Practice 9am Worship 10am Sunday School 1:30pm George Ade Svc	16	17	18 8am Coffee Fellowship 2pm WILD Bible Study 5:45pm Yoga Class 7pm A.A. Meeting	19 6:30-8pm Cantata Practice	20 5pm Sunnybrook Music Christmas Piano Recital	21
22 8am Choir Practice 9am Worship 10am Sunday School 11AM—Church Reserved	23	24 11pm Cantata Candlelight Service	25  (Church Office Closed)	26 (Church Office Closed)	27 (Church Office Closed)	28
29 9am Worship 10am Sunday School	30	31	1  (Church Office Closed)			



Happy Anniversary



- 2 Sean Knochel  
Ed Wilson
- 3 Nathan Light
- 4 Vivian Ferguson  
Jill Hall
- 5 Jay Brinkman  
Diane Vissering
- 10 Beth Turnpaugh
- 12 Rick Terrell
- 13 Sarah Connor
- 15 Joe Cobleigh
- 16 Rosa Spradlin
- 18 Mark Blake
- 19 Jeff Vissering
- 23 Gregg Hamilton
- 24 Becky Staton
- 25 Linda Stonecipher
- 26 Julie Munsey
- 31 Wayne Turnpaugh

- 1 Howard & Merlene King
- 3 Wayne & Beth Turnpaugh
- 9 Justin & Kaitlyn Williams
- 21 Bill & Alice Jamieson
- 27 Russell & Sharon Collins
- 28 Donnie & Sandy Smith

#### Liturgist

- Dec 1 Jay Brinkman
- Dec 8 Russ Collins
- Dec 15 Sherry Norman
- Dec 22 John Blake
- Dec 29 Mary Molter

#### Nursery Helpers

- Dec 1 Cheryl Hancock
- Dec 8 Beth Turnpaugh
- Dec 15 Mary Molter
- Dec 22 Gloria Lohr
- Dec 29 Susan Knochel

#### Communion Server

**December 1**  
Patricia O'Keefe

#### Greeters

Russell & Sharon Collins

### FINANCE UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER

	BEGINNING	RECEIPTS	DISBURSED	ENDING
GENERAL FUND	(8853)	*12,445	13,287	(9695)
CHILDRENS CTR	2572	3106	1349	4329
DESIGNATED FUNDS	4765	265	546	4484
TOTAL CHECKING	(1516)	15,816	15,182	(882)

\*Receipts include \$3500 borrowed from Endowment Fund

#### **December 1, 2019**

1st Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm 122  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:36-44



#### **December 29, 2019**

5th Sunday after Christmas  
Isaiah 63:7-9  
Psalm 148  
Hebrews 2:10-18  
Matthew 2:13-23

#### **December 8, 2019**

2nd Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19  
Romans 15:4-13  
Matthew 24:36-44

#### **December 15, 2019**

3rd Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 35:1-10  
Luke 1:46b-55  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

#### **December 22, 2019**

4th Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 7:10-16  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
Romans 1:1-17  
Matthew 1:18-25



### 2019 TURKEY DINNER REPORT

**205 Carry Outs**

**180 Dine In Guests**

**385 Total Dinners Served**

**PROFIT \$3313.48**

**Many thanks to all those who helped!**

### 2019 DONATIONS

\$50.00	SAGA
\$50.00	Kentland Library
\$500.00	KTUMC
\$500.00	Food Pantry
\$50.00	Raub UMW (Quilt Supplies)
\$669.00	NW District UMW
\$500	Missions
\$130	Lucille Raines Residence
\$26	Mission u
\$13	Youth & Young Adult Service Scholarship
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\$1819.00	Total

### After School Program Craft Supply Wish List

Liquid Glue  
Glue Sticks  
Glue Dots  
Tape  
Colored Construction Paper  
White Copy Paper  
Paper Clips  
Markers  
Dry Erase Markers



Washable Paint  
Glitter  
Googly Eyes  
Pipe Cleaners  
Thermal Laminating Pouches  
Brass Paper Fasteners  
Clothes Pins  
Pom Poms



**JOIN THE CHOIR!**  
Choir Rehearsals have begun!  
Thursday's from 6:30 to 8:00pm, and  
Sunday mornings at 8:00am. We will keep  
this schedule through the holiday season!

**Let's make a joyful noise!!**  
Ron and Judy



The students of Sunnybrook Music invite  
you to their Christmas Piano Recital held at  
Trinity United Methodist Church on  
Saturday, December 21, 2019  
at 5:00PM CST.

For details contact Kara Nymeyer at  
(219)866-2533 or (219)869-8492.



# *The Bishop's Christmas Offering*

**of the Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church**

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Brothers and Sisters,

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we prepare to celebrate the season of Advent, I'm reminded of Jesus coming to the earth as a precious child, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. Truly, how humble were Jesus' beginnings!

We can read countless stories of the special affinity Jesus had for children. Mark 10:14 tells us, "He took the children in His arms, placed His hands on them and blessed them."

This Scripture reminds me of the familiar song, "Jesus Loves the Little Children" by C.H. Woolston.

"Jesus loves the little children,  
All the children of the world.  
Red and yellow, black and white,  
They are precious in His sight.  
Jesus loves the little children of the world."

The love of Jesus knows no bounds. God loves and sees even the weakest and the smallest among us. And this song reminds us so aptly that they are precious in God's sight. All children are made in God's image and are worthy of God's love and grace.

Will you help make a difference in the lives of children around the world this year? Each year, our Indiana Annual Conference supports the Bishop's Christmas Offering for Children, which is divided to meet the needs of the following ministries:

- \* Impact 2818, the Indiana Conference camping ministry
- \* - The 3 Indiana United Methodist-related children and youth homes: Bashor United Methodist Home, Indiana United Methodist Children's Home, and United Methodist Youth Home
- \* - Local outreach projects
- \* - United Methodist advance projects (national and global)
- \* - Bishop's fund for emergency children's project and the promotion of this offering

Please join with me in giving whatever amount you may feel led to give toward this long-standing and life-changing ministry. May the words of "Jesus loves the little children" be reflected through your continued and generous support as we work to provide spaces where children are valued, cherished, supported, and have the opportunity to experience the love of God.

Especially this Christmas season, I invite you, your family, and your community of faith to join me in praying for children in Indiana and around the world...because they truly are precious in God's sight.

On behalf of the countless children whose lives will be changed as a result of this offering, I thank you.

Be encouraged,  
Bishop Julius C. Trimble

Give via check:

Make checks payable to Indiana Conference UMC

With "Christmas Offering" marked in the memo.

Mail the envelope to INUMC at

Dept 6089, Carol Stream, IL 60122 THANK YOU!

Give via text: Send a text message to 855.389.1555  
with the letters "BCO"



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*December*



**THE FAMILY ALTAR**

**Are you remembering the church with your prayers?**

Those in the Nursing Home/Assisted Living: Vi Curtis (Hearth at Sycamore Village, Ft. Wayne)

Those with health concerns: Carol Meyer, Julie & Emma Cirks, Jim Nugent

Expressions of Sympathy: To Mike and Judy Cobleigh with the passing of Mike's sister Oma Halsema

Those Battling Difficult Circumstances: Those seeking work and having financial problems, the hungry, the homeless. Pray for our military.

Those in Leadership: Our President, Our Governor, Bishop Julius Trimble, C.S. Lore Gibson, Our Local Government, Our Pastor and church staff.

As a reminder, if you or one of your family members is hospitalized and wish to be prayed for and to receive visitation, please notify the church office and / or instruct the hospital specifically to call the church office (474-6225). We don't want anyone to be missed! If you wish your hospitalization to be known only by the pastor, your confidentiality will be secure as well.

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing**

It is that time of year... we are going to ring the Salvation Army Bell at Murphy's and Dollar General.

A sign-up sheet for Salvation Army bell ringing is on the worship helper table in the fellowship commons. Thank you for reaching out to those in need in our community by ringing the bell for 1 hour.



**Opportunities to help are: Fridays—Dec 6 & 13 from 4-5pm or 5-6pm  
Saturdays—Dec 7 & 14 from 10-11am or 11am-Noon.**

Funds raised stay in Newton County and will be used to give emergency assistance to those who have fallen on hard times.

Blessings,  
Rev. Dan Ashton  
Newton County Salvation Army Service Extension