

For the month of December 2019
the Food Pantry is in need of canned meats,
sides and canned pasta:



During the month of December we are asking for donations of new or gently used kids shoes sizes 13 to 6. These can be left in the church office with a note stating that these are for kids at Christmas.

Items currently needed by the Staunton Secret Boutique:

Girls - bikini and hipster style underwear (sizes 12-14 Juniors and Ladies XS/2-3 - XXL) and any color of "no show" socks and seasonal fuzzy socks

Guys - boxer-brief underwear (sizes 28 - 49 waist) and black crew socks



Prayerfully consider giving to the United Methodist Family Services offering this Advent season. Envelopes and additional information are available in the Arcade.

Has anyone seen a set of keys? Vern has misplaced a set of keys and the last time he remembers using them is several weeks ago to get into the main door entering Wesley Hall (parlor/office) from the parking lot.



We are excited you have joined us for worship today! If you are a visitor, please fill out a blue card and place it in the offering plate.

Mark your Calendar for these upcoming activities...

Sun, Dec 8	10:45 am	Children's Sunday School
	12:00 pm	Social Hall in Use by Member
	1:30 pm	Homebound Visits
Tue, Dec 10	6:30 pm	West End Alliance (Social Hall)
Wed, Dec 11	9:00 am	Food Pantry
	12:00 pm	Community Advent Luncheon (Jollivue)
	6:30 pm	Advent Bible Study (Parlor)
Thu, Dec 12	6:30 pm	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
Sun, Dec 15	8:30 am	Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary)
	9:30 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	Choir Cantata (Sanctuary)
	10:45 am	Children's Sunday School
Mon, Dec 16 - Tue, Dec 24		Social Hall in Use by Valley Mission
Tue, Dec 17	10:30 am	Echoes (Social Hall)
Wed, Dec 18	9:00 am	Food Pantry
	12:00 pm	Advent Luncheon (Augusta Street)
	6:30 pm	Advent Bible Study (Parlor)
Thu, Dec 19	12:00 pm	Newsletter Deadline
Sun, Dec 22	8:30 am	Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary)
	9:30 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	4th Sunday of Advent Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:45 am	Children's Sunday School
Tue, Dec 24	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)

If your household has not received an Advent Devotional, please pick one up this morning.

The choir will present their cantata, *Joy to the World* next Sunday, December 15th during worship. We hope you will invite your family and friends to join us.

***Please take these Prayer concerns
home for daily reference:***

Peggy Barkley	Jerry Harman	Jim Rohr
Dave Botkin	Wendy Harman	Peggy Rohr
Phil Carletti	Linda Hutton	George Sanderson
Ron Carletti	Marcella Landram	Katherine Sheets
Sarah Carletti	Skip Low	Leta Wimer
David Caywood	Karen Martin	Dinah Wood
John Clatterbaugh	Leon Miller	<i>also...</i>
Carmen Collins	Fern Moran	
Jonathan Gillette	Elizabeth Poe	

*Those in the Armed Services, The United Methodist Church,
Our Local UM Churches, Our Community and Our Nation*

2019 Bible Reading Plan - Genesis to Revelation			
Sun, 12/8	Galatians 4-6	Sun, 12/15	1 Timothy 1-6
Mon, 12/9	Ephesians 1-3	Mon, 12/16	2 Timothy 1-4
Tue, 12/10	Ephesians 4-6	Tue, 12/17	Titus 1-3, Philemon 1
Wed, 12/11	Philippians 1-4	Wed, 12/18	Hebrews 1-6
Thu, 12/12	Colossians 1-4	Thu, 12/19	Hebrews 7-10
Fri, 12/13	1 Thessalonians 1-5	Fri, 12/20	Hebrews 11-13
Sat, 12/14	2 Thessalonians 1-3	Sat, 12/21	James 1-5

The more you read the Bible, the more you'll love the Author!

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out and return the order form in the Arcade. The cost is \$5.00 and the deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 15th. The poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary on December 22nd. Call the office if you have any questions.

This year's Advent/Christmas Offering will go towards general budget items including apportionments. Envelopes are available in the Arcade (in front of mailboxes).

The deadline for the January Newsletter is Thursday, December 19th.

Join us for our annual Community Advent Luncheon series! We will start with a devotion at noon, followed by soup luncheon. Schedule of locations and speakers is:

December 11th: Rev. Won Un at Jollivue UMC

December 18: Rev. Jesse Moffitt at Augusta Street UMC

Echoes will meet on Tuesday, December 17th at 10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. We will do some fun things including our usual gift exchange followed by a covered dish lunch. Please bring a wrapped gift suitable for either a male or female that costs no more than \$5.00 and a dish of one of your favorite holiday foods to share. As always all are welcome to join us.



The flowers on the altar were given for the Glory of God and in honor of my brother, Mark (Dec 4), in memory of my father, Doug (Dec 5) and in honor of my mother, Ann (Dec 9) on their birthdays.

~ Lisa Perry

Thank you to everyone who assisted with and participated in our Hanging of the Greens Service last Sunday. We had lots of help decorating the Sanctuary, reading the scripts and carrying the items up to the altar. A special thank you to Debbie Faught for playing the piano and leading the singing, to Carol Ergenbright for collecting the items highlighted throughout the service and to the Trustees Committee for fixing the lights in the Sanctuary prior to the service. The combined efforts of everyone involved created a beautiful, Spirit-filled worship experience. For those that missed the service, you can watch the video posted on the church website.

Weekly Budget, Apportionments & Attendance for 12/1/19

General Budget received	\$2,195	
General Budget needed each Sunday	\$3,327	<u>Tithing Tip of the Week</u>
Building Fund received	\$518	Christian stewardship
Building Fund needed each Sunday	\$335	always involves a certain
Apportionments Received	\$70	amount of sacrifice. Are
Apportionments Balance Due	\$3,555	you really a Christian?
Number in attendance	66	