

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

SERVICE NOTES

Hospitality: Robert Kelly, Carolyn Brinkmeyer, Denise Gregg & Jeannette Peabody

Lay Reader: Gene Wrich

Organist: Marcia Hansen

Coffee Connection: Mary Shell

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD WAS A SUCCESS!

We turned in 50 boxes! Thank you!! Our boxes have tracking labels so we will know where our boxes go. In the past our boxes were sent to Mexico. Where will they go this year? We are still short on our financial goal to pay for the contents of the boxes and postage/handling so we are still accepting donations! Thanks again!

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Come one, come all! Help us decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas on Thursday, November 30 at 9 am.

ADVENT GROWTH IN DISCIPLESHIP

The devotion guide begins on Sunday, December 3 and the daily emails on Monday, December 1. Pick up the devotionals in the Narthex. If you would like to receive daily emails, follow the directions in the printed devotional. The emails will focus on the devotional themes of Advent as well as point us toward an understanding of Advent as experienced and practiced by the larger Church around the world.

PLAY GROUND WORK DAY

December 2 from 9:30—12ish is a playground work day. Please come and help distribute new mulch on the playground.

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING WEEK

The week of **December 10th**, Good Shepherd is scheduled to host families for Family Promise. Currently there are four families in the program (5 adults and 7 children). However, there is potential for a fifth family to be added soon. Please plan on signing up to help by preparing and serving evening meals for the families during this week. A sign-up board is located in the foyer. If you have any questions, please contact Rori Roark at (918) 232-5748.

RETIREES: DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS WIN-WIN?

Did you know that you can give to the church and lower your tax bill at the same time? By using what's called a Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD), you can actually lower your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI). Retirees over the age of 70-and-a-half who don't need that distribution, if they have means outside of their IRA to be funding their life and don't want to take the distribution (and thus, be taxed on it) have the option of donating up to \$100,000 of that distribution to a charity.

If you own an IRA and reach the age when you are required to take mandatory distribution you can now give the money to a charity. This means the required minimum distribution (RMD) would be excluded from the taxpayer's adjusted gross income. You can support the church's work and ministry, and the donation is not taxed!

As we enter the end of this season and of our support to the church for 2018, this may be a giving strategy you want to consider.