MISSIONS

The Christmas Giving Tree Is Coming!
The Giving Tree will be returning in late November, offering many meaningful ways to give during the Christmas season.
Looking for a gift for someone who is hard to shop for or someone who seems to have everything?

Give a gift that makes a difference in their honor! Instead of purchasing another item that may not be needed, choose a Giving Tree gift that supports a mission in need. There will be many options to choose from and a variety of giving amounts, making it easy to find a gift that is meaningful to you and the person you are honoring.
Start making your shopping list because the Giving Tree is coming soon!

SOUP, STORIES, & SONG

Wednesdays (12/2, 9, 16) 6:30-7:30 PM
We'll enjoy a light meal together in Celebration Hall, sing a carol or two, and then Pastor Matt will tell a Christmas story. The Kitchen Klub will provide soups, and various Ministry Teams will supply salads and desserts.
Bring the whole family and feel free to invite others to join you.
Note: On 12/9, the event will include our brief annual Church Conference meeting.

ECUMC: THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, November 15
8:30 AM Worship (S)
8:30 AM Sunday School (V)
8:45 AM Adult Study (CL)
10:00 AM Worship (CH)
10:30 AM Club 4/5 (FH)
Monday, November 16
Pathways Articles Due
10:00 AM Staff Meeting (FH)
5:00 PM 4/12 Singers (MR)
7:00 PM Church Council (CL)
Tuesday, November 17
11:30 AM YAHAS (CH)
6:30 PM SPRC (CL)
6:30 PM Spirit Ringers (MR)
Wednesday, November 18
10:00 AM Bible Study (FH)
5:30 PM Women's Ministry (FH)
7:00 PM Women's Study (FH)
Thursday, November 19
6:00 PM Women's Choir (MR)
6:30 PM Men's Choir (MR)
7:00 PM Chancel Choir (MR)
7:45 PM Cantata (MR)
Friday, November 20
Office Closed
10:00 AM Bible Study (Z)
Saturday, November 21
8:00 AM Community Breakfast (CH)
6-8 PM Drop 'n Shop (FH and CH)
Sunday, November 22
8:30 AM Worship (S)
8:30 AM Sunday School (V)
8:45 AM Adult Study (CL)
10:00 AM Worship (CH)

Room Key: 112-Room 112; AP-Ark Park; CH-Celebration Hall; CL-Chapel Lounge; CR-Crossroads Room 109; FH-Fellowship Hall; MR-Music Room; N-Nursery; S-Sanctuary; V-Various; YR Youth Room; Z-Zoom

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ADULT STUDY - The *Wired Word*

Feel free to join us any week in Chapel Lounge 8:45-9:45 AM to examine a topic of recent news from a Christian perspective.
Today 11/15: THE PARTICLE THAT SHAPED THE COSMOS
There's been recent scientific research into the neutrino's role in the birth of the universe. We'll use this insight as an opportunity to discuss how God's creative process and why we exist.
Next week 11/22: AMERICAN'S CONCERNS ABOUT CORRUPTION IN GOVERNMENT



COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Join us for the next Community Breakfast on Saturday, November 21, at 8:30 AM. After a hearty breakfast, we'll hear from Veronica Davis-Quiroz from Vision Forward, who will discuss low vision and blindness, as well as tips on how to care for your vision. We hope to see you there!

YOUNG AT HEART AND SPIRIT

Discover how artificial intelligence (AI) can make everyday tasks easier and learn how to use AI safely and confidently in today's digital world. Join YAHAS (Young At Heart And Spirit) on Tuesday, November 17, for lunch and a presentation by Gary Morgan and David Rohr. Sign up on the YAHAS sheet outside of Pastor Matt's office. Plan to bring a salad or dessert and meet in Celebration Hall between 11:15 and 11:30 a.m. Hope to see you there!

FREE CHRISTMAS BACKDROP FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Looking for the perfect spot for your family's holiday photos? Skip the crowded studios and expensive fees—come use our beautifully decorated Christmas sanctuary as your backdrop!

When: Saturday, November 28, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM or after 8:30 worship on Sunday, November 29

Where: ECUMC Sanctuary

Cost: Completely FREE!

How it works:

- Bring your own camera or smartphone.
- Dress in your holiday best (or your favorite festive sweaters!)
- Snap your own photos using our beautifully decorated sanctuary as your setting.

Everyone is welcome, so feel to let friends, neighbors, and extended family know about the opportunity. We can't wait to help you kick off the Christmas season!

WOMEN'S CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE, 12/4

Join the Women's Ministry Team on Friday, 12/4, for a quiet service of Advent preparation in the Sanctuary at 7 PM. The inspiration for this year's message is the movie *It's a Wonderful Life*.

The service is designed for women pre-teen and older.

There will be refreshments in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 for a time of fellowship beforehand.

Invite a friend who might appreciate a moment to breathe during this busy season.

ADVENT STUDY – THURSDAYS IN DECEMBER

Contact: Janet Ray; JanetR@ec-umc.com

Discover the Nativity Anew!

This Advent season, we will examine the Christmas story through a unique lens using *A Child Is Born: A Beginner's Guide to Nativity Stories* by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. As a Jewish scholar teaching the New Testament, Dr. Levine brings an unparalleled depth of historical context, scriptural framework, and fresh perspective to the narrative we know well.

Instead of diving straight into Bethlehem, we will look backward to the stories of Old Testament mothers whose deep longings, fierce faith, and miraculous experiences pave the way for Mary and Elizabeth.

By exploring these ancient narratives of hope, struggle, and divine intervention, we will gain a new understanding of why Jesus' birth changed the world.

Choose morning or afternoon session in Fellowship Hall on Thursdays, 12/3, 12/10, and 12/17.

10-11 AM or 5-6 PM*

*Chancel Choir members - bring your dinner to eat from 6 to 7.

For those participating in the study, books are available for $5 in the church office while supplies last.

The Youth Group Drop 'n Shop is back! Drop your kids off at church and get a start on your holiday shopping. The Youth Group and adult chaperones will provide childcare, fun, and games.

When: November 21, 6-8 PM in Celebration Hall.

Please RSVP using this link or the QR code by **11/15**. (Note: Please sign each child/youth up individually.)

Dinner included!

There is no cost to attend, but a freewill offering towards the summer youth mission trip is appreciated.