



Live Nativity will happen **RIGHT HERE** on the south lawn of the church, **Sunday evening, Dec. 17!** New animals to see and a beautiful re-enactment of the Greatest Story Ever Told!

- **Soup and Sandwiches from 6-8 pm**
- **Live performances from 6:30-7:30 pm**

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DECEMBER NEWS AND VIEWS TO HELP YOU STAY CONNECTED!

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We Welcome You, Lord Jesus!

It's Advent Season, and Jesus is coming! Have you ever thought about what it must have been like to wait for the baby Jesus? I mean, if you've ever been expecting a child, you know the whole range of emotions will hit you during those 9 months. But what if you are expecting the Son of God?! The second person of the Trinity?!

Probably, most of us have this image of Jesus as an adult, already having "wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people." (Luke 2:52). But we might, except for this time of year, forget that he was also a very small, dependent baby boy. I'll bet that each one of you who have raised little ones can well imagine what a handful he must have been, even if he was a "good" baby! For while he was "God in the flesh, dwelling among us" (John 1:14) he was also just as human as you and I. And forgive me for messing with the lyrics of "Away in a Manger", but I believe that Jesus even cried in that manger!

Maybe that's why some people had a hard time accepting that this squalling baby boy was the Son of God, the Savior of the world. Here he was, a helpless little baby, born under the poorest of conditions, placed in a cattle trough, not a royal crib.

There were various reactions to the news of Jesus' birth:

- King Herod saw Jesus as competition, a threat to his throne. So Joseph whisked his little family off to Egypt, so that Jesus might avoid the sword.
- The shepherds, ah, so many real emotions that night! Fear, wonder, curiosity, and then excitement enough to want to tell everyone!
- Mary sang a song of praise (how many of you do that when you are filled with joy and excited anticipation?)
- Joseph, well, we don't have much of his reaction, but I'll bet he was so very proud and protective!
- Simeon—what a testimony to faithfulness! Simeon had been waiting for the "consolation of Israel" all his life long. When the Spirit showed him Jesus, he praised the Lord and died in peace! Anna's response was similar, with thanks and praise!
- The Magi gave him their finest gifts!

How do we react to Jesus? Are we, like Herod, threatened, afraid he might mess with us, inconveniencing us in some way?

Or do we welcome him with wonder, awe and worship? Do we respond with praise and thanksgiving, showering him with the gift of our lives devoted to his service?

This Advent Season, we welcome you, Lord Jesus!

Pastor Ron



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DECEMBER 3: Hope, 1st Sunday in Advent
 (Rev. Kermit Culver, DS, speaking)
 DECEMBER 10: Love, 2nd Sunday in Advent
 DECEMBER 17: Joy, 3rd Sunday in Advent
 DECEMBER 24: Peace, 4th Sunday in Advent
 DECEMBER 24 EVE: Christmas Candle Lighting Service

Bowman United Methodist Calendar of Events for DECEMBER, 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WoW! = the Word on Wednesdays! NH = Nursing Home ERT = Early Release Time					1	2
3 (Advent of Hope) 9—SS for all ages 10:10—Worship and Charge Conf. with Kermit Culver	4	5 2:30 pm—NH Bible Study	6 2 pm—ERT 6 pm— <u>Christmas caroling</u>	7	8	9
10 (Advent of Love) 9—SS for all ages 10:10—Worship	11	12 2:30 pm—NH Bible Study	13 2 pm—ERT 6 pm—WoW!	14	15	16
17 (Advent of Joy) 9—SS for all ages 10:10—Worship 6-8 pm—Live Nativity	18	19 2:30 pm—NH Bible Study 6:30 pm—Ad Board	20 2 pm—ERT 6 pm—WoW!	21	22	23
24 (Advent of Peace) 9—SS for adults only 10:10—Worship 4:30 pm—Candlelight Service	25 	26 2:30 pm—NH Bible Study	27 2 pm—ERT 6 pm—WoW!	28	29	30
31 9—SS for adults only 10:10—Worship						

Memorial Gifts...



- ❖ Anonymous, in memory of Willis Enloe
- ❖ Jeff & Kim Oakland, in memory of Marilyn Oakland
- ❖ Ron & Orpha Bowman, in memory of Willis Enloe
- ❖ Nick & Deb Maher, in memory of Elsie Maher, John Hilsendager, Sr. and Richard Zimmerman
- ❖ Evelyn McKitrick, in memory of Boyd McKitrick
- ❖ Margaret Enloe, in memory of Willis Enloe



L-R back:
 Bostyn Blankenbaker,
 Sophia Welch,
 Lilly Ruggles

 L-R front:
 Olivia Welch,
 Gracie Ruggles, Coy Marmon



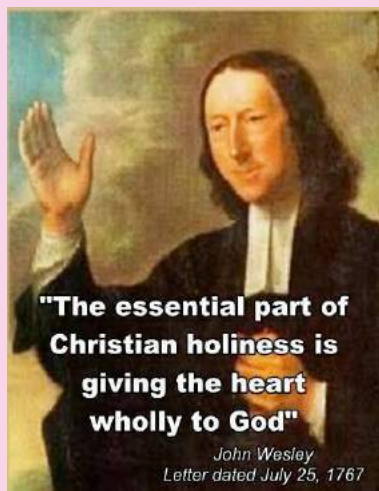
Operation Christmas Child makes kids happy! Those who receive and those who give!

Discovery Club News: The Discovery Club Kids have been busy this past month packing shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child project. They packed 24 boxes (*photo above*). Thank you to everyone who donated supplies or money for postage. It was greatly appreciated! They also collected food for the Community Cupboard, our local food pantry, during their annual Turkey Food Scavenger Hunt.

Discovery Club Kids will be Christmas caroling at the nursing home and at several shut-ins from the church on December 6. They Live Nativity will also be a big project for the kids in December.

DECEMBER Birthdays and Anniversaries @ Bowman United Methodist Church

<i>Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Eph. 4:2-3 (Anniversaries in Bold Italics)</i>			<i>From birth, I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb. I will ever praise you. Psa. 71:6</i>			1	2 Josh Maher <i>Tom & Eileen Powell</i>
3	4	5	6 Macy Smyle	7	8 <i>Ken & Verna Woodley</i>	9	
10	11	12	13	14 Jan Faris	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24 Noel Nordberg (24 th)	25 <i>Jesus of Nazareth! (traditionally)</i>	26 <i>Tom & Amy Temple</i>	27 <i>Ron & Michelle Olson</i>	28 Mahlon Smith	29 Steve Weigum	30 Eunice Ruggles Rita Lewton	
31 Evan, Beth Mollman <i>Wayne & Gail Hughes</i>							



"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him." Rom. 12:1-2



Each one of us has been given many beautiful, precious gifts.

- First, the gift of life itself. God breathed into us His Breath.
- Second, the gift of Jesus, who has given us eternal life with God. We have a choice about that one: receive it or not?
- Third, spiritual gifts. Each one of us has them. I've seen so many use them well!

Thank you, God, for your precious gifts!

Monthly budget:	\$ 10,900.00
Oct. general giving to the budget:	\$ 8,624.00
Design. gifts/special offering:	\$ 1,092.76
Total giving for October 2017:	\$ 9,716.76
Nov. general giving to the budget:	\$ 4,120.00
Design. gifts/special offering (Sep):	\$ 54.45
Total giving for November 2017:	\$ 4,174.45

OCT-NOV



October 24, 2017

Present: Jeff Oakland, Rod & Dorinda Diede, Roy Horvey, Deb Maher, Ron Bowman, Pastor Ron Olson, Holly Seifert. Jeff called the meeting to order with prayer.

Treasurer Report: None as Margie could not be here.

Secretary Report: Deb reported as she did the minutes. Under Pastor's Report change to "Pastor will ask Duane Coates if he will be the guest speaker." Roy made a motion to accept the report as amended, Rod seconded the motion. All were in favor. Carried.

Finance Committee Report: Rod Reported. General fund has a balance of \$16,000. \$10,000 was transferred to the general fund from the undesignated memorial fund account. Financial balances from the Youth Group, Benevolent Fund, Passbook savings account, and CD were reported. Dorinda shared a sheet of finances, and Rod shared a 2017 budget. The question is on Insurance. Rod will get a breakdown of charges. We should all look closely and see how we could help cut some from the budget, when we meet together again. Some options would be: 1. cleaning—leave as is for now, we will re-evaluate in 1 year, we could also try 1 time a month with a cleaning service and let other church people help out during the other weeks. 2. Check our office supplies, how we can reduce this and also our air conditioning we need to budget for repair. in the future. 3. Snow removal we may need to increase, and also our air conditioning we need to budget for repair.

Pastor's Report:

- Maija's physical healing is going well.
- Successful Harvest Fest!
- Charge Conference is Friday Nov. 3 in Dickinson.
- Bazaar is November 4th
- Community Thanksgiving service will be Nov. 19 at the Lutheran church. Father Paul will be the speaker.

Pastor Ron has been checking on a new sign for the church. We could possibly use some memorial money from the Maris Faris fund. Rod made a motion to pursue using memorial money and asking for donations for a new sign for the church. Deb seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Keep Sherman in your prayers.
- Seifert twins.
- Cataldos. Pastor Ron will call and see if they need some financial support. Could use from benevolent fund
- Due to community choir starting, we will try using paper plates and cups so there will be no clean up on Wednesdays.
- Maybe we could use some of the memorial kitchen fund for A/C repairs.

Council on Ministries: Deb shared. At Harvest Fest we fed 48-50 people. Tracy Buer was well received.

Trustee Report: Roy shared.

1. Dick Theurer, with the help of Troy Leco, took care of winterizing the sprinkler system.
2. We will check on fixing the fellowship hall ceiling, we will table for now. Dorinda made a motion to wait on ceiling repair to see if we have any more leaks this winter.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1. Who should we be using for the church audit? Can we use Margie since she is outside our church? Pastor will check on.
2. An idea was brought to have church business cards to leave at motels, with our church schedule of services.
3. Pastor appreciation is this month.

Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted by Holly Seifert

"Several members of the church organized the Kitchen Cabinet Orchestra the winter of 1927. All of the instruments were soldered together by Mr. John Shields. He worked for the Railroad and his job was to pump water into the water tank so that the engines could have it when needed. Mr. and Mrs. Shields lived close to the railroad. He had time to do other things. We took tin cans of various sizes for his to solder the instruments together. They had a Kazoo on them for the making of music. It was a romantic theme and we had a little boy and girl as the Bride and Groom for it. There were folks that sang solos and duets. Arvy Enloe sang a Scottish solo for it. My mother, Lena Brewer played the Drum and that was a wash board and a wooden spoon. She also had a Bag Pipe that she played special tunes on at times. We had Elizabeth (Babe) Sunde as the Director and Coordinator. She also was our Choir Director in the church. This was a fun time and we enjoyed taking it to various places to entertain. The one that I remember most is the one we did in Amidon in the theater there. We were all ready to start. Mrs. Coutts came in just a mite late and sat down in her wooden folding chair and it collapsed. She didn't get hurt but it pushed over some of the backdrops for the theater so we had to take a little time to get settled down and things back in place. There were over twenty-three members involved. I played the piano to accompany them."

Written by Helen Brewer DeBode



Leader, Mrs. Eide; Director, Miss Sunde; Pianist, Helen Brewer; Drum Major, Mrs. Stebbins; Hellican Bass Horn, Mrs. Coutts; Saxophone, Mrs. John Love; Slide Trombone, Mrs. Shields, Chester West; Coronet, Miss Sunde; Bass Horn, John Bowman; Dipper Horn, Mrs. Webber; Funnel Horn, Joanna Van Den Burg; Coffee Mill, Kathryn Van Den Burg, Tea Kettle, Bertha Bertschy; Egg Beater, Mrs. Jorgenson; Flour sifter, horn and banjo, Mrs. Barringer; Clarinet, uke, Mrs. O. B. Hook (Rhea); Soloist, Arvy Enloe; Specialty between acts: Mesdames Shield, Love, Jorgenson, Tift, Beckler & Webber.