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# Asbury Articles

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## *Advent Season of Worship and Celebration*

Join us as we "Expect the Unexpected!" this Advent Season.

### **Sunday Morning Worship Services**

November 29, December 6, 13, 20 and 27

### **Tuesday Evening Services of Reflection – in the Celtic Spirit**

The Chapel will be set up for a meditative worship from 6:30-7:30 p.m., on Tuesdays, December 1, 8, 15 and 22. Celtic music and readings will guide us through a time for prayer and reflection.\*

### **Evening Celebrations in Advent**

**Saturday, November 28, 5:00 p.m. Advent Celebration.** We will gather in the Sanctuary for sharing of family crèches (nativities). Then we will decorate the Sanctuary, enjoy a potluck dinner, and return to the Sanctuary for a Christmas carol sing-a-long. What a wonderful way to begin the advent season.

### **Sunday, December 6, 7:00 p.m. Christmas Concert in the Sanctuary\***

A joyous celebration of Christ's coming with the entire Asbury musical family.

### **Saturday, December 12, 6:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant** in the Sanctuary

Experience Christ's birth with a special drama and musical presentation by the children and youth of Asbury followed by a soup and sandwich supper in the Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday, December 20, 5:30 p.m. Caroling,** meet in the Fellowship Hall for sandwiches. Then we'll travel in several large groups to serenade shut-ins with their favorite Christmas carols. We'll return to the Fireside Room for refreshments.

### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**

**7:00 p.m.** A spirited service blending carol singing, the traditional scriptures, combined children's choir, special music, storytelling and passing the light of the Christ Child.\*

**11:00 p.m.** A traditional service of carols and readings with music by combined choirs, communion and candle lighting as we welcome in Christmas Day.

\*Nursery care is available for children up to age 4.

Please call the church office during the week if you need a ride to any of these events.

***Growing in our discipleship · Serving others in the world · Celebrating God's grace***

## Pastor Chuck Chats

How much time did you give Jesus this past week?

Did you give yourself the gift of worship and celebration?

Did you halt the rush of time and pause to pray? If not for yourself or loved ones, perhaps for your food?

Did you give yourself the blessing of "Sabbath?" Some time to breathe deeply, reflect thoughtfully, appreciate joyfully?

Did you open your Bible and allow yourself to be teased by ancient words of promise and hope, the life-offering lyrical phrases that tremble on the page?

Did you note an occasion when your smile, some spare change, or making way at a crowded door gave space for grace and kindness?

Did you do something loving, in secret, and trust God will bring forth fruit from your generous planting?

You may have given Jesus a lot of time this past week, if you added it up! For the time you spent, intentionally, casually, reflexively, expressing Jesus' life-giving-love is a good use of time.

If you look back and can't see the curvature of the Spirit bending you to godly purposes, then it might be

time to consider your time. How you spend it, squander it, gift it or send it spinning away.

Jesus wants all our time: 24-7. Not to be religiously pretentious or obsessive, but to be wholly devoted to giving Jesus space to work his purposes: for us, in us, through us.

Advent: a season of waiting, a time to consider how life and purpose might be more fully realized. Make room in "the Inn" that is your life, for unto you a child is born.



## New Fellowship Hall Update

Final plans were submitted to the City of Livermore in late October. We will keep everyone updated on their review and completion. The target date for the construction work to begin has been set by the Building Committee for April 1, 2010.

An application for a loan to the United Methodist Development Fund will be submitted in late

November. We should receive word on approval before Christmas. The dollar amount of the loan assessed to keep the job on track through completion will be based on contribution levels through December 2010. Every dollar contributed before the beginning of 2011 means one less dollar Asbury might need to borrow.

Faithful to the Future Final Phase

pledge commitments for 2010-12 had exceeded \$500,000 by November 15. We are a good distance from our three year goal of \$1.1 million. Your help is needed to make this project a reality! We've got a long road to travel yet, so please submit your commitment cards as soon as possible. Thanks to all those who have already made this forward-looking faith decision!

## End of Year Giving Opportunities

Keep Asbury as a recipient of donations in mind as the end of 2009 draws to a close. We are lifting up many places where giving of resources will make a difference: East Bay Habitat for Humanity, local projects to assist with food and shelter, the Pas-

tors' Fund which provides assistance to persons in need, Advent Conspiracy ideas, and so many others.

Keeping faithful with pledges to the General Budget and Faithful to the Future Capital Campaign will

make a difference in our operating budget and put Asbury on a firm footing for the new fellowship hall.

Those making early gifts to their commitments for 2010, for tax reasons, provide the church a positive, early boost moving into the new year.

# Growing Continued



Adult Education

**Career Networking & Job Assistance Group** meets Sunday, December 13 at 10:45 a.m. in Room 11. This group is lead by Jonathan Pyle and Diane Thompson and provides career networking and job search assistance to Asbury members and friends. General topic headings include: Resume Building, Job Board(s), Search Strategies, Networking, Interviewing and Navigating County, State & Federal Assistance Programs. You are welcome to drop in any time.

**Where in the World is God?** Join Pastor Kim and others for a class on faith and current news events. We'll meet on Sunday mornings, 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the conference room. Each week we will discuss a current event, and ask how Scripture and our faith can shape our response. Join us whenever you can. Our first class will be on Sunday, November 8. See you there!

**Reading the Scriptures Aloud – An Alternative Bible Study** Join Pastor Chuck when the New Year begins as he explores with others reading the scriptures aloud in a small group setting. On Monday mornings at 11:00 a.m. and Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room participants will read the Bible aloud after an opening prayer. Following about 45 minutes of reading there will be time for noting important learnings from the reading and then we will close in prayer. Give yourself the gift of hearing the New Testament as it was meant to be read – aloud within the congregation in large bites. This is a drop-in class and anyone is welcome at anytime. We'll all be reading from the New Revised Standard Version to provide continuity. Bibles provided.

## A Chance to Bandage Lives that are Hurting

One of the most direct ways Asbury has to help the poor is through the Pastor's Special Fund. 100% of the money in that fund goes to folks who are facing truly

dire situations.

Money in that account pays for nights at a motel, groceries and gasoline cards for instance. The balance in the account right

now is \$68.31. As winter nears, the need becomes more desperate. Please consider a contribution to the Pastor's Special Fund.

## Seeking a UMEUS Coordinator

We are looking for a new coordinator for bi-monthly seniors' luncheons. No experience required. Ideal candidate will possess a positive attitude, a bit of organizational

abilities, a desire to serve and a heart of love. Time commitment: three to four hours every other month. This is a volunteer position with significant rewards, all of

which are spiritual. All those interested may contact Sharmyn Crawford at home.

## An Invitation to Become a Member of Asbury

If you are yearning to deepen your spiritual life, we invite you to join Asbury UMC on December 13, in worship. There you will take vows that will challenge and encourage you to deepen your spiritual journey. In addition to taking the vows, Pastor Kim will meet with you indi-

vidually in early 2010. During that time, we will ask each other how we are doing in keeping the vows we took.

This is a new approach to welcoming members, and is part of our sincere desire to Re-Think Church. Contact Pastor Kim or Chuck if you wish to become a member.



# Advent Service of Reflection- in the Celtic Spirit

On four Tuesday nights during Advent, you are invited to carve out a time of spiritual and emotional refreshment. In the Chapel, from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., space will be set up meditative worship. Celtic music and readings will guide us

through a time for prayer and reflection. This is intended as a counterpoint to the hectic energy of the pre-Christmas season of shopping and errand-running. Child-care will be provided in the nursery wing for the en-

tire hour. Catch your breath and breathe in the peace of the Holy Spirit. Use this to keep your balance during this holy season.

## Hiking

Asbury Hikers are enjoying the many parks and hiking areas around Livermore. Our last hike was in Vasco Caves Regional Protected Area with Park Naturalist Mike Moran. Mike emphasized the sacred aspects of the area for native Americans. Our next hikes will be

on December 4 along the lakeside at Del Valle then December 18 and a News Year Day hike in Brushy Peak with brunch to follow. If you would like to join us, call Joanne Abey at home or see her after church.



## Christmas Flowers

You're invited to help provide the flowers that will decorate the sanctuary beginning Sunday, December 20. If you would like to contribute, please fill out the form below and return it to the Asbury office or the offering plate, along with your check for \$10.00, by Monday December 14. Proceeds from these flowers will go to the flower fund. Make checks payable to Asbury United Methodist Church, marked for Flower Fund - #2320. If you can assist with deliveries after Christmas, please indicate below.

I/we would like to help provide Christmas flowers for the sanctuary. Attached is my check for \$10.00.

I /We do this in memory of (Please print)

\_\_\_\_\_

Or

I/We give these in celebration of (Please print)

\_\_\_\_\_

Donor's name \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print)

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I will help deliver flowers to shut-ins after Christmas.

Your phone # \_\_\_\_\_



## College Group & MYF Alumni Christmas Party!

**December 28, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

If you're in college or recently out of college and an alumni of MYF - you're invited to our second annual College/

MYF Alumni Christmas Party! Please join us on Monday night, December 28 for some great food, holiday games and of course, the white elephant gift exchange (a great opportunity to get rid

of those Christmas gifts you got that you don't want!). The party will be from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and be watching for information on Facebook for the location of the party!

## Theology Pub

**December 17, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

Our next Theology Pub is going to be on December 17 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. To find out all of the other details, please

become a fan of our Theology Page on Facebook at [facebook.com/TheologyPub](https://www.facebook.com/TheologyPub). If you want, you can text "fan TheologyPub" to 32665 (FBOOK)

from your mobile phones, and you will be added as fans instantly.

## Here We Come A-Caroling

Do you like singing Christmas songs, carpooling, riding around Livermore seeing Christmas lights, laughing with our fabulous youth and eating food prepared by someone else? Well, Asbury's All-Church Christmas Caroling is the event for you!

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at

5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 20 to fortify ourselves with Togos sandwiches, figure out carpooling and strategize. At 5:50 p.m. we will carpool to Heritage Estates and beyond, singing around Livermore until about 8:00 p.m. when everyone returns to Asbury's beautiful and warm Fireside Room.

There we will turn in music, enjoy some cookies, hot beverages and a cozy fire.

This event is most successful when we have CHOIR MEMBERS in attendance to help lead beautiful singing and provide harmonies and YOUTH GROUPS to provide the energy and high spirits of the season.



## Ladies Night Out

**Monday, December 21, 6:30 p.m.**

Ladies of the church, let's get together and go out for dinner. Our next outing

will be on Monday, December 21, at 6:30 p.m. at Sansar for a wonderful dinner and some great company.

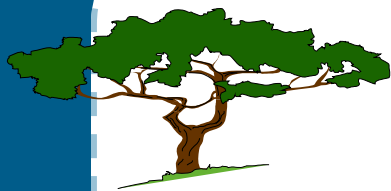
Please call Joanne Petty at 925-447-1950 x4 and let her know you're coming.

## Bluegrass Concert in January

The Special Consensus, an award-winning, international-traveling, bluegrass group out of Chicago is coming to Asbury on Friday, January 29. Check them out: [www.specialc.com](http://www.specialc.com). We had a great audience of over 200 for the last super

concert – don't miss the next one! Ticket's will go on sale in December on Sundays at Coffee Fellowship and through the office: \$13.00 pre-concert/ \$18 at the door. Consider a "Concert Series Ticket" for only \$30 – for three

concerts – The Special Consensus, The Kathy Kallick Band and Russell Moore and Illrd Tyme Out. It would make a great gift! Only 60 concert series tickets are available.



# Branching Out - The Youth Page

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## The Advent Conspiracy

In a season of the year that is filled with so much joy, good food and so many wonderful things to celebrate – sometimes we let ourselves get a LITTLE out of hand. The consumerism and the lists of presents we

want just get bigger and bigger and bigger. I'm certainly not very good with it either – but there are some small things that we can do to help us stay more focused on the real reason for the season. Check out

The Advent Conspiracy ([www.adventconspiracy.org](http://www.adventconspiracy.org)) for some great videos and ideas for ways to be less distracted from the birth of our Savior this Advent and Christmas season.

## Youth Ice Skating Trip

Both CAs and MYF youth are invited to go ice-skating at Dublin Iceland on Saturday, December 5. We'll meet at the church at 1:30

p.m. Permission slips can be found on the youth page on the Web site. Youth should bring \$8 to cover their ice skating costs! RSVP

with Adam by December 1, by e-mail or texting him at 609-933-4000.

## Holiday Scavenger Hunt!

On Sunday, December 6, we'll be having a Holiday VIDEO Scavenger Hunt. Each team will head out with

a list of things it needs to capture on video around town. We'll have a great time, so please come and

bring your friends! We'll be having the scavenger hunt from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Meet in the High School Room.

## Youth Group Christmas Party!

Everyone is invited to our annual Youth Group Christmas party this year on Saturday, December 19 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Stay tuned for

the location to be announced, but you'll want to be there for our holiday games and music, great food and of course, the White

Elephant gift exchange! Please bring some Christmas treats and goodies with you to share with everyone!

## RE:FUEL - High School Winter

All high school youth are encouraged to sign up for our first annual high school winter retreat, RE:FUEL. This high school-only retreat will take place January 15-18 in Squaw Valley. We'll be staying at the Squaw Valley Chapel and spend

a few days together having a ton of fun (movies/games/skiing/snowboarding/tubing/hanging out/relaxing) and looking at what it is that we need to refuel our own spiritual lives. This will be a really great opportunity and I hope you'll

join us for a great weekend! Look for more details coming soon, but the approximate cost is \$150 and online signups will begin December 1!

# Growing Strong - The Children's Ministries Page

*Helping our children grow strong in their faith while building a stronger connection with God, each other and our world.*

**Children's Ministry Director:**  
Mitchie McCammon, 925-447-1950, ext. 5



**Operation Christmas Child**  
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

On Sunday, November 15, we sent a blessing with the many shoeboxes that were lovingly filled for children around the world who do not have

nearly as much as we do. The final total was 45 filled shoeboxes. Our Sunday school offering for September, October, and November will also go

to this wonderful organization. Thank you to all who gave.

## Advent News

It's not too late to sign up for the annual Christmas Pageant. There are still parts that need to be filled. The pageant is open to children 2 years old and up. Thank you to our director, Alex Epperson and our accompanist, Paul Epperson. We are also looking for children and youth who would like to showcase their musical talent during the prelude. The pageant is on Saturday,

December 12 at 6:00 p.m. Immediately following our pageant, we will have a soup and sandwich supper. Please sign up to bring soup, sandwiches or dessert.

### Pageant Rehearsal Dates

Sunday, November 22, 12:00-1:30 p.m. Bring a sack lunch.

Sunday, November 29, 12:00-1:30 p.m.. Bring a sack lunch.

Saturday, December 5, dress rehearsal, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 12, dress rehearsal, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

The Pageant begins at 6:00 p.m. Be at Asbury by 5:15 p.m. Please bring soup, sandwiches, or dessert to share.



## Coming in January

As the winter months get colder and the kids are in the house more, sometimes parents just need a break! We have the answer. Join us

on Thursday evenings to refuel your family's spirit with a study on the Beatitudes. There will be a soup and salad dinner followed by an

adult study and a children's study. More information coming soon!

During this busy season, please don't forget to see the wonder and awe in the true meaning of Christmas. Take a moment to say a prayer for those who need the extra blessing. Find a way to keep Christ in your heart in the midst of the chaos and sometimes drudgery. Many blessings to your families and may you find peace.

# Serving

## Report on Mission Trip to Galveston

It was a rewarding way to live our faith! During the last week of October, a group from our church returned to Galveston, Texas to assist with the recovery from Hurricane Ike.

Co-sponsored by Asbury and the Lynnewood UMC church in Pleasanton, the team of sixteen participants came from both churches, San Ramon Valley UMC in Alamo and included friends from Sacramento and Minnesota. Our work was coordinated by the Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

As with our prior trip, our goal was to bring hope to those we help. We worked on two homes this trip – Doris Hall's house and the Mrs. Garcia's home. Doris Hall is a delightful, spunky woman in her 70s with six children. She is a charmer. She stopped by to meet us, with a daughter, son, two granddaughters and two great grandkids in tow. She gave us all hugs and many thanks. We gave her one of the Asbury quilts. It was a joy to work for her.

Mrs. Garcia was so grateful for the volunteers working at her place. As with all served by UMCOR, she could not afford to repair her home without our help. The house is almost done and she might be back in it by Thanksgiving or early December.

In addition to this trip's work, we visited homes we had worked on in the spring. Particularly touching was

the chance to talk with Bea Castenda and to present her with one of the hand-made quilts from our church. She was so appreciative of all the effort invested in her home. This moment was a great reminder that the real value of our work is helping to rebuild lives as the "hands and feet of Christ."

The opportunity to share these mission experiences with others on the team is a special blessing. We laughed a lot. We shared devotional moments. We shared the details of our lives with friends. A unique experience of this trip was a joint worship service we had one night with other mission teams – a Methodist Nomad Group (RV-based mission volunteers), a Mennonite team from Missouri, us and a couple of Lutheran folks. Service was lead by a Baptist missionary. It was a time of Christians coming together for a common purpose.

We look forward to our next trip, perhaps Spring 2010. Consider joining us!

Roger Everett, Steve Elliott, Coleman Johnson, Sharmyn and Dick Crawford

## Volunteer at Open Heart Kitchen

The new Asbury team served several hundred meals at Open Heart Kitchen in November. It was an enjoyable time and a rewarding way to live our faith. Would you like to join us for our next date, December 2?

We need about six people for

each of two shifts - 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Signup for one or both shifts as your schedule permits. We prepare and serve the meals in the Asbury Fellowship Hall.

To signup, see Steve Elliott after worship or contact him at home. FYI, our January date is January 7, if that works for you.

## Asbury's Christmas Outreach

Given the difficult economic times, many families in our community will be challenged to do much gift giving at Christmas. We can help.

Our Asbury congregation will be collecting and distributing gifts as part of the Tri-Valley Haven Holiday Program. This annual holiday event provides pre-registered low income families a place to "shop" for presents. Hundreds of families will be served.

**Gift Giving** - Any new toy, apparel or household gift, for any age, is welcome. In particular, we would like to assist with teens, the most difficult group to serve. Here are some suggestions:

**Adults:** Any new clothes (larger sizes are best), gift cards to Target, Kohls, etc., small household appliances, bath or personal care items, hand tools.

**Teens:** Sports equipment, sports team memorabilia, gift cards to Blockbuster, Jamba Juice, Old Navy, etc., electronic games, clothing, music players, CD's.

**Children:** Dolls, learning toys, arts and craft supplies, cars/trucks, board

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games, stuffed animals, bike helmets, sports equipment, clothing.

*Infants:* Stimulating toys, musical toys, clothing, teething toys, bath or body care supplies, stuffed animals.

Just bring your unwrapped gift to the Giving Tree in the Sanctuary or the church office by no later than Tuesday, December 8. Rolls of unopened wrapping paper are needed as well.

**Give of Your Time** - Can you spare a couple of hours to help? We will be providing volunteers to help sort and stock gifts and to staff the annual gift shopping event. Here are the dates:

Sorting and Stocking Gifts:

- Monday, December 7, 9:00 a.m.-noon
- Tuesday, December 8, 9:00 a.m.-noon
- Wednesday, December 9, 9:00 a.m.-noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Gift Shopping Event:

- Thursday, December 10, 8:30 a.m.-noon, noon-3:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, December 12, 8:30 a.m.-noon and noon-3:00 p.m.

The location is the Discovery Church of the Nazarene, 5860 Las Positas Road in Livermore (Vasco Road is the closest cross street).

To sign up to help, see Steve Elliott after worship or contact him at home.

## Workday at Habitat

Join us for a new endeavor at Habitat for Humanity! Several East Bay Methodist Churches will be working together to "recycle" existing homes as affordable housing. Over the next year, we will rehab several homes. Our first work will be a Habitat property in Livermore. Others will be foreclosed properties purchased by Habitat.

We start work on Saturday, December 5 and 12, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. We will be doing interior and exterior painting, flooring and cleanup of the property. For more details or to register, contact Steve Elliott at home. All volunteers must be at least 16 years old.

## Youth Mission Trips Update

Please see the Youth Mission Page at [www.AsburyLive.org](http://www.AsburyLive.org) for the story.

## December Blood Drive

The next blood drive will be on Friday, December 18 from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center. Sign-up on line at [www.beadonor.com](http://www.beadonor.com), sponsor code is **RLCC** or call Tom Petty at 925-980-8164.

# Substance Abuse Ministry

Codependency is not an easy concept to understand completely. For many people codependency is a condition of compulsion to control another person, usually a person suffering with substance abuse addiction. One may justify codependency based on fear of the other persons failures. Doing the controlling out of love or helping most often keeps the addict from truly realizing his own responsibility for recover. Codependency contributes as much to an unhealthy relationship as does the addiction.

One of the best books is [Codependency No More, How to Stop Controlling and Start Caring for Yourself](#) by Melody Be-

atie.

It's often difficult for Christians to discern the difference in our responsibility to help and take care. It's only with loving detachment and understanding the setting of boundaries that healthy relationships can develop. It is a process which gives us a chance to develop true and honest selves. The loving environment of our faith community can be a nurturing and safe arena for this process. Trust and support provide us with the best chance of recovery. Often our families can be too much of the "ties that not only bind", but choke us.

Let us love and care, not only for oth-

ers, but for ourselves. I share this based on experience, education and insight.

Sheila Taber



# Anniversaries and Birthdays

## ANNIVERSARIES

Tim and Patti Arnold  
 Bill and Frieda Cain  
 Darrell and Marci Christoff  
 Bob and Jackie Hoffman  
 Frank and Kris Raskauskas

## BIRTHDAYS

Lisa Ackerman  
 Tim Ackerman  
 Cordelia Bate  
 Cassie Canfield  
 Jack Canfield  
 Judy Chagnon  
 Ethel Chong  
 Jim Cooper  
 Kirsten Cummings  
 Dave David  
 Becky Dehollander  
 Clifton Duffus  
 Kathy Faul  
 Peter Frument  
 Maureen Gandara-Swinbank  
 Ashley Gibson  
 Christy Gibson  
 Ola Mae Goodman  
 Steve Goodman  
 Pam Goudreau  
 Betty Griswold  
 Anna Guidry  
 Isabella Guidry  
 Jim Haugen  
 Jeff Hawkinson  
 Pamela Jones  
 Regina Juan  
 Laura Mercier  
 Donna Merritt  
 John Muldoon  
 Tim Muldoon  
 Kathy Ng  
 Mike O'Brien  
 Mary Ouellette  
 Joanne Petty  
 Glynice Pomykal

Brianna Prine  
 Natalia Pyle  
 Lee Rotha  
 Rob Rudd  
 Susannah Rudd  
 Mariah Siebers  
 Colleen Sorem  
 Lil Spooner  
 Lance Tindell  
 Sam Tindell  
 Lynn Tripp  
 Barbara Weiss  
 Roy West



Dear Asbury friends,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, visits and kind words during my recovery from hip replacement. I am extremely appreciative.

Love, Edie Lamb

**Weekly Recurring Events****Sundays**

- 9:00 a.m. Worship, Sunday School (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 a.m. Butterfly Gardens is open
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Bagels (Courtyard)
- 10:30 a.m. Cherub Choir (Room 6)
- 10:30 a.m. Rainbow Choir (Room 9)
- 10:30 a.m. Middle School Choir (Chapel)
- 10:30 a.m. High School Choir (Room 4)
- 4:30 p.m. CAs (Room 13) except December 1 & 29
- 7:00 p.m. MYF (Room 15) except December 1 & 29

**Wednesdays**

- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study (Fireside Room)
- 11:00 a.m. Loose Canons
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir (Chapel and Sanctuary)

**Thursdays**

- 7:45 a.m. Men's Group (Room 11)
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Heritage Estates)
- 10:30 a.m. Women of the Spirit
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Band (Sanctuary)

**December 1, 2009 (Tuesday)**

- 6:30 p.m. Advent Service of Reflection (Chapel)
- 7:30 p.m. Staff Parish Relations (Conference Room)
- 7:30 p.m. Hospitality (Fireside Room)

**December 2, 2009 (Wednesday)**

- 9:30 a.m. Open Heart Kitchen (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for Christmas Concert (Sanctuary)

**December 4, 2009 (Friday)**

- 8:00 a.m. Hiking

**December 5, 2009 (Saturday)**

- 8:00 a.m. Lawn crew C
- 8:00 a.m. Habitat Workday
- 9:00 a.m. Pageant Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**December 6, 2009 (Sunday)**

- 10:30 a.m. Where in the World is God (Conf Room)
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Scavenger Hunt
- 7:00 p.m. Christmas Concert (Sanctuary)

**December 7, 2009 (Monday)**

- 7:30 p.m. Missions (Conference Room)

**December 8, 2009 (Tuesday)**

- 9:30 a.m. United Methodist Women (Fireside Room)
- 10:30 a.m. The Way of Discernment (Rooms 11-12)
- 6:30 p.m. Advent Service of Reflection (Chapel)
- 7:30 p.m. Fellowship Team (Room 11)
- 7:30 p.m. Trustees (Conference Room)

**December 11, 2009 (Friday)**

- 11:00 a.m. Meditation (Fireside Room)

**December 12, 2009 (Saturday)**

- 8:00 a.m. Lawn crew D
- 8:00 a.m. Habitat Work Day
- 9:00 a.m. Pageant Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant (Sanctuary)

**December 13, 2009 (Sunday)**

- 10:45 a.m. Career Networking (Rooms 11-12)
- 10:45 a.m. Where in the Word (Conference Room)
- 10:45 a.m. UMEUS Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Meeting (Room 6)
- 4:30 p.m. The Way of Discernment (Fireside Room)
- 4:30 p.m. CAs (Room 13)
- 7:00 p.m. MYF (Room 15)

**December 14, 2009 (Monday)**

- 7:30 p.m. Finance (Conference Room)

**December 15, 2009 (Tuesday)**

- 10:30 a.m. The Way of Discernment (Rooms 11-12)
- 6:30 p.m. Advent Service of Reflection (Chapel)
- 7:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall Design Team (Conference Room)

**December 17, 2009 (Thursday)**

- 7:00 p.m. Theology Pub

**December 18, 2009 (Friday)**

- 8:00 a.m. Hiking

**December 19, 2009 (Saturday)**

- 7:30 a.m. Amen Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
- 8:00 a.m. Lawn crew E
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Christmas Party (Room 15)

**December 20, 2009 (Sunday)**

- 10:45 a.m. SAM meeting (Room 10)
- 10:45 a.m. Where in the Word is God (Conf Room)
- 11:30 a.m. UMW Luncheon and Cookie Exchange (FH)

**December 21, 2009 (Monday)**

- 6:30 p.m. Ladies Night Out (Sansar)

**December 22, 2009 (Tuesday)**

- 6:30 p.m. Advent Service of Reflection (Chapel)
- 7:30 p.m. Church Council (Conference Room)

**December 25, 2009 (Friday)**

- Merry Christmas

**December 26, 2009 (Saturday)**

- 8:00 a.m. Lawn crew F

**December 27, 2009 (Sunday)**

- No choir rehearsal

**December 29, 2009 (Tuesday)**

- 7:00 p.m. Ministry Team (Conference Room)

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