

On Tuesday, December 13, 2016 3:11 PM, Program Coordinator  
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## **First UMC / Email Blast**

### *Star Campaign for Mission and Ministry obligations for 2016*

The Finance Committee has set a goal of placing 50 Stars in the Sanctuary this Christmas season, representing \$1,000 per star in additional funds needed to pay our Mission Shares (our district and conference mission & ministry obligations) for 2016. If you would like to support this project you can mark your memo area of the check "Star Campaign." You can purchase an entire Star, part of a Star or multiple Stars. Thank you for this support as we meet our Mission Share goal for 2016.

### *Christmas Day Brunch*

Join us for a Christmas Day Potluck Bruch right after the 9:00 AM Worship Service located in the Fellowship Hall.

*Baby Jesus Nativity Piece-* Saturday Dec. 17 & Sun. Dec. 18th pick up your Baby Jesus nativity piece this weekend at any of our worship services during the time for children! Peanut & Stretch will be here hungry for your dollars and coins.

*Christmas Movie-* The Outreach Center will be hosting a movie Wednesday, December 14th at 1:30 pm. The movie is "White Christmas" starring Bing Crosby, Rosemary Clooney, Danny Kaye, Vera-Ellen. Come and enjoy a classic with friends!

## **CALENDAR:**

**Dec. 14 ~ 1:30 "White Christmas" movie at the Outreach Center.**

**Dec. 19 ~ 6:30 PM Healing Service at the Outreach Center (Meditation Room) – experience the Spirit's presence as we pray for church family members & friends in need of healing; Blood Drive at the Outreach Center from 12:00-6:00 PM**

**Dec. 21 ~ 7:30 AM Word + Table- special Christmas week service featuring Holy Communion; Advent Lunch Study at 12:00 in the Chapel Parlor**

**Dec. 23 ~ Church & Outreach Center open till 12:00**

**Dec. 24 ~ Children & Family Service at 5:00 PM; Carols & Lessons Service at 7:00 PM; Carols, Candlelight; Communion at 11:00 PM**

**Dec. 25 ~ 9:00 AM Worship Service; Potluck Brunch Following Christmas Day worship Service in the Fellowship Hall;**

## **YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

**Adult Leader Needed** - Wednesday Night Kidz Korner needs adult leaders. If you are interested in helping some amazing children in grades 1-4 learn more about God, contact Sarah Borgman at the church to get the details on how you can help.

**2017 Calendars** are now on sale from the Senior High Mission Team. The calendars can be purchased from team members or in the church office for \$8 each.

**Wednesday night meals are needed.** Every week 40+ people have supper in the Youth Underground at the Outreach Center. You may sign up to provide all of the meal or just a portion of it. Please check out the binder in the chapel parlor to sign up to help or talk to Sarah Borgman. Monetary donations for the meals are also accepted.

**Youth Rally** - See Sarah Borgman to get your ticket for this amazing Youth Rally sponsored by the Great Plains Conference. Expect games, music, worship, lots of laughs, and to grow closer to God. We will leave for Salina, KS, on Jan 14th and return Jan 15th. Talk to Sarah for more details.

***Camp Fontanelle Christmas Camp. December 16 – 18, 2016.*** Do you know of a youth between the ages of 9 and 14, who would benefit from a weekend filled with fun? Some of the activities that the campers will get to participate in include: zip lining, activities at the Petting Barn, hiking, and Jumping Pillow. There will be singing around a fire, roasting marshmallows and maybe even tubing if the weather is right. Sign up fast, because this camp's maximum is only 40 campers!

**Nativity Scenes-** We have 8 nativity scene sets that can be given away for free will donations. Please pick those up in the church office. The office also has angels and Baby Jesus from last year. If a child was not able to attend those weeks they can stop in the office and pick one up.

## **MISSION & MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:**

**Treasured Recipes: *The Salad Edition Cookbook* - second printing in process!** Please call the church office (402) 564-8463 and reserve yours today for only \$12.00 each. “In-house” costs were estimated around \$5 each – that leaves \$7 per cookbook for Disaster Relief! Be generous & remember that these cookbooks make great gifts for birthdays, anniversaries & Christmas!

**Car Decals** are for sale in the church office by the Evangelism committee; stop and see if you would like to purchase one for \$7.00. This is another great way to get our name out in the public.

**2017 MISSION TRIP TO WILLOW UMC, ALASKA!!!** Willow United Methodist Church, our Faith Partner, recently contacted the Mission Committee to see if it church would send a VIM (Volunteers in Mission) team to cut and distribute firewood and help host Vacation Bible School. The VIM mission would last approximately 7 days. We are asking for a dates during the last two weeks of July, 2017. The approximate cost would be \$800 for airfare and approximately \$400 to cover rental cars and most meals. We need 10 people to form a team. The team is limited to 15 participants. For more information, please contact Denise Kracl at (402) 615-1020 or [huskergirl29@yahoo.com](mailto:huskergirl29@yahoo.com).