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 Pastor

**Melissa Macnab**  
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 Administrative Assistant

**Andy Macnab**  
 Audio-Visual Technician

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 Pianist

**Bonnie Patterson**  
 Organist

**Sheila Rossner**  
 Nursery Attendant

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 Custodian

# The Connection



DECEMBER 2017

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- - **IMPORTANT OR NOT?** - -

While recently proof-reading some materials for an upcoming program I ran across a reading that spoke to me so powerfully that I wanted to share it with you:

“We do not have to go looking for Jesus, he is already seeking us. He has called each of us to believe in him and serve him. He loves each of us and offers everyone the free gift of forgiveness and eternal life.”

“With news as good as this, why are we so shy about sharing it with others? Most of us struggle with not wanting to be pushy or impolite. We worry about what people will think if we talk about Jesus. But what might they think if they know we believe Jesus is the only way to be forgiven and go to heaven – but did not care enough about them to share that good news? (!)

By not telling people about Jesus, we are unintentionally giving them the idea that he is really not that important after all!!” Think about that for a while!

- **THANKS** -

I want to offer a personal HUGE thank you to all of the awesome women and men who worked so hard to prepare for and conduct our Back-to-Church Sunday event!! I feel that it was a huge success! AND, thanks to all of you who invited someone to church that day! Do we need to wait a whole year to do that again?

- **STEWARDSHIP** -

We’re coming down the home stretch in our calendar and fiscal year, and if you’ve been reading the reports in the weekly bulletin you know that we are behind in our giving. If we are going to meet our budget this year we are going to need for everyone to prayerfully consider your giving, to the ministries and operations of this church and see if we can finish strong!

We have one faithful member who felt so strongly about this that they stepped forward and wrote us a check for \$5000. (Thank you!!) Though I’m not proposing that everyone could do this, I do think we could all do a little more – don’t you?

*“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 COR 9:6-7)*

Are you a cheerful giver or reluctant?

- **CHRISTMAS MUSICAL** -

Melissa and the choir are excited to present *It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year* on Sunday, December 17, at 10 am. This musical is a departure from those done in recent years – it will include our choir AND actors! The main character, the “Vendor,” will narrate the story and will actually have some inexpensive “trinkets” for sale following the musical. (Any funds collected will go to the Food Pantry.) Please support our music program and bring a guest to this very special event. You won’t want to miss it!

Have a blessed Advent..... *Pastor Gary*

## EUMC PRAYER GARDEN

Thank you to Jeanie Ryan & Jim Townsend for all of the work that they have done to transform this dream to reality. Please be patient as all of the elements of the construction come together.

You will see a big difference as our first order of bricks will be received and installed this month. Through many additional requests, we will continue to order bricks for each additional 10 orders we receive. If you would like to honor or leave a memory for a loved one, please print the information and application from our website: [edgewaterunitedmethodist.org](http://edgewaterunitedmethodist.org) or call the church office at 386-428-6552.

**Melissa Macnab & the  
Edgewater United  
Methodist Church Choir  
invite you to our  
Christmas Musical!**

**Sunday, December 17, 2017  
at 10AM in the Sanctuary**

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## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**BEGINNING SOON!**

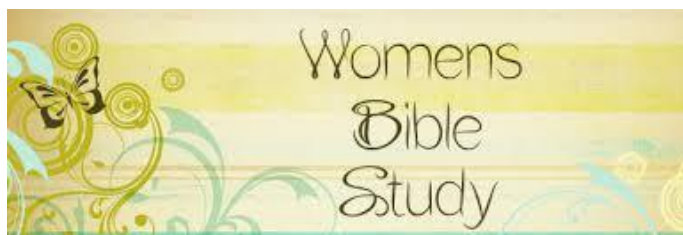
**The Book of Revelation**

This new study will begin on Thursday, January 25th at 10:30AM –Noon in the Adult Sunday School Room.

Contact Helen Karl if you are interested.

[catsandbooks@bellsouth.net](mailto:catsandbooks@bellsouth.net)

**(386) 409-8382**



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT**

**Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 7PM**

**In Hardin Hall**

“Let There Be Light” is the theme. If you haven't signed up yet or if you have questions, see Arlene Tilison, Chair of UMW.

(386) 428-4351

[arlenetilison@gmail.com](mailto:arlenetilison@gmail.com)



## WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

All women are invited to join us for breakfast. It is not necessary to belong to a circle. Contact Charlene Giovanniello or Shirley Vickers for location of Thursdays in December at 8:30 a.m.



**CHRISTMAS UNDER  
THE PALMS**

**DECEMBER 9, 2017**

**9AM-4PM**

**BAKE SALE**

Thoughts of Christmas make my mouth water because mom and grandma were super bakers. They made taffy, walnut brittle, sand tarts, penuche and fruit cakes. YUM! What are your favorites? Share those special treats with us by making some for our bake sale. The folks who come, love to buy and share their Christmas memories as they shop.

If you want a certain price for your baked goods, price them. If not, we will. Items that sell fast include goodies that vendors and patrons can munch on as they work or shop. Other great selling goods are items that make a great dessert or can be frozen and brought out when guests or family come for the holidays. Bring your baked goods to the Choir Practice Room on Friday, Dec. 8th between 2 and 7 PM.

If you don't bake but love to eat cookies and candies, you'd make a great salesperson. Come, give us a hand on Saturday, Dec. 9th any time between 9AM & 4PM. We have a wonderful time working together and meeting all of the new people and old friends. Besides, our efforts raise money to support our church!



The sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board in the hallway between Hardin Hall and the Sanctuary on Sunday, Nov. 19th. Call Helen Karl if you have any questions or to sign up (386) 409-8382 or e-mail her at [catsandbook@bellsouth.net](mailto:catsandbook@bellsouth.net)

**CALENDAR OF CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS**

**Boys & Girls Club Mon.-Fri. 2PM-6PM**

Dec 1	12:00 PM	UMW Christmas Lunch (Blackbeards)
Dec 2	9:00 AM	UMM Meeting
Dec 2	5:30 PM	Hanging of the Greens
Dec 3	9:00 AM	Praise Worship Service (Communion)
Dec 3	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship Service (Comm.)
Dec 5	6:00 PM	Trustees Meeting (Choir Room)
Dec 7	7:30 AM	UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar NSB)
Dec 7	8:30 AM	Women's Breakfast
Dec 7	6:30 PM	Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Dec 9	9:00 AM	CHRISTMAS UNDER THE PALMS
Dec 10	9:00 AM	Praise Worship Service
Dec 10	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship Service (Cookie Sunday ~ Celebrate 80+BD)
Dec 14	7:30 AM	UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar NSB)
Dec 14	8:30 AM	Women's Breakfast
Dec 14	6:30 PM	Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Dec 15	11:00 AM	Jean Genco's Memorial (Sanctuary)
Dec 16	1:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (1PM-3PM Choir Room)
Dec 16	7:00 PM	UMW Advent by Candlelight (Hardin Hall)
<b>Dec 17</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS MUSICAL (ONE SERVICE)</b>
Dec 19	12:00 PM	Ruth Circle Christmas Pot Luck (Choir Rm)
Dec 19	5:45 PM	Naomi Circle Christmas Party (Blackbeards)
Dec 21	7:30 AM	UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar NSB)
Dec 21	8:30 AM	Women's Breakfast
Dec 21	6:30 PM	Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Dec 24	10:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service
<b>Dec 24</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Candle Light Service</b>
Dec 25		MERRY CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSED
Dec 26		OFFICE CLOSED
Dec 28	7:30 AM	UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar NSB)
Dec 28	8:30 AM	Women's Breakfast
Dec 28	6:30 PM	Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Dec 31	9:00 AM	Praise Worship Service
Dec 31	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship Service



**CEREAL**



**is needed for third SUNDAY donations.**

***Sunday, December 17, 2017***

**WE REALLY NEED THESE DONATIONS! WE NO LONGER NEED EGG CARTONS OR PLASTIC BAGS.**

**Thank you for your cards and condolences!**

*Many blessings, Pastor Gary*

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

03—Cathy Elledge

05—Jim Townsend \*

06—Ray Genco

14—Lorna Brice \*

16—Jack Rorabaugh \*

17—Mary Merrow

19—Bonnie Bailey

21—Marla Hager

23—Mary Lawson \*

24—Joy Hughes

25—Jesus Christ

31—Joe Schuler



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12/14 Richard & Lorna Brice

12/17 Jim & Kathy Oliver

12/23 Bob Gudis & Ginger Clark

12/31 Joe & Beth Schuler



\* = 80 or above

The office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25th and Tuesday, Dec. 26th.

Blessings for a Safe and Happy Christmas!



PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:

Dolores Ace

Gayle Allen

Greg Brice

Thelma Buchard

Brandy Crisafulli

JoEllen Curtis

Kevin DeVault

Ozama Domokos

Jason Drymon

Ruth Estella

Betty Freymuth

Tom Freymuth

Ray Genco

Eric Glass

Eva Goodrich

Harry Harris

Jack Haun

Jeannie Haun

Donald Hockett

Lib Hudson

Scott Jackson

Richard Jordan

Erin Juliano

Jeff Kelley

Mason Joseph Kiep

Matthew Kiep

Brenda Kupris-Cary

Judy Littorin

Angel Lopez

Catherine (Kitty) Martin

Kathryn Merrow

Miles Gresham-Miller

Randy Miller

Rev. Bob Moffat

Lorie Morris

Guy Moseley

Bill Myers

Carol Nogle

Ed Nunn

Connie Peets

Jeff Peters

Harvey Plourde

Kristina Reightmyer

Merridith Richardson

Ivan Rua

Carol Rutter

Chuck Ruty

Fran Santos

Carrie (Russell) Schaefer

Nettie Secrest

Buck Settle

Joann Schuler

Lynette Schwanke

Vicki Sheets

Jim Smith

Malize Smuts

Jennifer Snyder

Phyllis Sperry

David Sullivan

Patti Sulzbach

Yolandie Swanepoel

Rev. Charles Ternet

Jim Townsend

JoAnn Waikel

Sue Warren

Al Wiefeling

Lindsey Wiefeling

Rick Williams

Christy Wood

Chris Wood

Bill Young

Amy Zimmers & Family



Please keep in prayer and make a point to call, visit or send a card to our shut ins:

Norma Cassada

Pat Chaney

Meta Devlin

Betty Kormylo

Louise Mills

Wilma Montgomery

Vivian Nunn

Martha Petersen

Bill Price

Lois Ann Rector

Marie Scudder

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