

Our Sunday School Schedule For the Next 4 Weeks This Sunday Our Christmas Lessons/Celebrations

This year both Christmas and New Year's Day are on Sunday. The Christian Education Committee recognizes the importance of our individual families being together as a family unit to celebrate the birth of our Savior and bring in a New Year where they will live for Him. We want them to be able to do so in an enjoyable way where they do not feel rushed or pressured.

For that reason we will not be having Sunday School on Christmas or New Year's Day. Instead we encourage families to celebrate together and then later in the morning join with their church family in worship.

That means this Sunday is the week our classes will be having their Christmas lessons and celebrations. Please join us this Sunday as we continue to prepare our hearts to welcome Christ anew into our lives.



Free Christmas Gift Ideas!

It has been said the best gifts in life are free.

A bright smile, a hug, a listening ear, a cheery hello, a hearty "well done," a visit, a card, laughter, a warm welcome. Each of us can dispense as many of these gifts as we like because they are free.

A cup of water, a can of vegetables, our gently used clothing, our cast off furniture, all of these are gifts that cost us very little yet are needed by so many in the world. Clutter specialists have done studies proving that half of what we have in our homes could be taken away without our ever noticing it was gone.

What will Christmas cost you this year? To whom will you be giving your gifts? Why not plan to give away a fortune in free gifts and gifts from your abundance this Christmas season and continue to give these gifts in the New Year?

Encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15 See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people. 16 Rejoice always; 17 pray without ceasing; 18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:14-18

Thanks for Decking the Halls!

Our thanks once again to the Sandersons for decking our children's hallway in such a festive manner. If you have not seen the hallway yet, please take time to stroll down it this Sunday. You will be amazed at the time and thought that has been put into it!



Our Dec. & Jan. Children's Worship Leaders

DECEMBER 18	MISTY EILERT
DECEMBER 25	SPECIAL SERVICE, CHILDREN IN WORSHIP
JANUARY 1	SPECIAL SERVICE, CHILDREN IN WORSHIP
JANUARY 8	SUE KUHS
JANUARY 15	KIM WEIL
JANUARY 22	THE GREENWELLS
JANUARY 29	THE GREENWELLS

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Sunday December 18, 2011 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 A.M. SERVICE
USHERS
Jim & Pam Stevens

10:30 A.M. SERVICE
USHERS
John Oglesby & Rob Engelbrecht
Larry & Stacie Krieger

GREETERS
Bob & Annie Gregg
LaVonda Abbott & Jane Ball

LITURGIST
Patsy Sproatt

WELCOME TEAM
Patsy Sproatt

ACOLYTE
Daniel Holden

NURSERY WORKER
Jo Cohorst

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Misty Eilert

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Christmas Carol Characters "Tiny Tim & Peace"

This Sunday will be the fourth and final week of Advent. This year we've been focusing on some of the characters that are found in *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. On the first Sunday, we considered at Jacob Marley as a representative of hope. The second Sunday our attention turned to Scrooge's nephew, Fred, and suggested him as an individual who stood for faith. This Sunday, we'll look at one of the more well-known characters in the novel, even though his role is very limited.

Tiny Tim is the son of Bob Cratchit, Ebenezer Scrooge's clerk. He is handicapped and, for Charles Dickens, serves as a representative of all the young people of 19th century England who lived in difficult circumstances and endured unnecessary hardships. He is also a representative of the theme of the fourth Sunday of Advent – Peace.

Read Isaiah 9:2-7 and Matthew 15:29-31 as we continue our journey through both Advent and *A Christmas Carol* by looking at "Tiny Tim & Peace."

Advent Blessings,
Dennis



Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Georgia Puckett who passed away on December 10, 2011.

This Sunday - 10:30 Worship

Children's Christmas Pageant



Every week, the number of children in worship seems to grow. One of the reasons for that growth is the superb programs we have available for children. We want to continue to increase the level of those programs and one of the ways we're doing that this season is with a traditional Children's Christmas Pageant.

This Sunday, during the 10:30 worship service, our children will present a traditional pageant with characters of the Christmas story, readings, singing and special musical presentations. We hope you plan to join us and celebrate with the children of Eastminster!

Prayers & Concerns

Please pray for the following individuals:

Mary & Kenzie, Coreen, Justin, Tammy, Midgi, Josh Franklin, Dan Engelbrecht, Paula Yeager, Casey Doerter, Bill Doerter, Patti Aakuus, Carly Frazier, Alex, Joann, Austin, Theda Mahurin.

For more specific information, please stop by the prayer wall located in Fellowship Hall.

BOOK CLUB



EPC BOOK CLUB NEWS

The EPC Book Club invites YOU to join them in 2012 for a lively, fun filled hour for a great book discussion. Beginning in January the Club will meet on the third Tuesday of each month at Noon at the Grand Traverse Pie Company. Below are the book selections through March. Your book selections are welcome too!

January

Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom

February

I Still Dream About You by Fannie Flagg

March

Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese

The Golden Age Group will meet on Tuesday, May 20th at Noon. Please contact Joyce Newman at 477-4151 or LaVonda Abbott at 476-1933 to make your reservations.

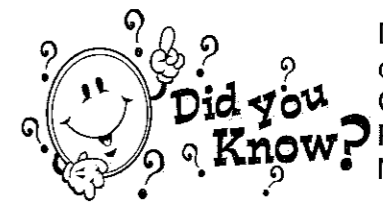
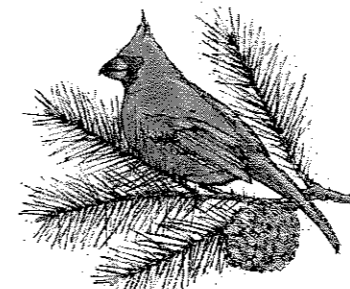


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Did you know that e-cards make great Christmas Gifts? Please see Becky Nichols or contact the

church office to order yours! Thank You!!



What happens when a Holiday classic by Charles Dickens gets a Miss Penelope make-over? The result: a version of the timeless story in "A Spring Valley Christmas Carol." In this take on the classic, Pen & Ro play the ghosts of Christmases past, present and yet to come as they show the true spirit of Christmas to a mean lumber baron named Ebenezer Sledge. In keeping up with the religious themes of the Dickens story through our Advent program and Christmas sermons, this is a welcome addition for the whole family. "A Spring Valley Christmas Carol" will be presented this Sunday, December 18th after the morning worship service. If you will not be here, contact Ro or the church office to get your copy. This is one tale you can't say "Tarnation and Humbug" to. Merry Christmas!

Christmas Blessings,
Roland Small, Jr.
Coloring Bookmaster
Children's Ministry

