

COUNT ME IN

December 23, 2018

(Register your attendance through the registration pads found in each row)

Yes! I plan to participate in the event checked below:

Name (s)  
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Phone #  
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E-Mail  
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☐ Send me prayer request emails

☐ Please have the Pastor give me a call

(If either box above is checked, please be sure to provide email address)

**What a wonderful Christmas cantata.** Thanks to Carol and all the musicians for their time and talents in presenting this “gift” to those in attendance. We were all blessed by the time you spent preparing and presenting this music.

40 Days of Prayer Series Begins

**January 13** In this series, we learn about the power of prayer & how to develop a deep & intimate relationship with God that will transform your life. **Won't you join us and invite your friends?** Pastor Carrie will share messages during worship & lead a time of study between the worship services each week from January 13 thru February 24.

**Giving Envelopes for 2019** are ready for you to pick up at the Welcome Table. If you do not have envelopes and would like a box, please contact Bobbi Ostermeyer at 662-2841 or [RA0st@aol.com](mailto:RA0st@aol.com)

**Game Night: Share some Fun & Fireworks** on Sunday, December 30. Everyone is invited to a game gathering that will end with the Cheviot City Bicentennial fireworks' celebration. Bring any type of food to share & your favorite game. Eat & play from 4:30-6:30, then drive to the Cheviot Fieldhouse for the 7 PM fireworks. Don't miss the fun! The Connect Team.

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**Christmas At CUMC:**  
**And Christmas Eve,** December 24th - **Not the Usual Birth**

**Family Worship at 4:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. All ages are welcomed. Child care provided for infants.

**Traditional Worship at 11 PM** in the Sanctuary. Pre Service music presentation begins at 10:30 PM.  
**Don't miss the last chapter on January 6th - Not the Usual Journey**

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Activities This Week

**Sunday, December 23...**  
9:10 AM Traditional Worship-Sanctuary  
10:20 AM Sunday School & Fellowship Time  
11:15 AM Contemporary Worship Service-Fellowship Hall  
11:15 AM Celebration Bell Practice-Sanctuary

**Monday, December 24... Christmas Eve**  
4:30 PM Family Christmas Eve-Fellowship Hall  
10:30 PM Pre-Service Music-Sanctuary  
11:00 PM Candlelight Service-Sanctuary

**Tuesday, December 25... Christmas Day**  
Offices Closed  
11:00 AM Private Event-Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, December 26...**  
Offices Closed  
7:30 PM Stamp Club-Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, December 27...**  
4:00 PM Meet at CUMC for SAM to Dinner & Coney Island  
7:00 PM Praise Team Practice-Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, December 29...**  
8:00 AM Men's Bible Study-Community Room  
8:00 AM Women's Bible Study-Werner Lounge

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9:10 AM Traditional Worship-Sanctuary  
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11:15 AM Celebration Bell Practice-Sanctuary  
4:00 PM Youth Group-Outside Bldg.

To schedule an event, contact Juanita Woodburn in the church office or complete the Event Request form on the church website

**Open Dates:**  
Dec. 30, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27  
  
To order flowers: Contact the church office or email [flowers@cheviotumc.com](mailto:flowers@cheviotumc.com)



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Welcome!  
We're glad you're here.

OUR VISION IS  
"TO CONNECT AND SERVE ALL PEOPLE,  
SO THAT LIVES ARE TRANSFORMED AND EMPOWERED  
THROUGH THE LOVE OF CHRIST"

Rev. Carrie Jena, Pastor

Invite      Connect      Grow      Send



Advent 2018—"Surprised By Christmas"

December 23, 2018

## 11:15 Contemporary Service

\*Please Stand As Able

### OPENING SONG

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

### WELCOME

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Debbie & Chelsea Hauser

### SINGING PRAISE\*

What Child is This?

Noel

### MISSION MOMENT

Becky Grosse

Heifer International works with communities in 25 countries, including the U.S., to end hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth.

### MOMENT FOR OFFERING

### OFFERING

Breath of Heaven

### OFFERING PRAYER

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### SCRIPTURE

Luke 1: 26-56 (NIV)

MESSAGE “Not the Usual Pregnancy ”

Pastor Carrie Jena

### CLOSING SONG\*

What Child is This?

### CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BLESSING

### Luke 1: 26-56

In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.” Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.” “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail.” I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her. At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!” And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. he has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.” Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

### News You Can Use

Announcements and Happenings @ Cheviot Church

**Westfed Food Pantry:** Items needed: crackers, toothpaste & large paper grocery bags. Westfed baskets are located outside the Werner Lounge.

**Congregational Care/Crafters** A huge Thank You to all who took a gift bag and plan to visit our shut ins. We could not do some of our activities without you, our faithful congregation.

### PRAYERS/COMMENTS

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Use this side to submit Prayer requests, comments and questions.

(Register your attendance through the registration pads during the Ritual of Friendship)

### Prayer Requests/Comments

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- ☐ Share via the Prayer emails  
☐ Keep within the pastors only

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