

COUNT ME IN

December 16, 2018

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

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

SAM Luncheon 12:30 PM
December 21

SAM to Light Show 4 PM
December 27

Name (s)

Phone #

E-Mail

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)

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

S.A.M. Seniors invited to a Birthday Party for Jesus. Join us Friday, December 21 at 12:30 for a time of celebration of Christmas and Jesus. We will enjoy a great meal for only \$5. We will sing Christmas carols, share the Christmas story in a new way. Bring a favorite Christmas memory or decoration that is special to you. We will enjoy some Christmas trivia and more games. This time together will be a time of fun, fellowship and inspiration as we share the Christmas season together. Sign up today on the Count Me In.

S.A.M. Seniors: We are going to see Coney Island Light Show on Thursday Dec. 27.

We will eat at the Red Squirrel and then head to Coney Island. The cost for Coney is \$6. We will meet at the church at 4 PM. Seating is limited, so sign up today on the Count Me In.

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 RAOst@aol.com

Congregational Care will be delivering Christmas gifts to our shut ins the week of Dec. 16. Many of you have assisted previous years & we are hoping you will help again. Please contact Linda Page if you are interested in taking the church's gift to a shut-in & visiting with them. All gifts, addresses & phone numbers of the shut in will be in the Narthex on Dec. 16. Thanking you in advance.

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.

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.

Christmas At CUMC:

December 23 - **Not the Usual Pregnancy**
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

Activities This Week

Sunday, December 16 ...

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
4:00 PM Youth Group-Youth Room
4:30 PM Christmas Musical-Sanctuary

Monday, December 17...

1:00 PM Craft Club-Ready Room
7:00 PM Mercy Group-Community Room
7:00 PM Praise Team Practice-Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 19...

6:30 PM Women's Book Club-Community Room
6:40 PM Choristers-Chapel
7:00 PM Adult Choir-Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 20...

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study-Werner Lounge
7:00 PM Praise Team Practice-Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 21...

12:30 PM SAM Luncheon-Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 22...

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study-Community Room

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

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

Open Dates:
Dec. 23, 30
Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27

To order flowers: Contact the church office or email flowers@cheviotumc.com



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Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

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Welcome! We're glad you're here.
Traditional Worship @ 9:10 a.m.
Sunday School/Fellowship @ 10:20 a.m.
Contemporary Worship @ 11:15 a.m.

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”

MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16,
2018
4:30 PM IN
THE SANCTUARY



December 16, 2018

9:10 a.m. Order of Worship

*Please Stand As Able

PRELUDE

Festival Orchestra

PRAISE HYMN* "Good Christians Friends, Rejoice" Red Hymnal #224

CALL TO WORSHIP* Lois Schalk-Hartley

LEADER: In-breaking God as Christmas draws near, it is hard for us to settle down and to focus on You

PEOPLE: Come to us this morning and draw us close

LEADER: Open us up to Your transforming love

PEOPLE: We come in expectation, in joy and in awe

LEADER: To learn what "God with us" really means

PEOPLE: We are here to receive all that You have to give

ALL: And to give you all of our praise and devotion

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Barb Decker & Kathy Hamilton

Reader: "And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name'" (Luke 1:46-49).

Reader: Today we remember Mary, innocent and powerful, sacred and scared, worried and waiting as the Savior of all grows in her womb. She sings boldly when she might be meek; she bears her role in history with the confidence of a warrior; she is the beginning of a mighty revolution as the proud are brought down and the lowly lifted up.

People: Today we give thanks for the Marys among us, who step out of the roles society has planned; unintended pioneers determined to do as God asks; fearless and fearfully stepping out in faith, and beckoning us to do the same.

Reader: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Mary, mother of God, bearer of the Way.

HYMN: "Light the Advent Candle" (verse 3) Black Hymnal #2090

WELCOME

Please sign our registration pads located at the end of the pew and then pass them out down the center aisle.

Pass the pad to the person next to you. Once the pad has reached the other end, return to the center aisle, taking note of the names of those seated with you.

BAPTISM Today we celebrate the baptism of River Keith Davis, son of Ryan and Rachel Davis, and grandson of Kevin and Cathy Davis.

BAPTISM HYMN*"God Claims You" (see insert) Black Hymnal #2249

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Ring and Celebrate" Nix
Choristers
"Away in the Manger" Traditional
Chimes

HYMN* "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" Red Hymnal #218

PRAYING TOGETHER

Silent Prayer • Pastoral Prayer • the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us, this day, our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us, not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

MISSION MOMENT Cathy Davis

Peace Cafe offers reasonably priced, nutritious food and serves as an educational model - working with the poor of the Over-the-Rhine area.

GIVING TOGETHER

Offertory "Sing Joy" Joel Raney & Mary McDonald
Festive Choir / Festive Orchestra

Doxology* Red Hymnal #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures
here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost. A-men.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Lois Schalk-Hartley

God, we offer you, not what we have left over after our Christmas spending,
but we offer you the first and the best of what we have and who we are. We
offer our whole selves and our resources for the work of transforming our
lives, our community, and our world. May our offering be pleasing to you and
may your presence empower us to love and serve the world that you came to
save. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:22-25, Psalm 27:1-5 (NIV)
(see insert)

MESSAGE "Not The Usual Leader" Pastor Carrie Jena

COMMITMENT HYMN* "Angels We Have Heard on High" Red Hymnal #238

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

Festival Orchestra

PRAYERS & PRAISES

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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
(Please write legibly)

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

(Optional)

Name (s)

Phone #

E-Mail
