



The Steeple was lighted to the Glory of God

December 24

In honor of our merry carolers who boarded the Polar Express to visit and sing to our shut-ins and some of our faithful folks who can't make it to church on Sundays. Thank you especially to Tim Higley and Lynn Ierardi!

In honor of our coffee and cookie crew who brought warm drinks and warm hearts to the Foodshare recipients.

THANK YOU FROM COVENANT TO CARE

Thank you and the Congregation for making our kids smile during this time of year. Thanks to you I'm a popular guy this time of year. Usually some of my youth don't want to see me. Happy Holidays. Thanks again, Santo C.

Thank you for thinking of our youth and children. It is great that you and your church take the extra time and thought to help others. We hope you have a Happy Holiday! Thank you, Ryan B.

FROM FUNDRAISING...

Can & Bottle Drive, January 6, 8:30am-Noon

Donations: Last year, Church Council voted to allocate 10% of Fundraising net profits to give back to charities to practice what we preach in giving back to those in need. In 2017, we budgeted \$1000 for this purpose, to be given out by Council discretion and vote. In December, Church Council approved **\$500 to our Ecuador mission friends the Blossers** and **\$500 to the Burlington Food & Fuel Bank.**

2017 Fundraising Results: Net Profits will fall short about \$3000 from our goal. This is primarily due to 2 reasons: 1) somewhat less than expected profits in our regular fundraisers: Can & Bottle drives (only had 3 vs 4), Malerbo Concession stand, Tavern Day and gift cards, and 2) not doing planned fundraisers: a Raffle and a KC Dubliner night due to the closing of that restaurant. **HOWEVER**, our first time Artists & Artisans Fair made up a bunch of the slack and is on the schedule already for 2018! Thanks to all who participated and volunteered to plan and run our fundraisers!

FROM THE TAYLORS - We would like to express our thanks and gratitude to the congregation for the monetary gifts that were presented to us this Christmas. We also appreciate the many cards, food, and other items given to us that helped make our Christmas more joyful! May God bless each of you during these 12 days of Christmas. *The Taylors*

FROM THE SECRETARY - THANK YOU for the very generous gifts, yummy treats, and all the good wishes. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. I wish you all a very healthy, happy and peaceful New Year! *With thanks and appreciation,*
Joanne

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE...

2018 PLEDGES - Please pick up your Pledge envelopes in the Chapel Room. If you have not submitted your pledge, please consider doing so soon. Pledge cards available below or in the Chapel Room for your convenience. Thank you.

For Church Records	Envelope # _____ <small>(for office use)</small>	For Your Records
Name _____		Date: _____
Address _____		With others in my congregation, I commit myself to give in proportion to what I have for the ministries of the church and the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ.
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____		I plan to give \$ _____ beginning _____ <small>(date and year)</small>
I plan to give \$ _____ each <input type="checkbox"/> week <input type="checkbox"/> month beginning _____ <small>(date and year)</small>		Each <input type="checkbox"/> week <input type="checkbox"/> month
for an annual total of \$ _____		Annual Total \$ _____
I understand that this commitment can be changed at any time by giving notice to the appropriate church officer. <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to talk with someone about including the church or church-related institution in my will.		
Signed: _____ Date: _____		

Journey to Generosity
The Way of Jesus
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
God is still speaking
Matthew 9:35-10:23

THANK YOU to all who contributed to the **Christmas Fund Offering for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund** - This year's theme—**God's Love Colors Everything**—certainly proved true as your generous contributions totaled **\$338**. Your generosity will help brighten the life of one of God's servants who is facing a moment of personal need. Thank you. The Stewardship Committee



POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

In Loving Memory of

Gordon Miller

Loved Ones

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Karen Lee Fetzer

Perry & Dad

Ed & Caroline Pilon Sr.

Ed Pilon Jr.

Harold & Thelma Messick

Paul Muszynski

Etna Scott

Marge Marino

Gert Gerardi

Jean Dalaker

Given By

Ellen Barrett

Lila Cahill & Family

The Eisenmann Family

The Fetzer Family

Mary Hart

Bryan & Midge Messick

Bryan & Midge Messick

Bryan & Midge Messick

Debbie Muszynski

The Richards Family

The Richards Family

The Richards Family

Tim, Barbara & Courtney Walker