

## LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

The Advent season is always a special time of year. A time of different activities, expressions of gratitude, and a time when worship is filled with anticipation, expectation and hope. This year we're focusing on the Hope the Christ Child brings. Hope for the future, hope for our world, hope for peace and love.

As part of our preparations, we have created an Advent Devotional Guide for you to use as part of your prayer and preparation. In addition, we will be emailing the devotion for the day each morning so that even if you don't have your booklet handy, you can still reflect on the thoughts of others during this season.

As we celebrate this season, we have several opportunities to invite *others* to join with us for the celebrations of Jesus's Birth:

- ◆ December 10<sup>th</sup> — Church-Wide Christmas Dinner and Children's Christmas Program, 6:00 PM
- ◆ December 11<sup>th</sup> — Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata, 9:00 and 10:30
- ◆ December 17<sup>th</sup> — Christmas Bible School, 9:00 -11:30 (lunch following for everyone)
- ◆ December 24<sup>th</sup> — Christmas Eve — Contemporary Worship at 5:30 PM; Traditional Worship at 7:00 PM
- ◆ December 25<sup>th</sup> — Christmas Day — Combined Worship at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary (One Service Only)

Looking forward to preparing and celebrating with you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Day", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Pastor Jim

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# Prayer List — Sharing Concerns, Joys and Witnesses

Family of Mark Wayman \* Dottie Luelf \* Bob Myers \* Carol Rapp \* Harold Wheeler \*  
Christina Hutchinson (Nancy & Roy Witham's granddaughter) \* Wally Fowler \* Carol  
Cole \* Dick Elefson \* Karen Frazier \* Elaine Blackwell \* Bob White \* Wilbur Keck  
(Wilma Penfield's brother) \* Paul Heil \* Kristen Turner \* Connie McGrew \* Nancy  
Witham \* Lois Hildreth \* Jerry Thompson \* Bob Campbell \* Shawn Pederson (Karen  
Pederson's son) \* Janice Reynolds \* Brad (Ruth Fowler's brother-in-law) \* Gary Goswick  
\* Paul Samuelson (William & Nancy Culver's brother-in-law) \* Lourae Fitzgerald  
(Eleanor Depew's daughter) \* Nancy Pope & Martha Woods (friends of Marcie Crandall) \*  
JoAnn Montgomery (Pat Beffa's sister)

## Members and friends facing hard times due to financial hardships

\* Bahula UMC, Mozambique (our sister church) \* All Men and Women serving  
our country \* Local families in need of food, employment & financial assistance

## Members and friends residing in Long-Term-Care Facilities

\* **Lakeside Meadows** — Donna McClaughry \* Jackie Ufheil \* Phyllis  
Hovendick \* Margaret Berry \* Ruth Craig \* Elaine Blackwell \* Fern  
McGrew \* Juanita Grote \* Irene Schulte \* Mary Barber  
\* **Ozark Rehabilitation & Health Center** — Virginia McFarland  
\* **Ozark Healthcare Center** — Ruby Short

## HARPER CHAPEL STAFF MEMBERS

Pastor — Jim Day  
Resident Bishop — Robert Farr  
District Superintendent — Sherry Habben  
Children's / Youth Minister / Shining Stars Director — Nikki Brauer  
Administrative Assistant — Jo Ellen Steen  
Stephen Ministry Leader — Susan Buckingham  
Parish Nurse — Hazel Croy  
Music Leadership Team — Mary Engel, Jo Beth Nicklas, Michael Fulk





The first two Sunday afternoons of each month Harper Chapel ministers at local Nursing facilities. We invite ALL those interested in taking part to join us.



### ***Having a difficult time?***

Call on a Stephen Minister for provide emotional and spiritual support. This service is free and confidential! Contact the church office 573-348-2617 for more information. The next meeting is Monday, December 12th at 4PM. We look forward to seeing you.

### **Online Electronic Church Directory**

Want to access the Harper Chapel Electronic Online Church Directory? There's an app for that! Follow these simple steps and you're "good to go"— but FIRST, your email address MUST be loaded into the church directory to be recognized and assigned a password. Please let the church office know if your email isn't listed.

1. Search "Instant Church Directory" in your app store;
2. Download the app on your mobile device;
3. Sign in and receive your password;
4. Log in and enjoy the new online directory

#### **Accessing the Online Directory via the web:**

1. Go to [www.instantchurchdirectory.com](http://www.instantchurchdirectory.com);
2. Click on "church members sign in";
3. Created your log-in (username) (if it's your first time signing in). A password will be issued and emailed to you;
4. Sign in & enjoy the online directory!



### **December 2016**

- 1 Alex Woltemath
- 4 Buddy Brayfield, Dana Ellis
- 5 Peter Hoeft, Jon Perry, Andrea Weiss
- 6 Dennis Brouillette
- 7 Karen Pederson, Herb Dameron, Julie Dinsdale, Chloe Freeman, Phyllis Mossman
- 8 Julie Clark, Norman Vojtech
- 11 Jase Nicklas
- 13 Paul Heil, Sherry Rickerson
- 15 Bob Ellis, Chris McElyea
- 16 Judy Jansma
- 17 Maurice Knudson, Rose Rich-ey
- 21 Paul Ray, Sue Westenhaver
- 22 David Gray
- 24 Karen Jordan
- 25 Joe Barber
- 27 Marcia Murrow, Jan Washington
- 28 Roy Witham
- 30 Nikki Brauer, Kathy Hoemeyer

*If your birthday isn't listed it's most likely because it isn't recorded in or on the church records. If you'd like us to list your birthday (or anniversary), please leave word with your Administrative Assistant Jo Ellen!*



**\*\*OH NO—-DON'T MISS IT\*\***  
**—IT'S EARLY THIS MONTH—**  
**THE 19TH ONLY GIVES US 4**  
**DAYS DUE TO THE OFFICE BE-**  
**ING CLOSED THE WHOLE WEEK**  
**AFTER CHRISTMAS**

Our Bahula UMC would love to receive a Christmas greeting from you. You may email your message to our Mozambique contact, Ezequiel "Ezy" Nhantumbo at the following:

[enhantumbo@tvcabo.co.mz](mailto:enhantumbo@tvcabo.co.mz)

If you write in English, Ezy will translate for you. Please send ASAP due to the time needed to translate and send.

Thanks & God Bless You!

**HARPER CHAPEL** is hosting its 2nd annual *Christmas Bible School* on December 17th from 9 AM – 12 PM. Music, crafts, games, snacks & the Christmas Bible Story will be shared. Lunch will be served at Noon for participating children and their parents. All children ages 3 years through 5th grade are welcome and invited to attend. Please call the church office @ 573-348-2617 to pre-register, or you may register the morning of the 17th.



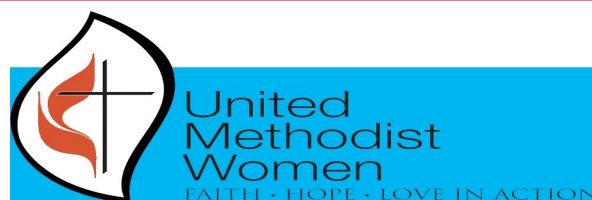
Harper Chapel UMC Board of Trustees meets every 4th Tuesday evening of the month. This month's meeting is scheduled for December 29th at 6:30PM. **ALL** Board members are asked to **please** attend!



. . . Meet each Monday evening at 6:30 for a time of Bible study. We invite all men to join this group at that time.

Come join us every Thursday morning at 6:30 at Cozy Café in Osage Beach for a time of breakfast & fellowship.

The UMM generally holds its monthly meeting the 4th Thursday evening of each month. However, due to the upcoming Holiday Season, the next UMM session will be January 26th, 2017, at 6:30PM.



. . . will meet Thursday, December 8th at 10:30 AM in Thompson Hall. **ALL ladies of the church are invited to attend our monthly business meeting.** Included in our meeting is a time for education and interpretation, social action and spiritual growth. A light luncheon will follow the meeting at 12:00 noon. **learn more about United Methodist Women, contact Jan Campbell at 280-6361.**