

**STEELE MEMORIAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

December 25, 2016

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Sunday, December 25

10:45 Christmas Worship
Service

Monday, December 26

Church Office will be Closed
7:00 Sea Scouts/Cub Scout
7:00 Boy Scouts

Tuesday, December 27

6:30 Celebrate Recovery
Dinner
7:00 Celebrate Recovery

Wednesday, December 28

5:30 Youth
7:30 Choir Practice

Thursday, December 29

6:00-9:00 Vicki & Eddie's
Open House

Saturday, December 31

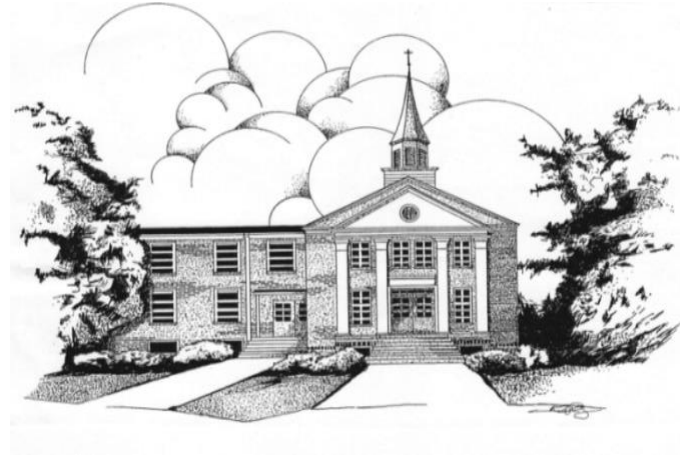
8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Sunday, January 1

8:45 Early Worship
9:40 Sunday School for all
ages
10:45 Worship Service
6:30 Evening Worship Service

Monday, January 2

Church Office will be Closed



The purpose of Steele Memorial United Methodist Church is to enable people to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; to nurture them in their journey of faith; to offer opportunities to express their relationship with the living God through love, example, and service.

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WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Amount Received: Amount Needed Per Week: \$8,497.00
December 4: \$9,090.01
December 11: \$9,671.20
December 18: \$6,862.16

LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Early Worship Service: 29 Sunday school: 116
Morning Worship Service: 145 Evening Worship: 18

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is a time to share the work of the church and recognize the community of believers as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship the Lord.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Good news! Unspeakable joy!

**A great light has burst forth,
overcoming the darkness!**

A child is born for us—a son has been given!

**Bringing a kingdom of endless peace,
we shall call him Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God**

Come, let us see what God has brought us!

Let us see what the Lord has done!

Glory to God in the highest!

And on earth, peace and goodwill to all!

***SONG OF PRAISE** "Joy to the World" No. 246 (vs.1, 3-4)

STORY FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We've come to that time in the service when we collect the financial offerings and tithes. Your financial commitment sustains our many vital ministries. May God bless you, the giver, and your gift in the up-building of God's kingdom.

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 94

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***SONG OF PRAISE**

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

No. 224

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Chris & Amy Jarvis, Evan

No Children's Church today. Children will remain in the Sanctuary so that families may worship together.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:19-31

The word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

MORNING 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

ANTHEM *"What a Time, What a Moment"* Choir

SERMON Pastor Kevin Lantz
"Unwrapping God's Gift All Year Long"
John 1:1-14

***INVITATION HYMN** *"What Child Is This"* No. 219

***BENEDICTION**

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world" (John 8:12)

Does it seem important to you that Christ calls us what He called Himself? "You are the light of the world!" (Matthew 5:14)

With all wisdom and insight, God has made known to us the mystery of the divine will. Now may you live according to God's good pleasure! Go in peace!

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 234 (Refrain)

**O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.**

***POSTLUDE**

Prayer Concerns

Canzaza Arkle	Al Baker	Buddy Beckett
Rosetta Blake	Eloise Baumgardner	Danny Childers
Buddy & Lilly Dick	Lori Godfrey	John Griffith
Phyllis Griffith	Betty Hart	Peggy Hicks
Doris Hutchinson	Shawn Kelley	Butch Morning

Friends and Relatives

Ethan (Grandson of Peggy Hicks)
 Richard (Friend of Betty Miller)
 Simon Ballengee (Grandson of Kevin & Cindy Ballengee)
 Mr. Hammonds & Family (Friends of Karen Canfield)
 Charlie Insalaco (Grandson of Mike & Lynette Call)
 Nicky Jones (Aunt of Ashley Kinker)
 David Murray (Cousin of DiAnn Willis)

GIRLS OF FAITH - The girls of faith will be collecting feminine hygiene for the month of January as our mission project. Many women are unable to get these products in shelters due to them being a "luxury" item. We will be collecting them now through January 29th. Please give the items to Megan Turman, Jessica Ball, Mollie Bannister, or leave them in the youth room. Thank you for your support with this mission!

Our next meeting in January will be on Friday the 27th for dinner at church followed by a trip to the movies. I hope everyone can make it for our January meeting! - Megan Turman

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE: Eddie and Vicki's open house is December 29th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come see the 25 trees this year.

MISSIONS: The Mission Team will work with All-Stars for Jesus in making REVERSE ADVENT BASKETS. Instead of "taking" something, we will reverse and "give" something each Wednesday in December. These items will then be given to the HUNTINGTON CITY MISSION.

"For it is in giving that we receive." St. Francis of Assisi
Thank You to our Angels on Earth! First, Doris Wooten and Sandy Rupert for all their hard work with ECCHO and the angel tree, and also, the United Methodist Women (UMW) for the very special Christmas dinner they prepared for Celebrate

Recovery. They were asked to prepare for 45, but served 76!!! You are loved and appreciated!

CONFIRMATION CLASS Rev. Lantz hopes to schedule Confirmation Classes in January or February of the new year for those interested. Confirmation Classes are generally for our youngsters in Middle School, as the Pastor and others share with participants the meaning of Jesus' call to "Follow Me!" so that our children can confirm the pledge and covenant made as some were baptized as infants.

But it's not only for those who have already been baptized. This is a time in the life of our children to consider the place Jesus' death and resurrection has in their own sense of faith and calling. If parents have any questions or would like to make sure their children are included, please contact Pastor Kevin at 304 638-4840 or Bobby Bannister at 304 687-7858.

REFIT CLASS will not meet on December 26th, 28th, 30th and January 2nd. Classes will resume January 4, 2017.

NEW ADDRESS: Al Baker has moved to Midland Meadows. His new address is Midland Meadows Senior Living Rm 129 100 Weatherholt Dr. Ona, WV 25545

WINTER JAM 2017! Winter Jam is a travelling music festival featuring some of the top names in Christian Music. It is the biggest and most popular annual Christian Music tour and has dates in cities across the States, with **Charleston, WV** the first stop each year! In addition to spirited gospel music covering a variety of genres, the event includes worship and ministry.

Headlining the stage in 2017 will be **Crowder**, Britt Nicole, **Tenth Avenue North**, Colton Dixon, Thousand Foot Krutch, Andy Mineo, tour musical hosts NewSong, evangelist Tony Nolan, among others.

The seating at the Charleston Civic Center is first come, first serve, with the **January 6 concert beginning at 7 PM.** Many groups arrive early and sit as a group within the waiting area outside the arena for seats, bringing card games to occupy their time. The general admission is \$10 per person at the door. With ten artists performing, the show will last about 4 hours!