

My Christmas List of Blessings

By Vicki J. Kuyper

My Christmas List is more than just a way to keep track of

The special people God has brought into my life to love.

It's like a treasured scrapbook filled with pleasant memories.

Of all the times God's answered prayer through friends and family.

Every name's a touchstone that leads to a place and time.

Where God has used another's heart to reach out and touch mine.

It may have happened years ago or even yesterday.

But every person on my list has changed my life some way.

Through simple conversation, a warm hug or a shared meal.

Every person on my list has helped me grow or heal.

Or laugh or love or learn or smile.... The blessings never end.

As God allows our paths to cross as family and friends.

So please know that this greeting is more than a Christmas wish.

It's a 'thank you' card to God for putting you on my list.

Each and every one whose name I've come to hold so dear.....

Those who've shown me Christmas joy each day of the year.

A note from Pastor Dillow.....

These lines were sent to me by a friend of many years past. It was so meaningful, I decided to share it with you. I send it in the spirit of Christian friendship and love.

In His love and Blessings,

Myron

Christmas 2018



"Our purpose at University Baptist Church is to show Christ's love to the local and global community through worship, fellowship & ministry."

The Builder



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This will be the last edition of The Builder before we all celebrate Christmas. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Marilyn and myself to wish for you all a great celebration of the reminder of the birthday of our Lord. It has been a good time of preparation for this annual event. I would like to again say thanks to those who participated in whatever fashion with the Spirit of Christmas program. Also, there were some of you involved in the decoration of our building in preparation for Christmas. Others will be hosting parties and we all will be gathering to share a meal after the choir has presented the musical program for this year entitled "O Night Divine." And, then we will have our Christmas Eve program here at the church on the 24th.

There are a lot of things that happen this time of the year. In the midst of the activity and the attempt to make sure everything is done just right let us not forget to take time to ask ourselves the question that John the Baptist posed for us in the advent scripture. Since the Christ has come what now? Christmas gives us a time to renew our commitments to the Christ and to the Church.

And, speaking of the church I would like to let you know that the Business Meeting approved the budget for 2019. It is a budget that shows an increase of \$1000 over 2018. Some things such as insurance and utilities we have no control over, but the staff budget will not be increasing. The group also decided that once they get some more firm numbers there will be an increase in the landscaping budget but if it is in the form of hired help it will be put in the lawn care budget line where other such monies are paid for those outside contractors. Ben Huntley is doing a great job, but he is not sure how long his health will let him continue to do what he has been doing.

Again, have a great Christmas and if you are traveling, travel safe!

Pastor John

Rev. John Annable ~ Pastor

Karen Zelten ~ Church Coordinator

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Sunday Morning Bible Study @ 9:30 a.m.

Classes for all age groups

Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:45 a.m.

Lively but traditional!

Wednesday Night Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning Worship

December 2, 2018 ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent

Tom Hovatter- Invocation /Scripture
Dick Cannon - Offertory
Jan Treece - Nursery
Kay Purcell - Sound
Jan & Harry Treece - Building Lock-up

December 9, 2018 ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent

Mickey & Kim Williams - Invocation /Scripture
Harry Treece - Offertory
Karen Zelten - Nursery
Kay Purcell - Sound
Kim & Mickey Williams - Building Lock-up

December 16, 2018 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

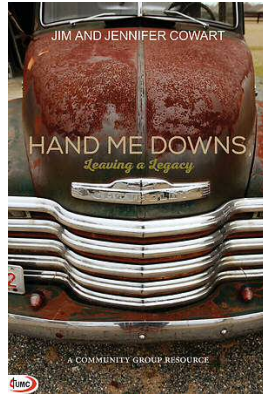
Jimmie Siefert - Invocation /Scripture
Tom Hovatter - Offertory
Sandy & Kathy Karraker - Nursery
Kay Purcell - Sound
Dick Cannon- Building Lock-up

December 23, 2018

Harry Treece - Invocation /Scripture
Dick Cannon - Offertory
Jan Treece - Nursery
Kay Purcell - Sound
Jan & Harry Treece - Building Lock-up



**DEACON ON CALL THE
MONTH OF DECEMBER IS
HARRY TREECE**



Coming in January

Hand Me Downs

Leaving a Legacy

**By Jim and Jennifer
Cowart**

**Wednesday night study
beginning**

January 2nd

Hand-me downs are usually thought of as "second-rate," but Jim and Jennifer Cowart's *Hand Me Downs* offers a six-session small group study showing us that our heritage—what we leave behind—is central to who we are as Christians. A follow-up to the *Living the Five* principles, this community group resource helps you replace self-destructive, addictive behaviors with new, healthy habits so that your legacy is one of spiritual and mental integrity.

Session One: Leaving a Legacy

Session Two: Modeling Holy Habits

Session Three: Breaking Bad Cycles

Session Four: Living with Integrity

Session Five: Playing Well with Others

Session Six: Doing God's Will

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Anyone who has anything to put in the next issue of the Builder needs to email information to UBC Office by Wednesday, December 12th. Items should be typed out for easy reading. Feel free to submit any items that you feel would be of interest to our readers.

This Month at UBC

Sundays at UBC

9:00 a.m. Early Morning coffee & fellowship

9:30 a.m. Christian Education Classes

10:45 a.m. Worship

Coffee Fellowship following worship

Choir Practice following worship

Monday, December 17th

Clothes Closet open 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Food Pantry open 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Ladies Christmas Party @ 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 19th

Bible Study at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 21st

Clothes Closet open 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Food Pantry open 9:00 a.m. - 1:130 a.m.

Monday, December 24th

Food Pantry & Clothes Closet CLOSED

Christmas Eve Service 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday December 25th ~Christmas

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26th

Church office Closed

Thursday, December 27th

Church office Closed

Friday, December 28th

Church office Closed

Monday, December 31st

Church office Closed



**Christmas Eve
Service
Monday,
Dec. 24th @
5:00 p.m.**

A Note from Mike Morgan.....

Thank you UBC members for all the prayers during my surgery on December 3rd. Especially Pastor Annable, Dick Cannon and Harry Treece for being with me at the hospital and taking care of me that day. I am so grateful for everybody the last couple weeks that were dealing with all the health issues from our members at the end of the year.

*Merry Christmas
Mike Morgan*

Our Prayer List.....

Sarah Keltner cancer

Arthur Molina surgery - December 7th

Mike Morgan surgery - December 3

JoAnn Lindsey skilled care

Health Concerns: Ruth Bauner, Rita Cannon, Marilyn Annable, Adam Southword, Mickey Williams, Trigger Lindsey, the Winsteads, Tom & Kay Purcell, Virginia Holt, John Burdee, Pastor Dillow (aortic valve replacement.)

Hospice Care: Mildred Odle

Interfaith Council Prayer List:

Week of Dec. 16th: SIH Health Ministries

Week of Dec. 23rd.: Southern Illinois Pagan Alliance

North American Mission Board:

Week of Dec. 16th: Ronald & Michelle Ramirez

Week of Dec. 23rd: Levi & Leah Hart




*"Give all your worries to Him
because He cares about you." 1 Peter 5:7*

**A people of grace, living by faith,
nurtured by love, anchored in the Word."**



December 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Coffee 9:00 C.E. Classes 9:30am Morning Worship 10:45 Fellowship Following Worship	Deacon on call for the Month of December: Harry Treece	Happy Birthday to All Who Have December Birthdays	DECEMBER Birthstone: Tanzanite Birthflower: Narcissus			1 
2 PEACE 2nd Sunday of Advent	3 Food Pantry 9-1 Clothes Closet 9-11 Kay Purcell Birthday	4 Marilyn Hughes Birthday	5 Advent Bible Study "Because of Bethlehem" 6:00 P.M.	6 KEYS trip to Our Lady of the Snow Van leaves @ 4 pm Sonia Mosley Birthday	7 Food Pantry 9-11:30 a.m. Clothes Closet 9-11 a.m.	
9 JOY 3rd Sunday of Advent	10 Food Pantry 9-1 Clothes Closet 9-11	11 Deacon's Meeting 9:00 am	12 Men's Breakfast at Denny's @8:00 a.m. Business Meeting @6:00 p.m. {Vote on Budget}	13	14 Food Pantry 9-11:30 a.m. Clothes Closet 9-11 a.m.	15 Commencement At SIU
16 LOVE 4th Sunday of Advent Christmas Cantata Ham Dinner	17 Food Pantry 9-1 Clothes Closet 9-11 Ladies Christmas Party at Suzanne's 5:30 p.m.	18 NO Soup 'R' Supper	19 Advent Bible Study "Because of Bethlehem" 6:00 P.M.	20  Logan Siefert Birthday	21 Food Pantry 9-11:30 a.m. Clothes Closet 9-11 a.m.	22 
23 CHRIST Last Sunday of Advent	24 Christmas Eve Service @ 5:00 p.m. Office Closed	25  UBC Office Closed	26 NO BIBLE STUDY UBC Office Closed	27 UBC Office Closed	28 UBC Office Food Pantry & Clothes Closet Closed	29 
30	31 New Year's Eve					