



Ladies Christmas Gathering

Thursday, December 21st @5:30 p.m.

In the UBC "Pink Room"

Please bring a finger food
& a \$15-\$20 gift.

Sign up sheet on bulletin board outside
sanctuary

KEYS

Brown Bag Lunch and Spinners

Grab a bite or pack a lunch and join us
for fellowship

Lunch and Spinners



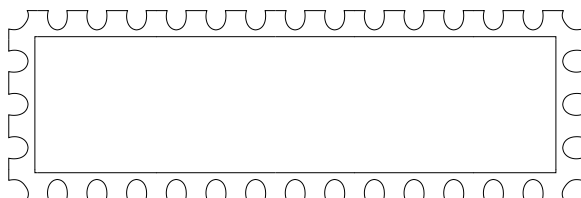
Tuesday, December
12th at 11:30 a.m. in
the pink room

Join us for lunch and
stay for Spinners.

December Business Meeting

There will be a business meeting to vote on
the 2024 Budget Wednesday, December
13th @ 5:30 pm

Week 3 of the Advent Study will follow



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Holiday Potluck
Sunday, December 10th
Following Worship
Ham will be provided
Sign up for a dessert or side
dish



A note from Karen.....

Due to changes being made at the Post Office, this will be the last *Builder* sent via Bulk Mail. We will continue to send by email and will post on our website. Hard copies will be available at the church. *If* none of these options work for you, please let me know and I can send one to you via first class mail.

Thanks, Karen

The Builder



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*Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.*

This is the best-known Christmas carol around the world and is known and sung by millions, often with no need for a book to remind them of the words. Just the sound of the music or the soft singing of the words have been powerful enough to stop the sounds of war for a day, to heal the wounded spirit of many people, and offer hope for the family that is struggling in their relationships.

*Silent night, holy night, Darkness flies, all is light;
Shepherds hear the angels sing,
"Alleluia! Hail the King!
Christ the savior is born, Christ the savior is born"*

Darkness flies, all is light is the message of Christmas. John's gospel said it so well: "*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*" The Good News of the gospel is that we are to bear witness to that light. And now, as has been the case for years, unfortunately, there is still a need great need for that light to dispel the darkness of our lives and our world.

Yes, the mere singing of the hymn has been able to stop wars and family conflict for a day. **But, if for a day why not always.** Most of the time when I ask that question, people will say it is too much to hope for. And yet, it is hope that gives light to our darkness. As we make our way through Advent and then to Christmas Day itself let us seek ways to shine light in the darkness. My hope for you is that you have a **hopeful Christmas!**

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

Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:45 a.m.

Lively but traditional! Join us in person or on facebook

www.facebook.com/UBC.Carbondale

Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. service

December 3, 2023

Dick Cannon –Greeter
Karen Zelten -Invocation & Scripture
Harry Treece - Sound
Harry Treece - Building Lock-up

December 10, 2023

Dick Cannon –Greeter
Jan & Harry Treece -Invocation & Scripture
Mike Morgan - Sound
Mike Morgan - Building Lock-up

December 17, 2023

Dick Cannon –Greeter
Dick Cannon -Invocation & Scripture
Harry Treece - Sound
Karen Zelten - Building Lock-up

December 24, 2023

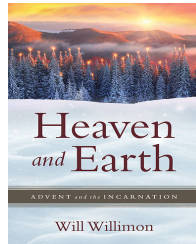
Dick Cannon –Greeter
Suzanne Corzine -Invocation & Scripure
Mike Morgan - Sound
Dick Cannon - Building Lock-up



Deacon on Call the
month of December is
Dick Cannon

Wednesday night Bible study led
by Pastor Annable
6:00 p.m.

Held in the "Pink Room"
(1st floor across from the Pastor's Study)



Advent Study

December 6th
December 13th
December 20th

Watch out. God is on the way.

It's not within our own power to make a fresh start. If we're to have a future different from the past, it must come as a gift, something not of our devising. What we need is a God who refuses to be trapped in eternity, a God who not only cares about us but is willing to show up among us and do something with us, here, now.

In Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation, Will Willimon introduces you to the God who does just that, bringing heaven to earth and changing everything. In Advent we celebrate and anticipate the earth-shaking, life-transforming good news that God is coming to us. Watch out. Get ready. God is on the way.

This Month at University Baptist

Friday, December 1st
Food Pantry/ Clothes Closet
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Monday, December 4th
CLOSED for Labor Day

Wednesday, December 6th
Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 8th
Food Pantry/ Clothes Closet
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Monday, December 11th
Food Pantry/ Clothes Closet
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 13th
Business Meeting @ 5:30
Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 15th
Food Pantry/ Clothes Closet
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Monday, December 18th
Food Pantry/ Clothes Closet
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 20th
Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 21st
Ladies Christmas Party
5:30 p.m. in the pink room

Friday, December 22nd
Food Pantry/ Clothes Closet
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Monday, December 25th
Christmas Day
**Church Office/Clothes Closet/Food
Pantry Closed Monday, December
25th thru Friday, December 29th**

December 3rd thru 10th
**Week of Prayer for
International Missions**

Southern Baptists observe a Week of Prayer for International Missions each year before the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering emphasis. Will you join your heart with others to pray for missionaries around the world who are

News of our people.....

Our Prayer List...

Kaye Kelley, Brent Zelten, Bobby Edmond, Patricia Tucker, Kay Purcell, Chesney Gholson and Sarah Agne. Our shut ins, those with continuing health problems and our world.

Interfaith Council:

Week of Dec. 3rd: Bethel AME Church
Week of Dec. 10th: Carbondale Muslim Center
Week of Dec.. 17th: Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship
Week of Dec.. 24th: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

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

December Mission Projects....

We collected \$750.00 for the
Interfaith Council Spirit of Christmas Project

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Growing up in Virginia, Lottie Moon and her siblings chose to rebel against Christianity. At 18, Lottie followed Christ and was baptized. When she was 33, she sailed to China as a Southern Baptist missionary. She saw firsthand the world's greatest problem—Lostness. In letters to Southern Baptist is America, she pleaded for increasing prayer and giving. Her letters raised more support for missionaries to be sent to China.



Every year Southern Baptist collect the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering where 100% of the gifts collected send and support missionaries



December



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Deacon on Call for the Month is Dick Cannon					1 Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Jaleel Edmond Birthday	2 SIU Basketball
3 Worship at 10:45 a.m. 1st Sunday of Advent Kay Purcell Birthday	4 Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Week of Prayer International Missions	5 SIU Basketball	6 Bible Study 6:00 pm	7	8 Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	9 UBCSM Study Jam
10 Worship at 10:45 a.m. 2nd Sunday of Advent <i>Holiday Dinner</i>	11 Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Finals Week @ SIU	12 KEYS Brown Bag Lunch and Spinners @ 11:30 am SIU Basketball	13 Business Meeting 5:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:00 pm	14	15 Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	16
17 Worship at 10:45 a.m. 3rd Sunday of Advent	18 Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	19 SIU Basketball	20 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	21 <i>Ladies Christmas Party 5:30 p.m. in the pink room</i>	22 Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. SIU Basketball	23
24 Worship at 10:45 a.m. 4th Sunday of Advent		26 Closed	27 Closed	28 Closed	29 Closed	30