

Ladies Group



Ladies Christmas Gathering

Tuesday, December 17th @ 5:30 p.m.

In the UBC "Pink Room"

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

KEYS



KEYS Day Trip
Thursday, December 5th
We'll have lunch at
"my daddy's cheesecake"
in Cape and shop at the
"Yule Log Cabin"
in Scott City.
Van leaves at 10:00 a.m.



December Business Meeting

There will be a business meeting to vote
on the 2025 Budget Wednesday,
December 11th @ 6:00 p.m.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Thank you to all that stayed to help deco-
rate the sanctuary for Advent. It looks
gorgeous as usual!



Lunch with Marolyn



"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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As you read this we are in a proclaimed time set aside for Thanksgiving in this country. Other countries have similar days that are not always on our date. I assume that during these days we reflect upon the blessings in our lives—maybe prayers answered the way we wanted them to be, some things that made us feel good, "good luck" as some called it, etc.

It's easy to express gratitude when the outcome is favorable, when the struggle has passed, and when we can see the fruit of our perseverance. It is not so easy in other times.

In Luke 17 Jesus is traveling and approached ten men, suffering from leprosy, and they ask Jesus to have mercy on them. He tells them to go and show themselves to the priest

This healing wasn't immediate — it was in the process of following Jesus' command that they began to experience restoration. And yet, only one of them, seeing that he was being healed, turned back to thank Jesus. This one man came back to praise God before his healing was fully realized. He didn't wait until his life was back to normal, until he was reinstated into society, or until his future was secure. He returned in the middle of his healing, while the process was still unfolding, and he offered his praise to God.

This story serves as a powerful reminder that true gratitude doesn't have to wait for the final outcome. It can — and should — be expressed in the middle of the process. Like the one leper, we too can offer thanks even when we're still on the journey.

This Thanksgiving don't wait for everything to be perfect to express gratitude. Like the one leper, return to give thanks *"in the middle of it."* Embrace the process, trust God in the trial, and allow His presence to fill your cup. Whether you are in a season of joy or a season of struggle, there is always reason to give thanks.

There is no better approach to living to prepare us to experience the joy, hope, peace and love of Advent which will also prepare us to hear with faith, Joy to the world the Lord has come!

Pastor John

Rev. John Annable ~ Pastor

Karen Zelten ~ Church Coordinator

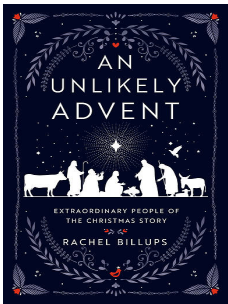
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Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:45 a.m.
Lively but traditional! Join us in person or on facebook
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Wednesday night Advent Study
 led by Pastor Annable
 6:00 p.m.
 Held in the "Pink Room"
 (1st floor across from the Pastor's Study)



Wednesday, Dec. 4th
 Wednesday, Dec. 18th
 Wednesday, January 8th

An Unlikely Advent
By Rachel Billups

Expect the unexpected this Christmas. This four-week Advent study focuses on the experiences of four sets of often overlooked characters in the Nativity story. During this Advent season, Rachel Billups guides readers through the themes of hope, love, joy, and peace by sharing the stories of Elizabeth and Zechariah, Herod, the Magi, and the shepherds. Each set of unexpected characters has something to teach about living faithfully on the journey to Christmas.

December Mission Projects....

We collected \$575.00 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. Her letters to Southern Baptist America, she pleaded for increasing prayer and giving. Her letters raised more support for missionaries be sent to China. Every year Southern Baptist collect the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering where 100% of the gifts collected send and support missionaries.



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This Month at University Baptist

Monday, December 2nd
 Food Pantry/ Clothes Closet
 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 4th
 Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 5th
 KEYS trip to Cape/Scott City
 van leaves at 10:00 a.m.

Friday, December 6th
 Food Pantry/ Clothes Closet
 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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

Wednesday, December 11th
 Business Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 13th
 Food Pantry/ Clothes Closet

Sunday, December 15th
 Worship with a Lesson in Carols

Monday, December 16th
 Food Pantry/ Clothes Closet
 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 17th
 Ladies Christmas Party at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18th
 Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 20th
 Food Pantry/ Clothes Closet
 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Monday, December 23rd
 Food Pantry/ Clothes Closet
 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Church Office, Clothes Closet, & Food Pantry will be closed Tuesday, December 24th thru Thursday, January 2nd.

All will re-open on Friday, January 3rd with normal hours of 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

News of our people.....

Marjune Corzine has moved into her new apartment.
 : Marjune Corzine
 Liberty Village of Marion
 Hawthorne IN, Suite 506
 3116 Williamson County Pkwy
 Marion IL 62959

Several of us met **Marolyn O'Neil** and her daughter Shannon for lunch while she was in town to celebrate Thanksgiving. A good time was had by all!

Our Prayer List...Kaye Kelley, Mary Beth Lee, Marjune Corzine, Dick & Rita Cannon, Kathryn Byrd, Robert Karraker, Adam Southward, Patricia Tucker, Paul Lee Landwehr, Dave Throgmorton, those with continuing health problems, our country and our world.

Interfaith Council:

Week of December 1st: Church of Jesus Christ Latter –day Saints
 Week of December 8th: Church of the Good Shepherd
 Week of December 15th: Church Women United
 Week of December 22nd: Congregation Beth Jacob
 Week of December 29th: Dayemi Tariqat/For Kid's Sake

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

Deacon on Call the month of December is Dick Cannon

Thank you for the lovely cards, gifts, visits, and messages of encouragement for my 103rd birthday. I am grateful to my church family for your support and love. ~ Marjune





December



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship at 10:45 a.m. 1st Sunday of Advent Jaleel Edmond Birthday	2 Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Week of Prayer	3	4 Bible Study 6:00	5 KEYS Day Trip to Yule Log Cabin and my daddy's cheesecake van leaves @ 10 Marilyn Hughes Birthday	6 Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	7
8 Worship at 10:45 a.m. 2nd Sunday of Advent	9 Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	10	11 Bible Study 6:00 pm	12	13 Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	14
15 Worship at 10:45 a.m. 3rd Sunday of Advent Lesson in Carols	16 Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	17 Ladies Christmas Party at 5:30 p.m. in the Pink Room	18 Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	19	20 Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	21
22 Worship at 10:45 a.m. 4th Sunday of Advent Mark Irwin Birthday	23 Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	24 Closed for the holidays		26 Closed for the holidays	27 Closed for the holidays	28
29 Worship at 10:45 am. Hugo Valdivia Birthday	30 Closed for the holidays	31 Closed for the holidays	1 Closed for the holidays	2	3 Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Deacon on Call for the Month is Dick Cannon