

## Ladies Group



Ladies.....

Join us for dinner

Tuesday, January 21st @ 6:00 pm

# KEYS

Join us for lunch and games  
in the Pink Room  
Thursday, January 16th  
@ 11:30 a.m.



Due to the weather report, we have cancelled Church Services for Sunday, January 5th .  
Food Pantry and Clothes Closet will be closed on Monday, January 6th.



The ladies group enjoyed a fun night of food, fellowship, bingo and a fun "dirty Santa" gift exchange!



"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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The message of Christmas is for more than just one day.



and  
sing  
light of the world.

Probably the most popular Christmas carol is Silent Night. It is known the world and therefore it is sung in many languages and sittings. And I love it at Christmas Eve services we would light a candle and while lifting the candle about the One on that silent night so many years ago who was born to be the light of the world.

But probably **my** favorite carol would be I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day. It was written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow on Christmas Day 1864 after suffering two devastating blows – his wife's tragic death in a fire and his son's severe wounding in the Civil War. The contrast between the joyful Christmas bells and his personal sorrow, combined with the nation's turmoil, inspired him to write a poem that moves from despair to hope.

*I heard the bells on Christmas day  
Their old familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet the words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.*

But Longfellow didn't shy away from his doubts, penning what many hymn writers might have avoided:

*And in despair I bowed my head  
"There is no peace on earth," I said,  
"For hate is strong and mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men."*

Yet the bells kept ringing, and with them came a profound realization that God's truth would prevail:

*Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail  
With peace on earth, good will to men."*

Longfellow wrote of triumphant hope in God's providence.

In these days there are so many reasons for despair, but Christmas is the message for all times. God's truth will abide. I write these words to remind us, even after some will have already taken down the tree and returned to "normal life" when you read them, that we need to hear of the God who lives and continues to work so "right prevails" as he calls us to work with the leadership of His Holy Spirit for peace on earth and good will to men.

Pastor John

**Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:45 a.m.**

**Lively but traditional! Join us in person or on facebook**

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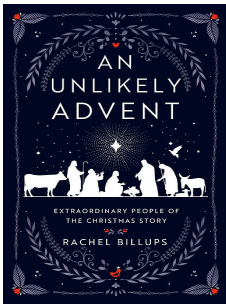
Wednesday night Advent Study

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.

**Carbondale Warming Center For the sake of human dignity, safety, and survival.**

For over five years, the Carbondale Warming Center has been a sanctuary for those experiencing homelessness in our community. We provide a warm and safe place to shelter, meals, case management, and employment preparedness. This along with hope, dignity and empathy provides a path to a brighter future as our guests rebuild their lives.

The Carbondale Warming Center is thrilled to announce a significant fundraising opportunity to benefit our shelter. A generous donor has pledged to match all donations up to \$50,000.

The funds raised through this challenge will directly support our mission to provide shelter, food, medical care, and essential support services to those experiencing homelessness in Carbondale and the surrounding areas. Your contribution will ensure that we can continue to offer a safe and warm environment, nutritious meals, and programs that help our residents rebuild their lives.

Here's how you can help: Donate online: <https://cwcentered.org/>

Mail a check: **Carbondale Warming Center** 608 East College St. Carbondale IL 62901

**This Month at University Baptist**

**Wednesday, January 1st**

No Bible Study

**Friday, January 3rd**

Food Pantry/ Clothes Closet

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Monday, January 6th**

Food Pantry/ Clothes Closet

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, January 8th**

Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

**Friday, January 10th**

Food Pantry/ Clothes Closet

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Monday, January 13th**

Food Pantry/ Clothes Closet

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, January 15th**

Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.

**Friday, January 17th**

Food Pantry/ Clothes Closet

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Monday, January 20th**

Food Pantry/ Clothes Closet

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, January 22nd**

Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

**Friday, January 24th**

Food Pantry/ Clothes Closet

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Monday, January 27th**

Food Pantry/ Clothes Closet

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, January 29th**

Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.

**Friday, January 31st**

Food Pantry/ Clothes Closet

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**News of our people.....**

Mary Beth Lee has let us know that she is no longer under Hospice Care. Her health has improved and she is able to get around with a walker. She is grateful for all of the prayers and well wishes.

**Our Prayer List...**Kaye Kelley, Mary Beth Lee, Marjune Corzine, Dick & Rita Cannon, 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 January 5th: Epiphany Lutheran Church

Week of January 12th: First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Week of January 19th: First Presbyterian Church

Week of January 26th: First United Methodist Church

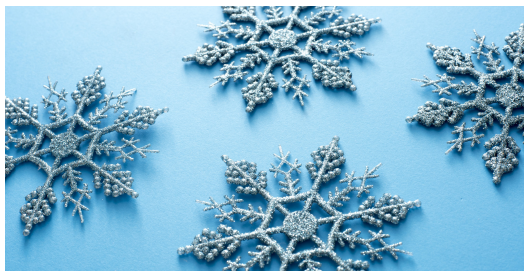
**"Give all your worries to Him because He cares about you."**  
**1 Peter 5:7**

**Deacon on Call the month of January is Harry Treece**



**What goes up, must come down. Join us Sunday January 12th after worship. We'll have a light lunch and enjoy taking down the decorations!**

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# January



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	2	3 Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	4
5 Worship at 10:45 a.m.	6 Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Amilia Estrada Birthday	7	8 Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	9	10 Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	11 Jan Treece Birthday
12 Worship at 10:45 a.m.	13 Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	14	15 Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	16 KEYS Lunch & Games @ 11:30 a.m.	17 Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	18
19 Worship at 10:45 a.m.	20 Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. MLK Day	21 Soup 'r' Supper Dinner at 6:00 p.m.	22 Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	23	24 Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	25
26 Worship at 10:45 am. Callie Bennett Birthday	27 Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	28 Yahri Edmond Birthday	29 Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	30	31 Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	
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