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**"Becoming passionately
outward-focused for
Jesus Christ."**

Happy New Year!

Yes, I know that seems like a strange greeting for the beginning of December, but Advent has begun! November 29 is the first Sunday of Advent, and Advent is the start of the church year. Nothing like being ahead of the curve! Brandon Schmitz and I have planned a series for Advent, "The Old Story Told Anew." Through this time you will hear some unfamiliar voices reading the scripture as we work our way through the Christmas story. Maybe you'll hear something in it you haven't heard before.

As part of our weekly online service, we will be lighting Advent Candles, so if you'd like to participate at home, I want to encourage you to gather together five candles – any candles will do. If you want to add a little more authenticity, have four of them be purple or royal blue (or three purple and one pink) and one white. Arrange the four colored candles around the one white one, add some greenery if you choose, and have them ready when you watch the weekly worship services. During the Call to Worship, we will light the colored candles, adding one per week, to remind us of the season, and you can allow them to burn while you watch the service. The white candle will be lit on Christmas Eve.

Speaking of Christmas Eve, ideas are still percolating, but right now, we are planning to host drive-through Communion in the west parking lot from 5-6 PM on Christmas Eve. We will have Christmas music playing on a speaker and over the FM transmitter, and when you pull forward to receive Communion, you will also receive the light of Christ in the form of an LED candle to take home with you. There will be a service posted in the usual places (www.facebook.com/wyandotteumc and www.wyandotteumc.com) by 7:00 PM that evening, as well.

Our outreach team met to consider the options for our Advent and Christmas offerings. This year we decided to keep the help closer to home. Throughout this season of pandemic, our food pantry traffic has continued to increase. Your generous donations have continued to provide food to people in our community who are struggling. We also provide job listings and lists of other resources in our community for things we are not equipped to handle. Often we get requests for rent and utility assistance which we have to deny. In those instances, our first referral is to Cross-Lines. Many of you are familiar with Cross-Lines through our monthly service at the Food Kitchen, but they do so much more, right here in Wyandotte County. More information is included on the back of calendar. So our Advent and Christmas offerings are being designated for Cross-Lines, specifically to be used for rent and utility assistance. Please mark your giving as Advent, Christmas or Cross-Lines to ensure that it goes toward this effort.

The season is upon us, and while it will look different from other years, Christ will still come into our hearts and homes as we celebrate his birth. Be well, stay safe, and have a very Merry Christmas!

Blessings,

Pastor Kim

December Sermon Schedule

The Hope of Advent The Old Story Told Anew

November 29	The Prophecy (Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9)
December 6	The Promise (Luke 1:26-35, 38)
December 13	The Purpose (Luke 2:1-7)
December 20	The Response (Luke 2:8-16)
December 24	Christmas Eve - Drive Through Communion 5:00 PM
December 27	Service of Lessons and Carols

~Partners In Prayer~

What is Partners in Prayer?
Some of us like to pray when people need our prayers- sickness, lost job, etc. **This is also the manner by which death and service information is shared.** If you would like to be a partner or have a need, please call the church office at (913) 788-5503 or Donna Leshner at (913) 287-9668 and let us know.

When someone has a need we call ALL

The weekly Sunday School class that meets in the library looks at current events and discusses how the Bible speaks to contemporary life. The lesson is still being emailed out on Thursday of each week and we gather at 10:00 on Sunday via Zoom to talk. If you would like to take part, especially during the current season, please contact Pastor Kim.

The Crusaders Class is an adult Sunday school class that meets in the room just off Fellowship Hall when we are in regular attendance. They participate in a number of different studies. During this time they stay connected by phone.

We also offer Sunday school classes for children and youth, and nursery care for the wee ones.

Come check out our Sunday school offerings when we reopen and find the class that fits you best!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Bible Study will plan to begin again in January, 2021.

United Methodist Women

Fellowship Opportunities

New ladies are always welcome!

Ladies Quilting Group

Has been suspended until further notice

Friendship Circle

Has been suspended until further notice

MEN OF INTEGRITY

Meets at Noon on Thursday each week (except Christmas Eve and New Years Eve).

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Has been suspended until further notice



Is planning to resume again in March, 2021.

Kids will enjoy games, a video and snacks.

If you would be interested in helping with the rotation please contact Jennifer Beard



Has been suspended until further notice



Young @ Heart Devotional

With Youth Pastor Brandon Schmitz

Every Wednesday morning at 9:00 AM Facebook Live

www.facebook.com/wyandotteumc

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Young @ Heart Devotional w/ Brandon Schmitz 9:00 AM	3 Men of Integrity Noon Boy Scouts 7:00 PM	4	5
6 Worship posted at 7:00 AM COMMUNION 11:30-12:30	7 Boy Scouts 7:00 PM	8	9 Young @ Heart Devotional w/ Brandon Schmitz 9:00 AM	10 Men of Integrity Noon Boy Scouts 7:00 PM	11 Newsletter Deadline Noon Deadline for Gift Cards (see page 6 for details)	12
13 Worship posted at 7:00 AM	14 Boy Scouts 7:00 PM	15	16 Young @ Heart Devotional w/ Brandon Schmitz 9:00 AM	17 Men of Integrity Noon Boy Scouts 7:00 PM	18	19
20 Worship posted at 7:00 AM	21 Boy Scouts 7:00 PM  First Day of Winter	22	23 Young @ Heart Devotional w/ Brandon Schmitz 9:00 AM Mailing of the January Newsletter	24 Christmas Eve COMMUNION 5:00-6:00 PM Worship posted at 7:00 PM	25 	26
27 Worship posted at 7:00 AM	28 Boy Scouts 7:00 PM	29	30 Young @ Heart Devotional w/ Brandon Schmitz 9:00 AM	31 		

Cross-Lines Community Outreach
736 Shawnee Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66105
913-281-3388

For more than 50 years Cross-Lines Community Outreach, supported by a network of businesses, churches and individuals, has provided a daily safety net of services for at-risk families, the elderly and individuals.

Cross-Lines clients include individuals, families, and seniors who are living in poverty. Many of their clients are working one or more jobs. Some have mental and physical conditions that prevent them from being able to work. Wyandotte UMC's objective is to help those in need of rent and utility assistance. Below are other programs available:

Diapers

Through generous donations from the community, Cross-Lines aims to provide a monthly supply of diapers to parents with babies under the age of three. We believe that diapers are essential for a happy, healthy baby and that every family deserves access to this basic need. In many cases, Cross-Lines is also able to provide parents with baby formula, wipes, and other related products.

Medicine Cabinet

Through Cross-Lines' partnership with Kansas City's Medicine Cabinet program, uninsured individuals can receive emergency medical services. Services provided by the medicine cabinet include 30-day supplies of prescription medications, emergency dental care, eye exams and glasses, and certain durable medical equipment items.

Laundry and Shower program

Cross-Lines offers emergency showers and laundry for those experiencing homelessness. Each morning, individuals are able to take a shower before breakfast and leave their soiled clothes to be washed by the next day. These services help restore dignity and hope to individuals needing it the most and are essential during our current public health crisis.

Clothing (Currently Unavailable)

Clean, fresh clothes are a necessity to stay healthy and warm and when looking for a job or going to school. Cross-Lines offers those in need with clothing vouchers honored at our Thrift Store. With a voucher, clients can shop for clothing for themselves and each member of their family. Whether it is a white shirt or boots for work or school clothes for their children, clients can choose exactly what clothing items are needed for their family.

Community Kitchen

We serve breakfast and lunch, Monday through Friday, at the Don Bakely Community Annex located on the Cross-Lines campus at 646 S. 7th Street Trafficway. Due to COVID-19, all meals are served via a Plexiglas window on the west side of the building. We also provide sack lunches to individuals on their way to work and emergency shower and laundry services.

The Cross-Lines Community Kitchen offers a warm, fresh meal to anyone who needs it. During the summer, the kitchen serves a large number of children and families who need meals when school is not in session. We serve approximately 150 people for lunch every day.

Cross-Lines' goal is to provide fresh fruit and vegetables at each meal. The Cross-Lines Community Kitchen relies heavily on church groups, businesses, and organizations to help us prepare and serve meals.

Food Pantry

The Cross-Lines Food Pantry provides approximately three days of shelf-stable food, fresh produce, and frozen ground beef or turkey to families. The families we serve often struggle to put food on the table between paychecks or when an unexpected emergency arises.

Due to a rise in demand, this program currently serves Wyandotte County ONLY.

We strive to offer healthier options, including low-sodium canned vegetables and soup, whole wheat pasta, and low-sugar cereals.

The Food Pantry is supported by food and monetary donations from local businesses, churches, civic groups, and individuals. To learn more about coordinating your own food drive, check out our needs list and contact us to get started.

Senior Commodities

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) is a U.S.D.A food program for low-income seniors (ages 60+). We serve seniors in Wyandotte, Leavenworth, Johnson, Brown, Atchison, and Doniphan counties. Seniors in the program receive a box of shelf-stable food each month which may include items such as: beans, canned fruit, nonfat dry milk, and cereal.

In each box, seniors will also receive a monthly newsletter filled with health and nutrition information related to what food they received. CSFP relies on dedicated groups of volunteers to assemble and deliver the boxes to 1,300+ seniors living throughout the community.

This program is monitored by an institution that is an equal opportunity provider.

Contact Sarah Kaldenberg (Commodities & Garden Manager) to find out how to get signed up at 913-433-2270 (Extension 101) or sarahk@cross-lines.org.

Community Garden and Orchard

The Cross-Lines Community Garden and Orchard is located on a quarter acre lot in the heart of our campus. It includes eleven raised beds that are maintained and harvested by members of the community and over 21,000 square feet of ground plots. It is a Community Partner Garden in collaboration with Kansas City Community Gardens.

Each year, the garden harvests more than 2,000 pounds of produce. The produce is distributed through the Food Pantry and the Community Kitchen.

In 2013, Cross-Lines partnered with The Giving Grove to plant a fifteen-tree orchard which includes: Apples, Asian Pears, and European Pears.

The garden is essential to increasing access to healthy and nutritious foods in our community. Volunteer opportunities are available during the growing season.

SHARE

Come unwind in the middle of a hectic week. Come enjoy a time of coloring and fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere.

This group is suspended until further notice. Please keep coloring at home and post your finished work on Facebook.

All are welcome and need not be a member of the church to join.

Joann Peak is working with Cancer Action at Grinter Chapel. They make bed pads for cancer patients. They are in need of used sheets, any color, any size. Please bring your clean sheets to the WUMC Fellowship Hall to ensure pick-up. Thank You for your support!

Preaching Schedule

November 29	Brandon Schmitz
December 6	Rev. Kim Dominic
December 13	Brandon Schmitz
December 20	Rev. Kim Dominic
December 24	Rev. Kim Dominic
December 27	Rev. Kim Dominic

We are looking for helpers in the nursery for the 11:00 Service when we resume. If you are interested in helping, please call the church office.

Even though the building is currently closed, the work of the church continues. Please remember to mail in your tithes and offerings.



Worship with us ONLINE at
www.wyandotteumc.com
or
[www.Facebook.com/WyandotteUMC/videos](https://www.facebook.com/WyandotteUMC/videos)

FOOD PANTY NEEDS:

Chili
Fruit
Cereal/ hot and cold
Ready to eat soup
Spaghetti sauce/Noodles
Vienna Sausages
Spam

Food Pantry is open 9am-Noon
Tuesday-Friday

Please Note:

ALL those who participate in meetings or gatherings at the church are **required** to wear a mask and only 2 people per table in the fellowship hall, please.

Thank You

If you have an address update or correction, please let the office know by calling the office at:
913-788-5503 or emailing
admin@wyandotteumc.com

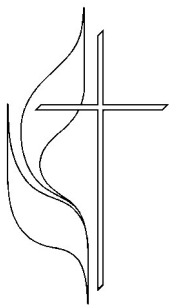
NEWSLETTER

Newsletters are sent by e-mail.
If you prefer a printed copy, please call or email the office and one will be sent to you.

Deadline for articles for the January Newsletter will be Friday, December 11, 2020.
(please send by email to
admin@wyandotteumc.com.)

NOTE

Mailing of the January Newsletter will be Wednesday, December 23, 2020.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

TIME SENSITIVE

Please save your Best Choice labels and Box Tops
for Education for UMW.

Labels go in the box on the shelf above the coat
rack in Fellowship Hall or can be given to a UMW
member.

Would you like to see your name on the front of
The Wyandotte Visitor? Sponsor the newsletter
for \$40 and you will be recognized as the spon-
sor of the month! Call the church for details.

Help Raise Funds for Church Maintenance Project

Maintaining the church building can be
costly. Here's how you can help:
Trustees sell gift cards to raise funds. A listing of
the cards available for purchase is on the bulletin
board in the fellowship hall.

**The holiday season is approach-
ing fast! Need gift cards? Please
call Donna at (913) 287-9668.
Order by December 11 to receive
by Christmas!!**

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

12/1- Karen Wing Simmons	12/17- Jacklyn Gaston
12/1- Ashley Thomas	12/17- James Miller
12/2- Sherryl Lewis	12/21- Judi Whiles
12/5- Pat Watson	12/22- Christine Ibeagi
12/6- Ann Hosmann	12/22- Ryan Magill
12/7- Karen Daugherty	12/23- Carol Siscoe
12/9- Carolyn Thixton	12/24- Jacqueline Phillips
12/10- Ben Blagg	12/26- Bill Whiles
12/11- Danielle Jaster	12/27- Sam Stowe
12/12- Mack Ibeagi	12/27- Trey Stowe
12/13- Kim Dominic	12/27- Dean Caldwell
12/13- Pat Gates	12/30- Shona Jones
12/14- Maggie Burnett	12/31- Dorothy Caldwell
12/15- Dayna Kerr	12/31- Deborah Wolfe
12/17- Bill Richey	

Please help us wish **Jerri Porter** a belated
happy birthday! Her birthday was November 7.

If your birthday or anniversary is not shown on the listing
that is printed each month, please call the church office so it
can be added to our list.