



The WYANDOTTE VISITOR

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

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Friday
9:00AM—12:00PM
(but please call first!)
Office closed on Monday

Wow! I can't believe that it's already December. It seems that once we hit October, the days just fly by! And as usual, we have a lot going on at Wyandotte United Methodist Church.

Advent begins on Sunday, December 3, so our annual decorating party will take place on December 2, beginning about 10:00 AM. We're hopeful that we will have a lot of people to help out because many hands make light work.

This year, our Advent series is based on the book *Stay Awhile: Advent Lessons in Divine Hospitality* by Kara Eidson, one of my clergy colleagues who serves the McClouth and Oskaloosa First United Methodist Churches. This book explores Advent through the lens of hospitality from a midwestern perspective, and I'm looking forward to diving into it.

Advent starts as late as it possibly can this year. The first Sunday of Advent is December 3, which makes Sunday, December 24 the fourth Sunday of Advent. Because that is also Christmas Eve, we will have two services on Christmas Eve: the fourth Sunday of Advent in the morning at 10:00 AM, and our traditional Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelighting service at 6:00 PM.

This year, for our Advent and Christmas offering, we have chosen Mobility Worldwide to once again receive our special offerings. During Lent of 2021, we set a goal of ten carts at \$350 each, but raised enough for twenty-five. The cost per cart has gone up to \$425 each, and Advent is shorter than Lent, so the Outreach committee has set a goal of twelve carts. I have no doubt that our exceedingly generous congregation will be able to meet, and exceed, that goal. On December 3, Gary Moreau with Mobility Worldwide will join us in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour (9:00 AM) to tell us more about giving the Gift of Mobility. All are welcome!

It is common in our church to brighten our sanctuary during the Advent season with poinsettias that have been donated in memory or honor of individuals. In the past, the church has purchased live flowers that the contributors are invited to take home with them after the Christmas Eve service. Often, these live flowers are left behind, and frequently end up being thrown away as they do not receive adequate care in the days following Christmas. This year, the Worship committee has decided to purchase artificial poinsettias instead of live ones. People can still donate toward their purchase in honor or memory of a loved one, and they are still welcome to take one home, but any left over after Christmas can be stored and reused in future years. Anyone still wishing to purchase a live poinsettia may do so on your own and share it with the congregation during the Advent season if you wish, but we still ask that you take it home with you after Christmas.

Finally, although December has a fifth Sunday, because it falls on December 31, we have decided to not have a fifth Sunday potluck this month. Instead, our monthly game night will take place that evening from 6-9 PM as an alternative to New Year's Eve revelry. As usual, everyone of all ages is welcome.

I hope you will be able to join us for one, if not all, of these December activities. Have a great Advent, and I'll see you in church.

Blessings,

Pastor Kim

We received a generous donation from the family of Janice Klamm designated for United Women of Faith. Since we do not currently have an active unit of UWF, the funds have been allocated to support our service at the Cross-Lines Food Kitchen.

December Sermon Schedule

Stay Awhile –Advent Lessons in Divine Hospitality

December 3	Invite (Jeremiah 33:14-16, Luke 21:25-36)
December 10	Plan (Jeremiah 29:5-14, Mark 1:1-8)
December 17	Prepare (Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, John 1:6-8, 19-28)
December 24 (Two Services)	Welcome (Zephaniah 3:14-20, Luke 1:39-55) Stay Awhile (6:00 p.m. Service) (Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-20, John 1:1-14)
December 31	Don't Be a Stranger (Isaiah 52:7-10, Matthew 2:13-23)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY:

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study Women's Bible Study is seeking a new leader. Let Pastor Kim know if you are interested.

Ladies Quilting Group

Meets on Mondays, 9:30 AM-Noon
New ladies are always welcome!

Friendship Circle

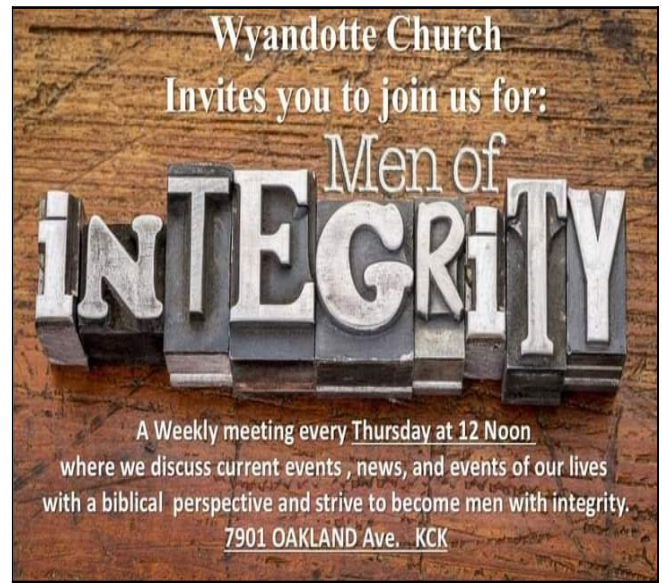
Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 10:00AM
All women of the church & friends are welcome

SUNDAY SCHOOL Two Adult Sunday School Classes are available

Pastor Kim leads a weekly Sunday School class that meets in the Library each Sunday at 9:00 AM. We have been studying the book *The Small Church Advantage: Seven powerful worship practices that work best in small settings* by Teresa J. Stewart (ISBN 978-1-950899-72-2). *The Wired Word* continues to be sent out, and we will probably resume using it in January.

The Crusaders Class is an adult Sunday school class that meets in the room just off Fellowship Hall. They participate in a number of different studies. This class also meets at 9:00 am.

Children's Sunday school is available when children are present.



The Outreach Committee has chosen The HUB, a ministry of the UMC in Argentine, to be a recipient of our congregational generosity. They have given us a list of hygiene supplies to be made available in their free community market. There will be a different focus each month. **For the month of December, the focus is dish soap, ramen, and hats.** Donations can be placed in the Fellowship Hall.

Wyandotte Dinners Out

Wednesday, December 6
Location: Pizza Stop
6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 20
Location: Pizza Stop
6:00 PM



DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Advent Decorating 10:00 AM
3 Sunday School With Special Guest 9:00 AM Worship Service Communion 10:00 AM	4 Ladies Quilting 9:30 AM-Noon	5 Retired School District Personnel 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	6 S.H.A.R.E. 3:00 PM-6:00 PM Wyandotte Dinner Out Pizza Stop 6:00 PM	7 Outreach Committee 10:00 AM Men of Integrity Noon	8	9
10 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM	11 Ladies Quilting 9:30 AM-Noon	12	13 S.H.A.R.E. 3:00 PM-7:00 PM	14 Men of Integrity Noon	15 Newsletter Deadline Noon	16
17 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship Service Loud Offering 10:00 AM	18 Ladies Quilting 9:30 AM-Noon	19	20 S.H.A.R.E. 3:00 PM-6:00 PM Wyandotte Dinner Out Pizza Stop 6:00 PM	21 Friendship Circle 10:00 AM Men of Integrity Noon	22	23
24 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Candlelight & Communion Service 6:00 PM	25 	26	27 S.H.A.R.E. 3:00 PM-7:00 PM Mailing of the Newsletter	28 Men of Integrity Noon	29	30
31 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Family Game Night 6:00PM 						

Advent/Christmas Offering 2023



Wyandotte UMC has set a goal of providing 12 mobility carts at a cost of \$425 each.

Please make your contributions during Advent and mark them Advent to assure proper allocation.



Mobility Worldwide reflects the love of God by bringing the gift of mobility & dignity to those in developing countries who are unable to walk.

Mobility Worldwide has a vision to end immobility in the world.

Benefits of a Mobility Cart: A child has the opportunity to attend school and receive an education; a family provider can find employment or bring products to market in an effort to provide for themselves and their dependents; beneficiaries can go to church, the marketplace; and social gatherings; individuals can travel to local health centers for increased access to needed medical care; recipients have their pride and dignity restored as they are raised to a comfortable level which helps them interact with others.

**For more information,
go to www.giftofmobility.org**

SHARE

Come unwind in the middle of a hectic week. Come enjoy a time of coloring and fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere. Join us every Wednesday from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Sites vary, see calendar

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



Sundays 10:00 AM

Worship with us ONLINE at
www.wyandotteumc.com

or

[www.Facebook.com/WyandotteUMC/videos](https://www.facebook.com/WyandotteUMC/videos)

Preaching Schedule

December 3	Rev. Kim Dominic
December 10	Rev. Kim Dominic
December 17	Rev. Kim Dominic
December 24	Rev. Kim Dominic
December 31	Rev. Kim Dominic

Scripture Reader

December 3	Fay Sturm-White
December 10	Ruth Miller
December 17	Pat Gates
December 24	Ramona Stowe
December 31	Janene Brown

If you'd like to read scripture on Sunday, get with Pastor Kim or contact the office at 788-5503.

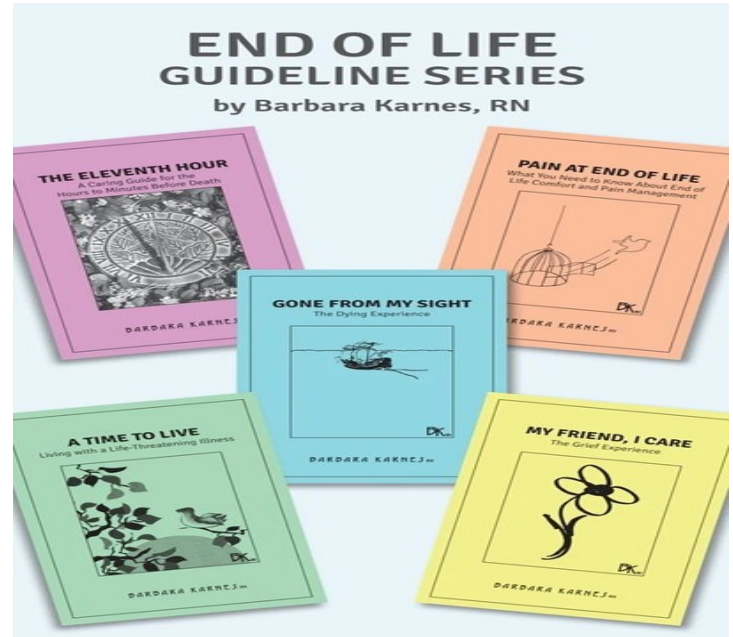
Nursery at 10:00 am

December 3	Kathy M & Pat Gates
December 10	TBD
December 17	Jennifer & Ramona
December 24	TBD
December 31	Children Welcome to Stay in Worship

To volunteer in the nursery:
You can sign up in the sanctuary or contact Jennifer Beard at: jebeard28@gmail.com

Chin Service Hosts

December 3	Don & Nancy Bradbury, Donna Lesher, Bob Babbitt
December 10	Kathy Manherz, Fay Sturm-White
December 17	Tim & Ramona Stowe
December 24	Carla & Robert Chadwick
December 31	TBD



The church has a series of booklets written by Barbara Karnes, RN that deal with end of life issues for people going through challenging times for themselves and loved ones. Please feel free to check them out through the office.

If you're not attending in-person worship, please continue to mail in your offerings. If you need offering envelopes, please call the office.

NEWSLETTER

Newsletters are sent by e-mail.

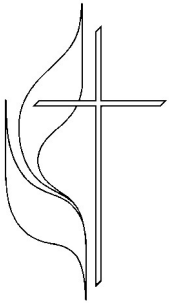
If you prefer a printed copy, please call or email the office and one will be sent to you.

Deadline for articles for the January Newsletter will be Friday, December 15, 2023. (please send by email to admin@wyandotteumc.com.)

NOTE

Mailing of the January Newsletter will be Wednesday December 27, 2023.

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



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

TIME SENSITIVE

Please save your Best Choice labels for United Women in Faith. UWF funds currently support our involvement with the Cross-Lines Food Kitchen
 Labels go in the box on the shelf above the coat rack in Fellowship Hall. All labels are due by the end of December.

Would you like to see your name on the front of The Wyandotte Visitor? Sponsor the newsletter for \$50 and you will be recognized as the sponsor of the month!
 Call the church for details.

Our charity quilting group is running low on supplies. If you have unused fabric, batting, fiberfill, or thread you can spare, please consider donating it to this ministry. They will use these materials to make neck pillows, fidget blankets, lap robes, and other items to improve the comfort of many people.
 Thank you for your help!

Help Raise Funds for Church Maintenance Projects
 Maintaining the church building can be costly and you can help by purchasing gift cards from the Trustees. Christmas gifts card orders must be turned in to Donna Leshner by December 4.
 Order forms are available in the sanctuary, next to the offering box.

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 12/1 - Karen Wing Simmons | 12/17 - Bill Richey |
| 12/1 - Ashley Thomas | 12/21 - Judi Whiles |
| 12/2 - Sherryl Lewis | 12/21 - Luke Peterson |
| 12/5 - Pat Watson | 12/22 - Marissa Gaddis |
| 12/6 - Ann Hosmann | 12/23 - Carol Siscoe |
| 12/10 - Ben Blagg | 12/26 - Bill Whiles |
| 12/11 - Danielle Jaster | 12/27 - Sam Stowe |
| 12/13 - Kim Dominic | 12/27 - Trey Stowe |
| 12/13 - Pat Gates | 12/27 - Carol Schierbaum |
| 12/14 - Maggie Burnett | 12/27 - Dean Caldwell |
| 12/15 - Dayna Kerr | 12/30 - Shona Jones |
| 12/17 - James Miller | |

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.

Just wanted you to know that what you did was...well...
 ...wonderful.
 Thank you and God Bless You!
Thank you!
Edwardsville UMC