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Jesus Christ.”**

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Tuesday-Friday
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(but please call first!)
Office closed on Monday

Merry Christmas!! Now you may try to tell me that Christmas is over, but Christmas – the Christmas season actually ends with Epiphany on January 6. The “Twelve Days of Christmas” of that infamous song are actually the ten days beginning with Christmas, December 25-January 5. On the church calendar, this season is still considered Christmas.

That being said, we will need to take down the decorations that grace our sanctuary and fellowship hall before we move into Ordinary Time. This has been scheduled for January 4, 2025 at 1:00 PM. Many hands make light work and we can accomplish this quickly if you can join us to help. With Epiphany, we begin a brief period of Ordinary Time called “Epiphany” in which we consider the life of Jesus as he began his ministry. Ordinary Time takes us up to Lent which begins with Ash Wednesday which falls on March 5 this year. As we begin this time of looking at Jesus’ life, we move into a sermon series called: Re-Membering the Body. Although Advent and Christmas may have come and gone, the excitement continues. Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord maintain the joy and the promise. The church has an opportunity to be gathered, reoriented, and put back together – “Re-Membered.” At times, holidays can be hectic and draining. As a community, we turn to one another and see the light of Christ among us. As individuals, we hear the voice that declares us children of God and feel that acceptance, knowing God is well-pleased with us. This Epiphany, you are invited to be “Re-remembering the Body.”

Following this, we will move into a series called “Where You Are: Embracing the Familiar.” Ordinary Time is more than marking the weeks until the next big event. It is a way of walking with Jesus and growing into our faith as we are making and being made into disciples. This Ordinary Time, you are invited to look at where you are – as individuals and as a community. We want to do that in two parts. We begin with what is familiar, what we see every day, and what we do week by week—the familiar, and maybe the over-familiar. We need to look at what we’ve seen so much that we don’t see it anymore. But we need to look; we need to see because this is where we are.

Thank you all for your Christmas gifts to me and the church staff. We had a great year, and I am continually astounded by the gracious generosity of this congregation! This generosity is also exhibited in your contributions to UMCOR for the wonderful work they do. I do not have a final tally, but as of the beginning of December, we had collected and sent \$2,870 to UMCOR. As of December 20, when this newsletter article was written, we have collected an additional \$745. December 22, Christmas Eve, and year-end donations have not yet been counted, so I expect that number to grow. And, of course, this doesn’t include any contributions made online or mailed directly to UMCOR. Ruth Miller will have a final report at the January 12, 2025 worship service in the Moment for Mission, and I will report it here in the February Newsletter.

I will be away for continuing education the week of January 20-26. If you have a pastoral care need during my absence, please contact Rev. Gary Roellchen at 913-602-0660.

Thank you again for sharing your gifts. I look forward to working with you throughout the New Year. Many blessings to all!

Pastor Kim

JANUARY 2025 SERMON SCHEDULE

Re-Membering the Body

January 5, 2025 They All Gather Together

January 12, 2025 I Will Be With You

Where You Are: Embracing the Familiar

January 19, 2025 What Concern is That?

January 26, 2025 As Was His Custom

WOMEN'S MINISTRY:

Women's Bible Study

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

Quilting Group

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

Women's Friendship Circle

Thursday, Jan. 16 - 10:00 AM
All women of the church and 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 are studying the book "Getting to Good" by Rev. David Livingston.

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.

- All are welcome -

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

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 February Newsletter will be
Friday, January 10, 2025.
(please send by email to admin@wyandotteumc.com.)

NOTE

Mailing of the February Newsletter will be
Friday, January 24, 2025.

Wyandotte Church
Invites you to join us for:

Men of INTEGRITY

A Weekly meeting every Thursday at 12 Noon
where we discuss current events, news, and events of our lives
with a biblical perspective and strive to become men with integrity.

At the Parsonage 1406 N. 79th Street.



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 supplies to be made available in their free community market. There will be a different focus each month. **For the month of January, the focus is toilet paper, cans of protein beans, dried beans, and snacks.** Donations can be placed in the Fellowship Hall.

**Wyandotte Dinners
gather on the second
and fourth Wednesdays
of each month at Pizza
Stop (2nd) or Danny's
Bar and Grill (4th)
for dinner and
conversation.
ALL ARE WELCOME!**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Siscoes 1:00PM S.H.A.R.E 3:00-7:00 PM <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #c8e6c9; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">New Years Office closed</div>	2 Food Kitchen 9:30 AM Men of Integrity Noon	3	4 Undecorating 1:00 PM
5 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship Service Communion 10:00 AM	6 Quilting 9:30 AM-Noon	7 Retried Wy.Co School Personnel 10:00AM-2:00 PM	8 S.H.A.R.E 3:00-5:45 PM Wyandotte Dinner Out Pizza Stop 6:00 PM	9 Men of Integrity Noon	10 Newsletter Deadline	11
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19 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship Service Loud Offering 10:00 AM Admin Board 11:15 AM	20 Quilting 9:30 AM-Noon	21	22 S.H.A.R.E 3:00-5:45 PM Wyandotte Dinner Out Danny's Bar & Grill 6:00 PM	23 Men of Integrity Noon Trinity Potluck 4:30-7:00	24 Newsletter Mailing	25 Game Night 5:00—9:00 PM
Pastor Kim Out of Town						
26 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM <div style="background-color: #c8e6c9; width: 50px; height: 20px; margin-top: 10px;"></div>	27 Quilting 9:30 AM-Noon Food Kitchen 9:30 AM	28	29 S.H.A.R.E 3:00-7:00 PM	30 Men of Integrity Noon	31	

12 Days of Christmas!



On the 1st day of Christmas my true love sent to me ... **A Partridge in a Pear Tree**

The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In the song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge that feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings, much in memory of the expression of Christ's sadness over the fate of Jerusalem: "Jerusalem! Jerusalem! How often would I have sheltered you under my wings, as a hen does her chicks, but you would not have it so" (Luke 13:34)

On the 2nd day of Christmas my true love sent to me ... **Two Turtle Doves**

The Old and New Testaments, which together bear witness to God's self-revelation in history and the creation of a people to tell the Story of God to the world.

On the 3rd day of Christmas my true love sent to me ... **Three French Hens**

The Three Theological Virtues: 1) Faith, 2) Hope, and 3) Love (1 Corinthians 13:13)

On the 4th day of Christmas my true love sent to me ... **Four Calling Birds**

The Four Gospels: 1) Matthew, 2) Mark, 3) Luke, and 4) John, which proclaim the Good News of God's reconciliation of the world to Himself in Jesus Christ.

On the 5th day of Christmas my true love sent to me ... **Five Gold Rings**

The first Five Books of the Old Testament, known as the Torah or the Pentateuch: 1) Genesis, 2) Exodus, 3) Leviticus, 4) Numbers, and 5) Deuteronomy, which gives the history of humanity's sinful failure and God's response of grace in the creation of a people to be a light to the world.

On the 6th day of Christmas my true love sent to me ... **Six Geese A-laying**

The six days of creation that confesses God as Creator and Sustainer of the world (Genesis 1).

On the 7th day of Christmas my true love sent to me... **Seven Swans A-swimming**

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: 1) prophecy, 2) ministry, 3) teaching, 4) exhortation, 5) giving, 6) leading, and 7) compassion (Romans 12:6-8; cf. 1 Corinthians 12:8-11)

On the 8th day of Christmas my true love sent to me ... **Eight Maids A-milking**

The eight Beatitudes: 1) Blessed are the poor in spirit, 2) those who mourn, 3) the meek, 4) those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, 5) the merciful, 6) the pure in heart, 7) the peacemakers, 8) those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. (Matthew 5:3-10)

On the 9th day of Christmas my true love sent to me ... **Nine Ladies Dancing**

The nine Fruit of the Holy Spirit: 1) love, 2) joy, 3) peace, 4) patience, 5) kindness, 6) generosity, 7) faithfulness, 8) gentleness, and 9) self-control. (Galatians 5:22)

On the 10th day of Christmas my true love sent to me ... **Ten Lords A-leaping**

The ten commandments: 1) You shall have no other gods before me; 2) Do not make an idol; 3) Do not take God's name in vain; 4) Remember the Sabbath Day; 5) Honor your father and mother; 6) Do not murder; 7) Do not commit adultery; 8) Do not steal; 9) Do not bear false witness; 10) Do not covet. (Exodus 20:1-17)

On the 11th day of Christmas my true love sent to me ... **Eleven Pipers Piping**

The eleven Faithful Apostles: 1) Simon Peter, 2) Andrew, 3) James, 4) John, 5) Philip, 6) Bartholomew, 7) Matthew, 8) Thomas, 9) James bar Alphaeus, 10) Simon the Zealot, 11) Judas bar James. (Luke 6:14-16). The list does not include the twelfth disciple, Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus to the religious leaders and the Romans.

On the 12th day of Christmas my true love sent to me ... **Twelve Drummers Drumming**

The Twelve points of doctrine in the **Apostles' Creed**: 1) I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 2) I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. 3) He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. 4) He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell [the grave]. 5) On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 6) He will come again to judge the living and the dead. 7) I believe in the Holy Spirit, 8) the holy catholic Church, 9) the communion of saints, 10) the forgiveness of sins, 11) the resurrection of the body, 12) and life everlasting.

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 - 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. At the parsonage, 1406 N. 79th St. 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

Preaching Schedule

January 5, 2025	Rev. Kim Dominic
January 12, 2025	Rev. Kim Dominic
January 19, 2025	Rev. Kim Dominic
January 26, 2025	Margo Sims-Gardner

Scripture Reader

January 5, 2025	Fay Sturm-White
January 12, 2025	Ruth Miller
January 19, 2025	Pat Gates
January 26, 2025	Ramona Stowe

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

January 5, 2025	Kathy M & Pat Gates
January 12, 2025	TBD
January 19, 2025	Ramona
January 26, 2025	TBD

To volunteer in the nursery:
You can sign up in the sanctuary or contact Ramona Stowe at: ramonastowe@gmail.com

END OF LIFE GUIDELINE SERIES

by Barbara Karnes, RN



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

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

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

TIME SENSITIVE

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

1/3	David Goldblatt	1/24	Joy Peterson
1/6	Steve Dominic	1/25	Jim Eaton
1/7	Becky Lasley	1/27	Don Bradbury
1/8	Nellie Lucas	1/27	Fonda Telthorst
1/9	Lori Sturm	1/29	Lois Higgins
1/12	JP Holland	1/30	Cletis Swender
1/23	Carol Polo		

Please save your Best Choice labels to support our involvement with the Cross-Lines Food Kitchen
 Labels go in the box on the shelf above the coat rack in Fellowship Hall.

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.

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.
 Orders can be turned in to Donna Leshner
 Order forms are available in the sanctuary, next to the offering box.

Our charity quilting group has grown and always needs supplies. If you have unused fabric (especially bright colors), 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!