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The Grapevine is a weekly publication designed to enhance our church communications. The deadline to get material submitted is Thursday at 10:00 AM. Call the office at 515-996-2572 or e-mail your information to office@vmmmc.com.

Children's Christmas Program

Welcome!

The children of Van Meter United Methodist Church proudly present this year's Christmas pageant:
Miracle at Midnight.



Stay for Soup and Fellowship

Following today's worship, please stay for Soups and Fellowship. The soups are excellent, the fellowship even better, and your free-will donation will go towards Missions projects.



Christmas Cantata Next Week

Next Sunday, December 16th, the Van Meter Chancel Choir and Booneville singers will sing *The Glory of Christmas*. Come and experience anew the reminder that, in the darkest moments of life, the brilliance of the eternal Light of Christ has come to us to guide us on the journey of life and faith.



SUNDAY WORSHIP INFORMATION



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

CHRISTMAS CANTATA



Come Christmas Caroling!

The parent group and their children will be caroling to the elderly / shut-ins in the community *this Wednesday, December 12th*. We would love to have more carolers! Please meet at the church at 5:30 PM. If you have questions, contact Kari Strong (515) 478-6301.



Spotlight: Christy Jungman

She came to us in 2006. There was a “What Can You Do for Your Church?” checklist and Ardis Anderson asked her if she would help with Missions. Well ... Fat Tuesday, helping with Trunk or Treat, Soups and Fellowship, price and sort for Kids Shopping Day, taking clothes to Bidwell, sewing school bags for Ingathering, refreshments for Charge Conference — oh, and she and husband John do ALL of the can and bottle redemption work! I’ve probably left something out, because it’s hard to get Christy Jungman to talk about her good works. She’s quiet, smiling, and humble.

Christy was raised in the Waukee United Methodist Church, converted to Catholicism, and then returned to us at the Van Meter UMC. Her husband John is a claims adjuster at GuideOne Insurance and a farmer. John’s grandfather gave the land for our facility in 1973. Their land surrounds our church. They have two sons, Matt and Patrick, two daughters-in-law, and one grandchild.

Christy works at the local e-Bank as a teller and personal banker. She graduated from Waukee High School, has attended DMACC, and formerly worked for Merit Resources. They live in Van Meter and she knew some people in our church, so she walked in. She said, “I love the congregation.”

Her favorite activities include a few crafts, sewing, crocheting, canning, and *most of all* watching her boys rodeo. They team rope, and their wives are barrel racers. “I just love a well-rounded rodeo.” Christy says she really doesn’t mind volunteering, “and I pitch in wherever I can.” Amen.



Christy Jungman



Sunday Worship Helpers

Sunday, December 16th

- **Acolytes:**
Schultzen family
- **Ushers/Greeters:**
Troy & Stephanie Schultzen
Greg & Lisa Blumhagen
- **Power Point:**
Regan Heckman
- **Liturgist / Advent Candle:**
Cross family
- **Nursery:**
Holly Gilliland

If you are unable to fulfill your worship duty, please find a replacement and notify the church office of the change.

Please Pray for...

those under medical care

Corbin Adams, Ardis Anderson, Anne Markham

those living with challenges

Dorothy Hubbard, Delores Johnson, Chuck Keltner, Fay Witham, Kids Care families

those in harm's way

people recovering from earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters;
shooting victims, family, and friends;
first responders everywhere

Give thanks for our joys

our children retelling the Christmas story



Special Christmas Events and Services

Dec. 9 (today)

10:45 AM Children's Christmas Program
Soup and Fellowship after the service

Dec. 16

10:45 AM Christmas Cantata

Join our joyous worship in song
2:30 PM Cantata performance at Edgewater



Dec. 24

4 PM Christmas Eve service
Candles, Carols, and Stories

The children will help prepare the manger for Jesus as we celebrate His birth with scripture, songs, and candle lighting. Bring your family and your neighbors.



Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for a chance to help others?

The Iowa Methodist conference website has a list of volunteer opportunities, one which may be right for you. Lend a hand at Bidwell, CFUM, or Hawthorn Hill. Help immigrants and refugees learn English.

<https://central.iaumc.org/volunteeropportunities>

Habitat for Humanity is looking for Winter Warriors (people who volunteer in December thru February) to carry on their work.

www.habitat.org is a good place to learn more.

Make a difference. Lend a hand. It may be just the lift someone needs.



Volunteer



Calendar

This Week

Sun., Dec. 9	Children's Program	
	Sunday School, Adult & Parent Discussion Groups	9:30 AM
	Sunday Worship Service	10:45 AM
	Soups and Fellowship	
Mon., Dec. 10	Exercise Your Faith	2:00 PM
Tues., Dec. 11	Ad Board meeting	6:00 PM
Wed., Dec. 12	Cantata rehearsal	7:30 PM
	Christmas caroling (meet at church)	5:30 PM
Thurs., Dec. 13	Prayer Shawl group (hostess: Elizabeth Alexander)	7:00 PM

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Sun., Dec. 16	Christmas Cantata	
	Sunday School, Adult & Parent Discussion Groups	9:30 AM
	Sunday Worship Service	10:45 AM
	Cantata encore at Edgewater	2:30 PM
Mon., Dec. 17	Exercise Your Faith	2:00 PM
Wed., Dec. 19	Youth Group	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM

