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Core Values

1. **Christ-Centered Ministry:** John 17:3; Colossians 1:18
2. **Authority of Scripture:** 2 Timothy 3:16, 17; 1 Peter 1:25; Matthew 4:4; Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 119
3. **Lost People Matter:** Luke 15; Matthew 28:18-20; Revelation 5; Matthew 25:31-46; Acts 10
4. **Foundation of Prayer:** Psalm 127; Philippians 4:4-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; James 5
5. **Ministry Team Approach:** Ecclesiastes 4:12; Proverbs 27:17; Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 12
6. **Leader as Role Model, Recruiter, Equipper:** Ephesians 4:11-13; Luke 10; 1 Timothy 3; Titus 1

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Calvary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

Thank you for worshipping here today!

December 17, 2017

Calvary cares about **you** because **you matter to God!**

Our desire is to be a Christ-centered, family-oriented, word-sharing, life-changing, need-meeting, world-touching body of believers.

We exist to **KNOW CHRIST** and **TO MAKE HIM KNOWN** through:

EVANGELIZING the Lost of the Community,

EXPERIENCING the Lord in Worship,

ENCOURAGING the Fellowship of Believers,

EDUCATING the Faithful in Christ, and

EQUIPPING our Leaders for Ministry.



Third Sunday of Advent

- To Know Christ and To Make Him Known -

Service Schedule

Our nursery is staffed and available during Sunday services for children ages birth through 3 years. Please remember that children must be dropped off and picked up by an adult in the south Childcare wing. The Cry Room in the back of the Sanctuary is a quiet place for a parent to take an infant or toddler (through age two) and still be able to listen to the service.

Order of Worship

Praise Team “Angels We Have Heard on High”
“Jesus Messiah”
~ “Joseph” will light the advent candle of JOY
“We Bow Down”

Lyrics for all songs and hymns will be projected on the screen. You may also use the black “Praise Songs” binder or the Hymnal—both are located in the pew racks along with Bibles for your reference.

Welcome

Choir “Go Tell it on the Mountain”

Scripture John 3:9-15

Message “Jesus—Lifted Up!” ~ Pastor Dave Motta

Offering “O Little Town of Bethlehem” ~ Hymn #230

Benediction

Outreach

GIDEONS

Outreach of the Month for December

This past fiscal year the Gideons and Auxiliary placed and distributed over 87 million Scriptures bringing the total placed across the world since 1908 to 2.2 billion copies.

This past September 18-20 our area held a Scripture Blitz where over 21,000 Scriptures were placed in the FARGO and GRAND FORKS areas. Ninety Gideons and 20 Auxiliary members, mostly from the Dakota, but one International Rep from Mississippi also came to help us. Eight thousand copies were placed in grand Forks and almost 14,000 in the Fargo/Moorhead area. New Testaments were given out at NDSU, Moorhead State, and UND. (3600 at NDSU and 1600 at MSUM).

Four thousand Bible App cards with 9 Bible Versions and 1235 different languages, in text and most with audio, were also handed out. The large majority were given to college students. Many Muslim students who would not accept a New Testament, did however accept the Bible App card. Some hospitals and Nursing Homes were also serviced.

Bibles were also placed in 5000 hotel-motel rooms and in 425 offices. Old Bibles were taken out and replaced with new ones. All of the old Bibles that are still usable will be given to missions and some to Jails and Prisons where the occupants may not be so careful with them, but they still have the same redeeming message.

THANK YOU, CALVARY, for supplying some of the funds that purchased these Scriptures.

In one of the Bibles removed from a Motel room we found a \$20.00 bill located in the page containing John 3:16. This would pay for 4 of the replacement Bibles. Praise the Lord!

Weekly Events

Sunday, December 17

- 9:00 AM Worship ~ *Sanctuary*
- 9:00 AM Children's Sunday School ~ 114
- 9:00 AM Youth Sunday School ~ *Upper Room (208)*
- 9:00 AM Various Studies for Adults~ *See Information Center for details*
- 10:30 AM Worship ~ *Sanctuary*
- 12:30 PM First African Church Service ~ *Upper Room (208)*
- 4:00 PM Upward Coaches Meeting ~ *Foyer*

Monday, December 18

Tuesday, December 19

- 12:00 PM Prayer ~ 105
- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting ~ 101
- 6:30 PM Church Council ~ 101

Wednesday, December 20

- 10:00 AM First African UMC Prayer ~ 105
- 6:30 PM Youth Ministry ~ *Upper Room, 200, 201, 202, 203*

Thursday, December 21

Friday, December 22

Saturday, December 23

- 8:00 AM Prayer ~ *Prayer Room 105*
- 10:00 AM First African Church Music ~ *Upper Room (208)*
- 4:00 PM First African Church Wedding ~ *Upper Room (208)*

Sunday, December 24 ***Christmas Eve***

- 9:00 AM Worship ~ *Sanctuary*
- 10:30 AM Worship ~ *Sanctuary*
- 12:30 PM First African Church Service ~ *Upper Room (208) and Foyer*
- 2:00 PM First African Christmas Celebration ~ *Gym*
- 4:00 PM Family Christmas Eve Service ~ *Sanctuary*
- 6:00 PM Candlelight Christmas Eve Service ~ *Sanctuary*

Sermon Notes

Jesus - Lifted Up! John 3:9-15

Review of John 3:1-10

5 Observations:

- 1.) Jesus is the Son of Man. John 9:35-37
- 2.) Jesus is the source of rescue. John 8:28;
John 8:13
- 3.) Jesus is pictured as a curse. 2 Cor 5:2;
Gal 3:13
- 4.) Jesus gives eternal life. John 3:14, 15
- 5.) Jesus crucified is the one we see. John 3:14-16

Look and Live!

Announcements

TODAY AND LOOKING AHEAD

Ushers for December 24, 9:00 - Carl & Polly Wendelbo, Myron Loberg, Bruce Huisenga **10:30** - Wayne & Pattie Hegseth, Roger & Diana Hoyt

Join us for Christmas Eve Worship!

Regular morning worship services will be held at 9:00 and 10:30 AM. At 4:00 PM we will have a Family Service (complete with glow sticks) and at 6:00 PM we will have our traditional candle light service.



The New Life Center is accepting donations for Christmas gifts for the men that are staying at the shelter. Items must be NEW and un-wrapped. Donations may include: stocking caps, gloves, mittens, socks, coats, scarves, thermal underwear, (medium-x-large), long & short sleeved t-shirts, sweat shirts & pants, and long sleeved shirts. Please leave your gifts in the cart across from the kitchen near the gym. Gifts will be picked up the morning of December 20th.

Couples Group will be studying "Culture Shock" by Chip Ingram beginning on January 7th. Gather at 9:00, class starts at 9:15 and ends by 10:00. Meet in room 102 (the Chapel). Questions? Contact Roger Hoyt, Becky Dunker, or the church office.

Health Concerns: Wayne Schumacher, Jacque Ulstad, Luella Carlson, Emma Streyle, Benadene Snyder, Glen Lysne, Barbara Olson, Roger Kalinowski, Joan Meidinger, and Al & Ruth Tollefson.

Announcements

LOOKING AHEAD

Onething Conference, Kansas City: December 28-Jan 1

Got plans for Christmas Break??? Senior High and Confirmation students are invited to join us for this dynamic youth & young adult conference. Check out the details at www.ihopkc.org/onething. Registration cost is only \$50 and includes hotel, travel and some meals. Students will cover their own lunch and dinner. Registration is limited to the size of our church van so it's on a first come basis until the van is full. Sign up by submitting your registration fee and release form to the office or youth mailbox. Questions talk to Blake or Becky Carlson.

GriefShare begins Saturday January 6, 2018

from 9:30-11:30 AM at the church. Griefshare is 13 -week class support group for people grieving the death of someone close. Please share this information with a relative, friend, neighbor, or co-worker who may benefit from GriefShare. Sign-up at the Welcome Center or by contacting the Church Office at 232-5650. For further information contact Karen Fleming 232-0596.



Youth Ski Trip : Andes Tower Hills Feb 4-5 Attention all 6-12 graders; Join us for this overnight ski outing. Cost =\$50. Fee covers lift ticket, ski rental, lodging, transportation and two meals. Saturday lunch is on your own. If you prefer to snowboard or tube, registration fee may vary a bit. Families that would like to join us for the day on Saturday are welcome to join as well (Cost for skiing only is \$35/person). Sign up by submitting your registration fee and release form to the office or youth mailbox. We plan to leave church at 8am on Saturday and return by noon on Sunday. Be sure to pack all winter-related gear as well as toiletries and a change of clothes.

Do you have a concern and need prayer? Caring individuals will be available at the back of the Sanctuary at the beginning of the service and also at the pillars at the end of the service.