

The Tower

Christmas Cantata

On Sunday, December 12, the Chancel Choir together with soloists and chamber orchestra will present Handel's "Messiah" for the 9:45 worship service. We have welcomed former choir members and others from the congregation for this special celebration of the holiday season. Please join us for this special offering.



Handel's "Messiah" was first performed in Dublin in 1742. This work has a long standing tradition both around the Christmas holiday (section I) and leading up to Lent and Easter (sections II & III). It was originally intended as a Lent and Easter work, but late in Handel's life became attached to Christmas as well. Performances by oratorio societies became fund raising opportunities for various organizations. Since that time, the work has taken on a life of its own becoming one of the most popular Christmas works.

Christmas Eve Services

◆ **4:00 pm – Christmas Eve Family Service**
"Child friendly" sharing of carols, story, special music, (no sermon), concluding with candle lighting. "Unwrapping the Christmas Crèche" will be the central story shared. Children are invited to bring along to worship that night, their idea of someone else who might have gone to visit Jesus at the manger (a stuffed animal, statue, etc.) Some of our children will be helping to lead worship, and if there are children who would like to share special music at this service, please contact Joelle Karth.

◆ **7:30 pm – Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**
Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with the Chancel Choir providing music for our service.

Annual Church Conference Tuesday, December 7, 7:00 pm

Every member and friend is encouraged to attend the annual congregational meeting on December 7 at 7pm. The agenda includes the presentation of the 2011 budget and the election of officers. Rev. Richard Strait, pastor at Brookfield Peace UMC (also in our Circuit 29), will preside.

Blue Christmas Service

We are approaching a time of the year when many people are revving up for a great celebration. In the midst of these light-filled festivities, it's also the time of the year when the shortest day and the longest night are upon us. Similarly, for people who are in crisis, or who have suffered losses of many kinds, this can be a very isolating time. They may be feeling sad or lonely, when so many others are joyful. A not so Merry Christmas may be the reality for those of us who are in pain. Our church will be offering a Blue Christmas Service on Thursday, December 16, at 7pm in our sanctuary. This will be a combined service with persons from Trinity Episcopal and First Congregational Church joining us. Please feel free to invite any friends, family, or neighbors who might find this type of service something that could be helpful for them.

Church Office Closings

Church offices will be closed on both Thursday & Friday, Nov. 25 & 26 and on Friday, Dec. 31.

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Sunday Schedule

8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship - Chapel
9:45 a.m. Blended Worship - Sanctuary
9:15 & 10:45 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School - Children & Youth
11:00 am Adult Sunday School Hour

Church Staff and Office Hours

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Tuesday - Friday • 9:30-3:00

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**2010
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Deadlines**



January 11 - February (Lent)

February 8 - March (Easter)

Please place your articles in the Tower folder in the church office across from Jodie Hunt's office or email to waumc@sbcglobal.net by the above dates.

We'll pray for you!

Our church prayer chain welcomes any prayer requests you would like to forward to us.



You may drop your written prayer concern in the collection plate on Sunday morning, or call it in to: Penny McCanles, 414-453-5337, or Jodie Hunt, 414-453-0700.

Every Monday, the people on the prayer chain relay these concerns down the "chain."

Feel Free to Contact Your Pastors

There are times when people are hospitalized, or have personal concerns or a crisis, and the pastoral staff would like to be supportive. If you or someone you know, goes to the hospital, or needs our care, please feel free to call the church and let us know. Pastor Sue makes hospital visits Tuesday through Sunday, and Pastor Charles makes hospital visits Mondays & some Thursdays. Also, contact the church office and let us know of the names of any home-bound persons who might like a visit. And, if your address changes, we also would appreciate receiving that information. After office hours, you can reach Pastor Sue at 414-257-1228 and Pastor Charles at 262-681-0570.



It's the season of giving and receiving. We just completed our fall stewardship campaign where we were challenged to think about the many blessings we've received, both financial and otherwise, and how we can share those gifts. A number of people (special thanks to Sheila Feay-Shaw, Becky Coad, Brian

Smallcombe) put lots of energy into the meal following our worship service, which was enjoyed by a fellowship hall full of hungry people. We were treated to a delicious brunch, including a surprisingly bountiful and lovely dessert table.

Now we make our way towards Christmas, the giving and receiving mode still up front and center during these weeks. Especially at this time of the year, people may walk through our church doors, looking for some other manifestation of Christmas, other than what they see in the secular, commercial world. I look forward to greeting them, and having them present with us as we light Advent candles, celebrate the gifts our children offer us, hear wonderful music, and once again reflect on age-old stories. As the Chancel Choir is preparing their *Messiah* offering, I'm reminded of the gifts we offer one another, that aren't wrapped in paper. We may be the surprising gift someone else most needs. Simply the person we are may be the very best gift we can give.

I was alerted to a video of the Macy's "Hallelujah Chorus" where shoppers were recently treated to what is termed a "random act of culture." Some 650 singers from 28 different opera companies broke forth in song in the middle of Macy's department store in downtown Philadelphia, surprising the shoppers who were busy with their buying. You can view it at: www.randomactsofculture.org.

As you watch the video, you will see "one woman who puts her hand on her heart as if she is saying the Pledge of Allegiance. A father bounces his baby over his head in rhythm to the music. Many shoppers who appear confused at first, soon begin to join right in, clearly remembering their respective parts that they have no doubt sung before. A thunderous applause erupts when the singing is complete. The shoppers

probably soon returned to what they had come to Macy's to do, but they probably will never forget what they experienced." (Scott Stoner, "Weekly Words of Wellness", Samaritan Family Wellness)

Scott Stoner goes on to say: "Look for ways this upcoming holiday season to **be** the surprise of joy or laughter or love for someone else. You don't have to be an opera singer to do something unexpected for a stranger or something completely out of the ordinary for a friend or family member. Ghandi reminded us to be the change we seek in the world. This random act of delight, is a reminder to us to be the love, the joy and the sacred that we seek this time of year."

Be the surprise of joy or laughter or love for someone else. Perhaps that's the challenge for this season—to give the gift of ourselves—something we can all do, something that would be appreciated more than we can ever imagine. Ann Weems shares similar thoughts in her poem "Angel-Filled Advent":

"Wouldn't it be wonderful if Advent came filled
with angels and alleluias?

Wouldn't it be perfect if we were greeted on these
December mornings with a hovering of
heavenly hosts tuning their harps and brushing
up on their fa-la-las?

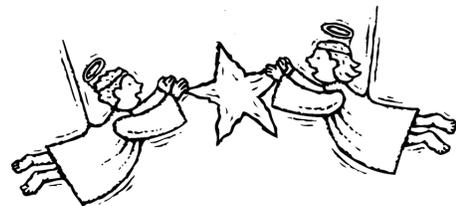
What an Advent that would be!

What Christmas spirit we could have!

An angel-filled Advent has so many possibilities!

But in lieu of that, perhaps we can give thanks
for the good earthly joys we have been given
and for the earthly 'angels' that we know
who do such a good job of filling our Advent
with alleluias!"

(Kneeling in Bethlehem, Ann Weems)



Our sympathy to...

the family of Tom Howard who passed away November 10

Congratulations to...

Rebecca & David Beach on the birth of their son, Liam David, on September 11



We rejoice in the baptism of...

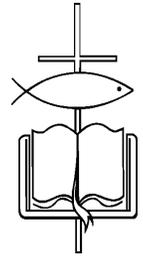
Kaili Claire Zimmerman, daughter of Andrea & Noah, on August 29

Our Pastors

Pastor Charles will be appearing in 18 performances of "Miracle on 34th Street" at the Racine Theatre Guild in December. His role: "Mr. Macy." For tickets and/or additional information, call the box office at 262-633-4218.

Pastor Sue sings in the Luther A Cappella Choir of Milwaukee and their Christmas concerts are coming up on Friday, December 3, at 7:30pm (at Christ the King Lutheran, Delafield) and Sunday, December 5, at 3:00 pm (at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Wauwatosa). If you would like more information, or advance tickets, please ask Sue.

Upcoming Sermon Scriptures & Themes



Nov. 21: *Assisted Living*
Colossians 1: 11-20

Nov. 28: *A Wake Up Call*
Romans 13:11-14

Dec. 5: *Dream On*
Isaiah 11:1-10 & Romans 15:4-6

Dec. 12: 8am - *The Visit*
Luke 1:39-56
9:45am - Chancel Choir Cantata
The Messiah

Dec. 19: *Open to the Unexpected*
Matthew 1:18-25

Dec. 24: 4 pm - *Unwrapping the Christmas Creche*
7:30pm - *Just a Shepherd*
Luke 2:1-20

Dec. 26: *The Twelve Days of Christmas*
Selected Scriptures

If you are out of town or miss church some Sunday and would like to read the sermons, you will find them on our church website: www.waumc.org.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
November 14, 2010 – 9:45am



New Members

Erin & Antoni Apollo
(daughter, Elise)
Erin is transferring from Wesley UMC, LaCrosse, WI
Antoni is transferring from the Newman Center, LaCrosse WI

Paula Hardy
Paula was formerly a member of Kingsley Methodist Church, Milwaukee

Kate & Brandon Lowe
(children, Anna, Evie, Carter)
Kate and Brandon are transferring from Asbury UMC, Prairie Village, KS

Sponsoring Friends

Kathryn & Jose Dominguez

Margie Blodgett

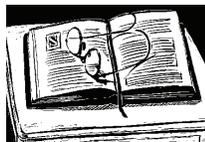
Carolyn & Peter Stuessy

Advent Devotional Books

The Advent/Christmas season is all about relationships: our relationship with God and the relationships that we enjoy when family, friends, and fellow worshipers gather during the holidays. *Advent: A Calendar of Devotions, 2010* encourages us to affirm and explore these relationships during a time of the year that is joyful for many people but lonely for others. Devotions based on personalities from both the Old and New Testaments will help us appreciate the heritage and culture into which Jesus was born. Please feel free to pick up one of these small devotional books found on the tables outside the sanctuary and the chapel to use during the weeks of Advent. Each daily devotion includes a Scripture reading, a Bible verse, an inspiring short message and an uplifting prayer for each of the days that lead us toward Christmas. Large print versions of this book are also available. Donations are appreciated for these books, 75¢ for the regular edition and \$1.40 for the large print.

Advent Study

How many times have you tried to reduce the stress and hurry of Christmas by making Advent a more spiritual time? What if this year you found a devotional practice that offered more rest, more quiet, more room in your heart for the Christ child to be born? Please consider joining one of the small groups that are forming as we embark on a four-week Advent study using *Simply Wait* as our resource. For the four weeks of Advent, participants will focus on a single word and a single, simple prayer practice that does not require extensive preparation or previous experience. The small group leaders will be hosting meetings as follows:



- Wendy Kamerling - Sunday evenings
- Katie Brown and Carolyn Dressler - Sundays after church
- Dave and Tess Vollmers - Monday evenings
- Mary Hutton - Saturday mornings
- Sue Hessner - Sundays (time TBD)
- Sue Burwell via blog at:
<http://pastorsuewaumc.blogspot.com/>

Books are now available in the church office for \$10. Please pick up your book and put your money in the envelope available.

If you are interested in the blog-based study, anybody wanting to participate can read the book on their own and sit down and respond to the blog, at any time, day or night. We will publicize the chapters/themes that will be covered each week and, by Sunday evening, Sue will post discussion questions on the blog that people can respond to all during that week. We can all read the responses then, of the other participants. Sue will first post discussion questions on the blog, November 28.

Children Helping Us Celebrate the Season

This year, instead of a children's Christmas program on a Saturday, we will be having children participate in our worship services on both December 19 (9:45am) and December 24 (4pm). We are proposing this change, to better accommodate people's busy schedules, as well as give the larger congregation a chance to enjoy the gifts of our children during our Sunday worship. In addition to young children dramatizing the Scripture story on December 19, we will have the Cherub, Troubadour, and Handbell Choirs with us, along with some younger instrumentalists. We look forward to this intergenerational sharing opportunity that day.



The Twelve Days of Christmas

Do you remember the tune? On December 26, our worship service will be based on the tradition of the twelve days of Christmas—the days between December 25 and January 6. We'll sing plenty of carols, and hear more about this Old English song, written long ago to teach people about their faith. (It's about more than just partridges and calling birds!) Help us observe the twelve days, by being in worship that morning.

Sunday School News

Our newly revised Sunday School program is in full swing and I would like to say "Thank You" to all of the volunteers who have made this transition happen. It took a dedicated crew to stock classrooms, organize our resources, make new signs, and volunteer to lead classes. If you see a Sunday School volunteer, please say thank you!

We currently have 5 teaching teams (Preschool, 5K, 1st/2nd grade, 3rd/4th grade, and Tweens) each containing 4 team members. Spaces are still open for volunteers in our preschool class as well as for subs. If you are available to lead a preschool class once a month or fill in occasionally, please see Kristin.

Lastly, if you have not yet filled out a Sunday School registration form, please do so ASAP. Pink registration forms are available on the table outside the preschool room on the 3rd floor. These forms give our paid and volunteer staff important information regarding your child to ensure his or her success in Sunday School. These information sheets also give us vital information regarding any allergies or special needs our children may have and allow us to accurately prepare for class each Sunday. Thank you for your cooperation.

High School Youth Group News

I would like to extend an invitation to all High School students (9th-12th Grade) to attend youth group on Sunday mornings. We meet in the Youth Room (by Wesley Hall) on Sunday mornings at approximately 10am for FOOD, FUN, and FELLOWSHIP!! We have just completed our DVD series Smart Stuff and will be diving into an Advent study titled: Christmas Gifts That Won't Break. Following the Advent/Christmas season, we will explore The Gospel according to Star Wars.



We have also selected our mission trip for the summer of 2011. We will be working with Appalachia Service Project again this year. The Appalachia area (where Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, and West Virginia come together) is one of the poorest areas in the country.

62,000 homes are substandard and of 50% of families make less than \$20,000 annually. During our week, we will be focusing on housing repairs for a family in need.

We are scheduled to work with ASP over the week of June 12 - 18, 2011. Youth who have graduated 8th grade, are currently in high school, or will be graduating high school in 2011 are welcome. I need a **commitment and deposit of \$100 from participants due by January 30, 2011**. Scholarships are available for interested participants who may be facing financial difficulties. Please see Kristin prior to January 30 for details. If you have any questions, please see Kristin.

Make Your Own Advent Wreath Sunday

Sunday School families, are you looking for the perfect opportunity to grow in your faith as a family? Well, on Sunday, November 21, you are invited to make your own Advent Wreath after Sunday School (approx. 11:00am). Directions, wreath frames, candles, greens, and decorations will be provided. No craft skills are necessary. This is a whole family experience so children are encouraged to help the grown ups! A take-home advent devotional will also be included so the entire family can experience waiting for the Messiah each Sunday leading up to Christmas. Sign up with Kristin (via email, phone call or on the sheet in the church office) to guarantee your space and supplies. There is no cost to participate in this project. A free will offering will be accepted if families would like to contribute. Advanced sign up is not required; however, advanced sign up will guarantee you all of your supplies. Families who do not sign up in advance will be allowed to participate on a first come first serve basis. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Weber.



Library Reminder

It's not too early to enjoy the wonder of Christmas with a child! Your church library has an outstanding collection of Christmas stories for children. Share a reading time as part of your family tradition.

St. Benedict's Meal Program

December 5:

Pick up plastic buckets to make JELLO fruit salad for the St. Benedict's Meal Program. We provide the recipe.

December 12:

Return salad buckets to the main kitchen.

December 14:

JELLO fruit salad served to 400-500 hungry people at St. Benedict's, along with food provided by other groups.

January 2:

The next JELLO bucket Sunday.

Sandwich Service Project



Our next dates to make 200 bag lunches for The Gathering are Saturdays November 20, December 18 and January 15. We will meet from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. on those Saturdays at our church to make peanut butter

sandwiches, bag cookies and carrots or fruit, and pack the lunches. Some of us will take the lunches to St. James Church at 8th and Wisconsin.

Please call Mary Spearo at 414-475-0848 so she can plan on your help and/or coordinate your contributions. We especially need fruit, cookies and workers. **Christmas cookies would be great for December.** See also the sign-up sheet on the kitchen counter next to the coffee hour treats. Co-sponsored by Church & Society.

Cartons & Shopping Bags Needed

Cartons and shopping bags are needed for the Mitten Tree project to pack the gifts in for transport to the agencies. Copy-paper or apple boxes are a good size, as the cartons need to fit in passenger cars. Large plastic or paper shopping bags are also great. Please leave your boxes and bags on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

Thanksgiving - A Special Time for Ingathering

As we gather family and friends together this holiday to give thanks to our Lord, let us show our gratitude by sharing our bounty with others. Please bring protein items such as canned stew or spaghetti and meatballs. Or bring canned fruits and vegetables. Put your nonperishable food gifts in the grocery cart at the bottom of the stairs by the church office, and we will take the food to the Wauwatosa Food Pantry at St. Bernard's. Gifts in the offering plate marked for Ingathering will go to The Hunger Task Force or local pantries. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

The Mitten Tree is in the Parlor



Come pick out a mitten and shop for a needy boy or girl. We have children from United Methodist Children's Services, Milwaukee Christian Center, Northcott and other agencies. Bring your gifts back by Sunday, December 12. If you don't want to shop, pick a mitten and we will shop for you. Sponsored by Church & Society.

Winter Clothing Drive for City Children

Milwaukee Christian Center, Northcott and our other Mitten Tree agencies have asked us again this year to provide warm clothing for children. Church & Society will collect children's coats, jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters and other warm clothing that are clean and in good condition, sizes infant to age 12, during our Mitten Tree project. Children's mittens, hats and scarves are also needed. Also new unopened packages of underwear or socks. Please bring your donations to the Parlor on Sundays. We will deliver them after December 12.



CELEBRATE
GENEROSITY
TOGETHER

These past few weeks, we have had a chance to both celebrate the ministries of our church, including the blessings of community, as well as

reflect on how we are going to financially support this faith community in the next year. On November 14 we consecrated our commitments of giving. If you have already returned your pledge card, thank you. If you have not yet had the opportunity to do so, please return your estimate of giving card this week. Simply drop your pledge card in the mail, bring it by the church office, or put it in the offering plate during any worship service. The Finance Committee relies on these estimates in setting next year's budget. Estimates can be changed at any time. If you misplaced your pledge card, or didn't receive one, please contact the church office, and we'll get another one out to you.

**Pastor Sue's Book Discussion
January 16**

If you enjoyed aspects of *The Da Vinci Code*, you may enjoy our next discussion book by Geraldine Brooks, *People of the Book*. This novel made independent bookstores bestseller lists, and is said to have less flash and more substance than *The Da Vinci Code*.



It's a story that includes both mystery and history, exploring an ancient Hebrew manuscript—The Sarajevo Haggadah, a 15th century Jewish artifact—that traveled from Sarajevo around the world. It's also a story about tolerance, as Muslims, Christians, and Jews seek to preserve the lavishly illuminated manuscript.

Pastor Sue will facilitate a discussion hour on Sunday, January 16th at 11am in Room 4. There are numerous copies of this book in the Milwaukee Public Library system, including sound recordings and large print editions. So, in the next couple of months, treat yourself to some interesting reading, and then pick up a cup of coffee on the 16th at Fellowship Hour, and join us for a lively discussion.

Give to Focus on God

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well.”
(Matt. 6:33)

Robert and Janice pondered their annual dilemma of what to give their mother, Florence, for Christmas. With no increase in Social Security and a decrease in her monthly payments following her husband's death this year, they knew Florence was going to be struggling financially. Yet she definitely didn't want help from her kids to make ends meet.

Robert attended a Charitable Gift Seminar at church one day and learned they could establish a Charitable Gift Annuity for their mom. At age 82, her annuity rate is 7.5%—five times the income on some of her Certificates of Deposit. When he told Florence about it, she decided to use her own money to transfer \$10,000 from one of her maturing CD's to establish a Charitable Gift Annuity at the Wisconsin UM Foundation. Florence was relieved to know she could receive additional income now, and the assurance that when she dies 80% of the remainder in her Charitable Gift Annuity will be distributed to her church and any other charitable beneficiaries she names.

She said, “What a relief! I'll get more income now and when I die I know for sure the church will get a nice gift. With the high cost of my new medicines, I was feeling guilty about having to cut back my pledge next year. This will help me continue to be as generous as I really want to be for years to come, without relying on you kids.”

If you or someone you love might benefit from a Charitable Gift Annuity, please call the Foundation for a sample illustration.

Charitable Gift Annuities can be established with gifts of as little as \$2,000.

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P.E.P. Adult Center

December 3: Wellness Center with Brigid Riordan, RN, at 10:00 am. Program at 10:30 am. Dick Campbell will present *The Lost Squadron and the Resurrection of the P-38 "Glacier Girl."* Bending with Brigid at 11:30 am. Noon lunch: Pumpkin ravioli with sage and browned butter, petite green beans, bread & butter, and Christmas cookies. RSVP to Mary Reina by December 1. \$6 members/\$8 guests.

December 17: Day trip to the Paine Art Center & Gardens to enjoy the *Nutcracker in the Castle* in Oshkosh. Lunch at the Roxy Supper Club known for its fine meals & authentic Italian dishes. 9:30 am departure, expected return 3:30 pm. \$33 members/\$36 guests. Reservation, lunch choice & payment due to Mary Reina by December 3

A Special Gift to Last a Lifetime

What could be a better gift for your spouse than the gift of yourself? Be it a gift you give each other for Christmas, Valentine's Day, a birthday, Wedding Anniversary, or other special occasion, the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend-United Methodist will keep giving your whole lives through. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a gift that you and your spouse will remember, treasure and benefit from forever!

Sometimes the thing we really need is to just get away from the rest of the world for a couple of days and just really focus in on each other. As simple as that sounds, it can be a bit of a trick to arrange sometimes.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter can provide the structure and the unobtrusive "tour guides" you need for a romantic, intimate getaway adventure.

Choose from the following dates:

- February 18-20, 2011 - Holiday Inn; Fond du Lac
- October 21-23, 2011 - Rader Retreat Center; Pine Lake, Westfield

For more information go to: www.encounter.org or w1marriage@gmail.com. Call toll free 1-866-633-3862; or Ron & Sharon Morishita 262-554-0369.

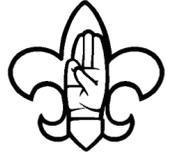
United Methodist Women

Circle 1 will meet Saturday, November 20, at the home of Joyce Ehrhardt. Program: Marcus Borg's book, *First Christmas*, reviewed by Marilyn Gale, Mary Lewis and Myrna Kaufman.

News from Troop 21

Another Eagle Scout Awarded

Troop 21 awarded 9 Eagle Scout Awards in 2009 and in 2010 has awarded another 9. Jonathan Tripi has received National BSA approval and is now officially an Eagle Scout. Jonathan is the 153rd Eagle Scout awarded by Troop 21 and is a Junior at Wauwatosa West High School. He is the son of Jeanie Tripi and Mike Tripi of Wauwatosa. Jonathan constructed and installed blue bird houses for the Southern Kettle Moraine State Forest, for his Eagle Project.



New Boy Scouts Welcome

Any young man presently in the 5th grade, or any boys older, can join Boy Scouts in February. New Boy Scouts do not have to have been active in Cub Scouting to become a Boy Scout. In the past Troop 21 has had members join as late as age 16. Additionally, this time of the year is when 5th grade boys visit Boy Scout Troops in preparation to joining in February and March. Any boy interested in Boy Scouting is welcome to visit a Troop 21 meeting on any Tuesday evening or contact Scoutmaster Steve Weber at 414-771-3228. Troop 21 is sponsored by the WAUMC and has 70 youth members. Anyone interested should just stop by for a visit

Holiday Wreath Sale Thank You

Boy Scout Troop 21 has only one fund raiser each year. We would like to thank church members who purchased a wreath from a Scout. Troop 21 wreaths will be delivered starting Friday November 19. Thank you for supporting Scouting.

Campouts Planned

Troop 21 Scouts will be day camping on November 13 at Camp Lazyinski and in cabins December 3-5 at Camp IMR. Troop 21 Campouts are planned during 11 of the 12 months each calendar year. Our very active camping program is one of the things that attracts boys to Troop 21.

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