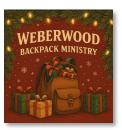
## Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 7, 2025  8:30am - 12:30pm Childcare AvailableRoom 207  8:45am Contemporary WorshipCentrum  9:00am Children's ChurchSunday School Class  9:30am Fellowship TimeNarthex  9:50am Bible StudyChapel  9:50am Children's Activity & WorshipSunday School  10:00am Adult Bible SchoolCana Class  11:00am Traditional WorshipCentrum  11:15am Children's ChurchSunday School Class  2:00pm Pickleball
Monday, December 8, 20255:30pm Fife Street Fellowship
Tuesday, December 9, 2025 11:00am Assistance Ministry
Wednesday, December 10, 2025 3:00pm Book ClubOmega 6:30pm Chancel Choir RehearsalChoir Rm
Thursday, December 11, 2025 9:30am UWiF Board Meeting
Friday, December 12, 2025 12:00pm Al-AnonOmega
Saturday, December 13, 2024 8:30am Breakfast with SantaFellowship Hall

#### LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

In Person	162
Online	197
Total	359

# **Weberwood Backpack Ministry**



Thank you for the wonderful support of the Weberwood Backpack Ministry this fall. Your generosity is appreciated by the families and staff. For December, the congregation will again provide Christmas presents for students. These presents include an outfit,

shoes, and toys. The link to sign up for gifts is: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4FAEAA2FAAFB6-60767817-copy">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4FAEAA2FAAFB6-60767817-copy</a>. Thank you for making Christmas brighter for these families.

# **Advent Wreath Lighters**

If you, your family, or your small group would like to light the Advent wreath during a Sunday worship service, please contact the church office at 304-342-0192 or office@ccumwv.org. We are still looking for Advent Wreath lighters for the 8:45am service on December 14 and 21.



# **Blessing Closet**

We are in need of liquid laundry detergent, household cleaning products, toilet paper, and men and women's body wash. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.



### Week's News & Events

December 7 - December 13, 2025

## Sunday, December 7, 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Rev. Dr. Timothy Bias, (Elder) Lead Pastor "Here Comes the Teacher: Listen" Matthew 3: 10-12, Psalm 72: 1-17

Rev. Ashley Wood, (Licensed Local Pastor) Associate Pastor/Minister of Children & Youth

> Rev. David Donathan, (Deacon) Minister of Worship Arts/Organist

> > Rev. Dr. Randy Flanagan Pastor Emeritus

Gena Ryan, Liturgist

Lydia Moore, Childcare Room 207

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Rosencrance Family in loving memory of Kyriacos, Andreanna, & Donna Loizou.

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# Check Out This Week's Blog by Rev. Dr. Timothy Bias



Living with the Heart of Jesus

This first week of Advent, Isaiah announces, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given..." (Isaiah 9:2, 6)

Isaiah announces the coming of the Messiah, the Christ, the one we know as Jesus. This Advent Season, let's focus on living with the heart, mind, and work of Jesus. The question to reflect upon this is "what difference does Jesus make in my living?"

So, let's begin by focusing on living with the heart of Jesus.

To read Tim's blog, go to <a href="https://www.transformingmission.org/">https://www.transformingmission.org/</a>

# Call for Liturgists in 2026

The Worship Arts Committee is currently gathering the names and contact information of anyone who would like to read liturgy during the 11:00am service in 2025. If you are interested, curious, or know someone who might be, please contact Richard Ford at <a href="mailto:rford@innernet.net">rford@innernet.net</a>, or by his cell phone at 304-550-3747, or through the Christ Church office.

#### **Advent 2025 at Christ Church**

TODAY - The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Prelude at 4:00pm, Service at 4:30pm

#### **Advent Events & Services**

- Dec. 13, 8:30am Breakfast with Santa,
   Fellowship Hall
- Dec. 14, 2:00-4:00pm Cookie
   Extravaganza, Fellowship Hall
- Dec. 14, 5:00-8:00pm Youth Christmas
   Party and Sock Exchange, Omega
- Dec. 21, 6:00pm Blue Christmas Service, Chapel
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Worship at 5:00pm and 11:00pm



## **Breakfast with Santa**

Join Rev. Ashley Wood, the Youth Group, and the United Methodist Men for Christ Church's Annual Breakfast with Santa. Invite your friends and neighbors to enjoy a delicious meal and a meet-and-greet with Santa Claus himself. Donations are welcome, and all proceeds directly fund next year's youth mission trip.

# Check Out This Week's Podcast by Rev. Dr. Timothy Bias



Here Comes the Teacher - Watch

As Advent begins, Jesus invites us to pay attention and stay alert. Instead of angels or shepherds, Matthew begins with a simple challenge, stay awake. This week, explore what watchfulness really means in Matthew 24 and why Jesus invites us to pay attention long before he asks us to prepare. We talk about:

- · Why this passage is more about formation than prediction
- · How God shows up in the swirl of everyday life
- · What hope looks like when the world feels chaotic
- · Simple practices that help us stay alert to God's presence.

If you are longing for a grounded, hope-filled way to enter Advent, this conversation will help you see the season with fresh eyes.

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## A Message from the Yarnettes

The Yarnettes will be taking a break for the Christmas season and will not meet again until Wednesday, January 7. They look forward to gathering in the new year and wish everyone a warm and joyful Christmas.