

West Bend Mallard

UMC

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November 2018

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Friends and UMC family!

Christmas is the name of our season. This is a time for recollecting our friendship; good cheer, and expressed our best wishes, through inviting or visiting our family, relatives and friends by sending cards or gifts.

Besides, we serve in the table the most sumptuous food. Gathering our family is one of the happiest and significant events and do the gift giving or receiving, as well.

I have learned through Social Media, in our country, there are around 48 million of drivers driving around to different states just to make them busy for this Season.

I want to share also the Philippines situations, this is the most awaited event in our country. There is a cease-fire, offering peace to those who are in battle between two forces, the rightist and the extreme leftist, who they thoughts, they are the group to make the nations be at peace.

So, for me, indeed, Christmas is the day that all people are ready for the love and peace. Also a season of reconciliation and unity, I believe!

Evidently, I have two kinds of things to present through biblical message:

First, Christmas elevates women. We all knew the Bethlehem story, man have no part/role absolutely in the birth of our Lord. There are some people still insisting that woman are supposed to be subservient to man. Of course, we learned, Mary the mother of Jesus, has always had an exalted role in the life of the church.

Second, Christmas elevates faith. In my understanding, Christmas is an act of faith. God, the creator becomes an infant in a crib. Who would believe to that kind of mystery? This is our testimony as we called Christians. To end this article, I want to share the music by Joseph Yates Peek. This how it goes;

I would be true, for there are those who trust me; I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there are much to suffer; I would be brave, for there much to dare;
I would be friend to all the foe, the friendless; I would be giving, and forget the gift;
I would be humble, for I know my weakness; I would look up, and laugh, and love and lift.
Those words sound like a first rate of Christmas message to me. I love to hear this message especially the last stanza.

“I would look up, and laugh, and love and lift.”

As we celebrate the season of the year, this 2018, let us give thanks for God’s great love.
He has invaded our world in Bethlehem’s babe.

~~~ Shalom, Nathan

## West Bend United Methodist Church Administrative Council

November 7, 2018

In attendance: Darla W., Pastor Nathan, Don B., Tim B., Diane D., Reby T., Rita T., Mary Ann C., Clyde J., Becky C., and Donna B. Darla opened the meeting and after concerns were shared, Pastor Nathan led us in prayer. October secretary's report and the minutes of the special Council meeting Oct. 22 after church were read and approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Diane: Income \$9552.03. Expenses \$11,548.81. Balance October 31 \$353.09. Donna moved to approve, Pastor seconded. Motion carried.

A CD of \$70,144 was reinvested at 2.17% for one year. The interest is now available. Stover interest is available so the following committees need to plan how to spend their portions before the end of the year: Community Involvement, Iowa Conference Agencies, and Expanded Local Church Activities.

**Finance Report:** Clyde: Committee set the budget for 2019. It was approved by the Charge Conference, and a copy was put in the secretary's notebook. If there is a negative balance on the ledger, money will automatically be transferred from the Angel account. Sunday offerings are increasing.

**Trustees Report:** Tim: Asphalt work is done on street and parking lot. They got all the bids for both roofs but haven't settled on them yet.

**Missions Report:** Mary Ann: Diane Wilson delivered our mission kits (54 school kits and 49 health kits) last Saturday. \$520 was received on Blanket Sundays. We will receive the list of Christmas families from the school soon and will put the names on a tree in the entry for members to take.

**Worship/UMW Report:** Rita: Lists for liturgists and for greets were passed around. Rita will order greenery for outdoors. UMW will meet for lunch on Nov. 28. They will go to the church for their meeting and to set up the advent wreath and decorate the church.

**Announcements and Pastor's Report:** November 18 is our next potluck. The main dish will be provided. We need a policy for use of the church. Visitors should be asked to sign the guest book with names and addresses. Suggestions were given to be shared with the secretary. Pastor included a list of his activities for October and his vision for the church. It was suggested we have a Family Fun Night one Saturday night a month during the winter months.

Adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Secretary, Donna Bonnstetter

Next Meeting: December 5, 2018

Mallard United Methodist Church Council

NO MINUTES GIVEN.

***The Lord's Light Within*** © [By M.S.Lowndes](#)

Lord, we reflect with thankful hearts  
On the wonder of your birth  
The love you expressed when you left  
Your glory to come to earth  
For your life was like a beacon, Lord  
Shining brightly in the night  
Filling the world with the radiance of  
The Father's glorious light  
And we, too, long to have inside  
Your light for others to see  
The beautiful reflection of your grace  
And the wonder of your majesty  
For as your life indwells our hearts,  
We can shine wherever we are  
And arise to take hold of each new day  
With your light ablaze in our hearts  
So rekindle the flame within us, Lord  
So it will not flicker nor dim  
Ignite us with the light of your love,  
So you will shine brightly within

**MALLARD**  
**UMW**  
**December 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Pastor's  
Recognition Party  
at 8:30 am.  
UMW officers  
will host.

**GREETERS**

December 2: Ron Cross  
December 9: Volunteer Needed  
December 16: LB, Jenn Hurley & Boys  
December 23: Jim & Deb Travis  
December 30: Volunteer Needed

**FELLOWSHIP**

Ron Cross  
Volunteer Needed  
LB, Jenn Hurley & Boys  
Jim & Deb Travis  
Volunteer Needed



# It's Potluck Time!

**Please plan to join us for the 2018-19 Potluck season!**

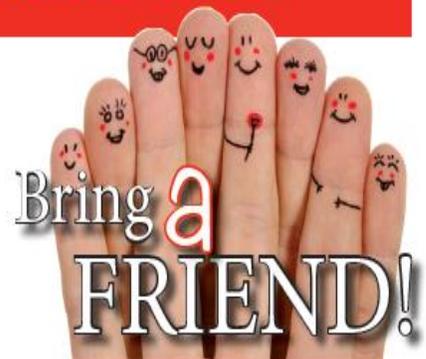
Each will be a traditional potluck, with the exception of Thanksgiving & Christmas when the church will provide the main dish.

| <u>Date</u>  | <u>Type</u>        | <u>Contact Person</u>           |
|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| September 16 | Regular            | Becky Collins, 712-358-0358     |
| October 21   | Regular            | Alli Miller, 712-260-7560       |
| November 18  | Main Dish Provided | Donna Bonnstetter, 515-320-3102 |
| December 16  | Main Dish Provided | Becky Collins, 712-358-0358     |
| January 20   | Regular            | Alli Miller, 712-260-7560       |
| February 17  | Regular            | Donna Bonnstetter, 515-320-3102 |
| March 17     | Regular            | Becky Collins, 712-358-0358     |
| April 21     | Regular            | Alli Miller, 712-260-7560       |

If you have questions, call/text the person in charge.

## Identify Your Dish

A special request has been made to 'Identify Your Dish'. If you bring a special, extra yummy dish, bring a card with your name on it for display so people can ask you about the recipe, what's in it, how it's made, etc.



## New this Year!

Ask a friend to join you for  
Worship and Potluck!

What better way to feed  
their soul and their  
stomach? Bring enough for  
you and your friend(s).

Tell them they just  
need to show up!

Bring one friend or many.

Make a Friend.

Be a Friend.

Bring a Friend to Christ!

## Additional Information



### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT

#### WREATH

#### West Bend

December 2: Wilma Cargin  
December 9: Miller Family  
December 16: Volunteer Needed  
December 23: Collins Family

### BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study will meet on Tuesdays starting at 6:00 am in the church basement with breakfast and bible study to follow.

Ladies' Bible Study will meet on Tuesdays also starting at 6:30 am in the church library.

**EVERYONE IS  
WELCOME!!!**

Love came down at Christmas,  
Love all lovely, Love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas;  
Star and angels gave the sign.

*Christina Rossetti*



Christmas is like candy; it slowly melts in your mouth sweetening every taste bud, making you wish it could last forever. Christmas is forever, not for just one day. For loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away. The Christmas spirit is a spirit of giving and forgiving.



# PLEASE LISTEN



**\*\*In case of inclement weather please listen to KICD, KLGA or local channel 2 for cancellation of services.**

## PRAYER CHAIN INFORMATION

A reminder that a prayer chain is in place in both communities. In West Bend we have an E-prayer and information can be given to Darla Winkelhorst in person or by e-mail at [dwinkelhorst@fsbiowa.com](mailto:dwinkelhorst@fsbiowa.com).

Mallard prayer chain contact is Vi Hurley,  
712-855-2368.

Scripture reminds us to “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

(I Thessalonians 5:17-18)



### DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2018

**December 9:** Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6

**December 16:** Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

**December 23:** Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:47-55, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45

**December 24:** Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-20

**December 25:** Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98, Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12), John 1:1-14

**December 30:** 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26, Psalm 148, Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-52

**December 31:** Ecclesiastes 3:1-3, Psalm 8, Revelation 21:1-6a, Matthew 25: 31-46

NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE FOR  
JANUARY &  
FEBRUARY  
NEWSLETTER IS  
DECEMBER 22nd.



### Communion Stewards

Mallard: Marilyn Schutz

West Bend: Linda Barber

**Website Address:** [wbmumc.com](http://wbmumc.com)

### Service Times

9:00 am Mallard

10:30 am West Bend

**Church Email Address:** [wbmumcs@ncn.net](mailto:wbmumcs@ncn.net)

**Poinsettias:** You are encouraged to share a Poinsettia with the church this season. Poinsettias may be dropped off anytime during December for our church to enjoy! Thanks for sharing with us



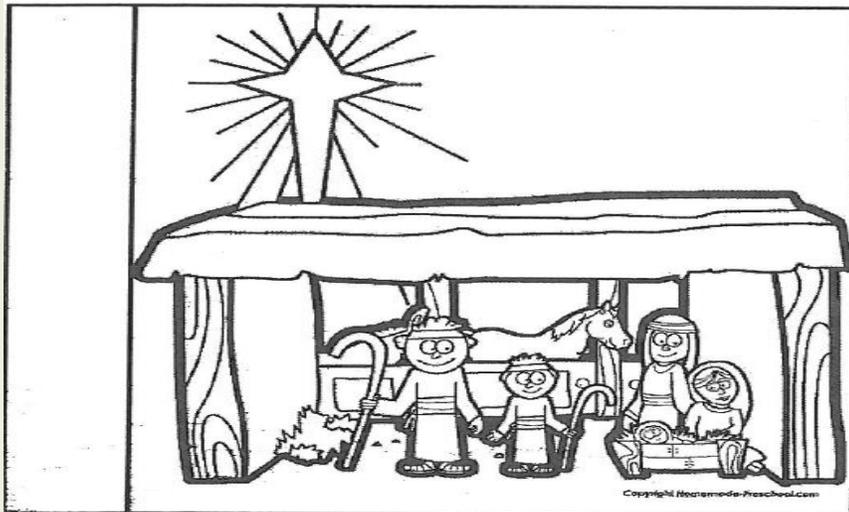


*December 24: Christmas Eve Services  
6:00 pm in Mallard and 7:30 pm in West Bend*

**Sick & Shut In**



Please remember to pray for and visit or call our members that are sick, shut-in, or hospitalized.



*You're invited to our AWANA Children's Christmas Pageant*

**“The Christmas Story”**

**Wednesday, December 19th at 4:15 in the Methodist Church Sanctuary**



*We will have Birthday cake and punch after the program!*