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**Weekly Enews for
December 8 –
December 17, 2017**



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Christmas Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 9,

10:00 am—1:00 pm

Alpine Center Dining Room

Numbers will be given out starting at 9:30

All proceeds go to missions. Stop in on Dec. 9, listen to Christmas music, have a glass of punch, and buy a box of homemade Christmas cookies. Cost is \$15 per box.



Christmas Concert at Wesley Willows

Saturday, December 9

10:00 am in the Van Sickle Room

The Sanctuary Choir will be singing this Sunday, December 9 at Wesley Willows. There will be a sing-a-long of Christmas music and a short program of music and scripture about the birth of Christ. Everyone is invited.

Any questions? Contact Jody Warren at church at 815-399-5910 or jwarren@christumc.cc.



Our Master's Christmas Cantata

"Emmanuel, Celebrating Heaven's Child"

Sunday, December 10,

at the 9:30 service

in the Our Master's Sanctuary

Heaven's Child: the miraculous reality of a conception by the Holy Spirit, a birth to the young Virgin, Mary, and a flesh and blood existence of God, our Emmanuel. We will sing glory to the newborn King! With 15 singers, a soloist, two narrators, accompanist and director, the Chancel Choir will lead the congregation in a worship celebration of Jesus, Heaven's Child.



Blood Pressure Screenings
Only at Alpine Center this month

Our Parish Nurses will be available at Alpine Center on **December 10**, 9:00 - 9:30 am and 10:30-11:00 am in the Armstrong Lounge to do blood pressure screenings.



Christmas Angel Project
Gift Wrapping
Monday, December 11, 4:30 pm
Tuesday, December 12, 9:00 am
Alpine Fellowship Hall

Our Christmas Angel Project has collected gifts from our congregation for those seniors and children in our community who otherwise wouldn't receive any Christmas gifts. Come and help us wrap. This is a wonderful opportunity to socialize with fellow church members, share the holiday spirit, and make a positive impact on our community!

Reminder: Sunday, December 10 is the deadline for bringing your gifts if you took a gift tag!



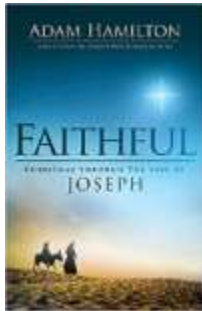
Blue Christmas
Monday, December 18,



at 6:30 p.m.

Alpine Center Sanctuary

This service will be for anyone who is depressed, lonely or grieving any kind of loss in life: divorce, loss of job, or any other type of loss, as well as the loss of a loved one. Rev. Deanna Mede will give the message. Plan to be here for this comforting service of remembrance and hope.



Advent Study

Faithful: Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph

by Rev. Adam Hamilton

This is a **4 week study** centering on Jesus' adopted father, Joseph. The story of Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don't understand and faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides. Joseph's story is not only the story of the first Christmas, but a story of being an adopted father, and a man of faith in a

Alpine Christmas Cantata

“The Greatest Gift of All”

Sunday, December 17

at the 9:30 and 11:00 services,

Alpine Sanctuary

The gift that was given to us all was delivered to a stable in Bethlehem. This year, our cantata celebrates the music that has been created to honor the Holy Child from people far and near. Like the Wise Men, these songs and melodies have traveled from afar to be with us: songs from Germany, France, the Caribbean and Central Europe, all in the celebration of our shared gift. Come and celebrate with the Praise Kids, Joyful Noise Choir, Hands of Christ Puppet Ministry, Praise Team, Wesley Ringers, and Sanctuary Choir. Bring a friend and share the gift with them.



Children and Family

Christmas Caroling

Saturday, December 16

Meet at 1:00 pm in the

Alpine Center east parking lot

changing world. **Classes meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm, 9, in the Alpine Dining Room; as well as on Friday mornings at 10:00 am, beginning December 1, at Our Master's Center in the Meeting Room.** It's not too late to join us.

Join us for Christmas caroling to some of our nursing homes in Rockford. We'll car pool and then come back to the Alpine Coffee House for pizza and hot chocolate. Sign up now at jhayag@christumc.cc or call the office 815-399-5910.



Volunteer Snow Plowers Needed

We have several vacancies on the Christ UMC Volunteer Snow Plowing team. Preferred qualifications: Valid Driver's License, ability to lift a minimum of 40 pounds, on-call availability, able to receive text messages on phone. Please contact Tim Moore 815-520-3629 if you're interested or have questions.