

# Community Life

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Cecie Fritz	12/2
Norma Venable	12/8
Judy Koller	12/11
Sheri Fuller	12/18
Hank Hull	12/27



Homer & Carolyn Schemahorn	12/5	1963
Brad & Jenny Hocker	12/21	2002
Jonathan & Charlotte Scales	12/28	1991

*Please contact the church office and give us your birthday and anniversary dates. We don't want to miss anyone!*

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## MINISTER'S MOMENT

Advent begins Sunday, December 3, and continues through Christmas Eve. This year, we will focus upon the traditional Advent themes of HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE. Our services will feature the lighting of candles on the Advent wreath, as well as special music throughout the month of December. Additionally, we will have coffee and hot water for tea and hot chocolate available both before and after worship in the entry area next to the Narthex.

Advent is not only the season of preparation for the celebration of Christmas and the birth of Jesus, but it is also the beginning of a new year on the Christian calendar. In keeping with the Advent stress on new beginnings, we are pleased to have a newly-formed BELL CHOIR. Under the direction of Linda Unser, the "Bells" will be performing for the first time in worship on December 24, in both our 10:00 am and 5:00 pm services. Also, at the late service on Christmas Eve, we will conclude with the traditional singing of *Silent Night* as we light candles together.

Please plan to join us for worship throughout the Advent season. Also, be sure to invite your friends and neighbors. First Community Church is a marvelous place to come together in faith this holiday season. See you in church! ~Russell

**JOY to the World the LORD has come**  
Wishing you all a Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year!

Serving in  
December

Elders

Dave Mason  
Dick Kice

Deacons

\*Dawn Trujillo  
Janet Kice  
Art Koller  
Judy Koller

Communion  
Stewards

Dick Kice  
Janet Kice

Serving in  
January

Elders

Diane Storm  
Laurie Delano

Deacons

\*Andrea Cullers  
Seth Merriman  
Tom Jones  
Linda Unser

Communion  
Stewards

Linda Unser  
Dawn Trujillo

Offering Envelopes

Envelopes will be available on the Narthex table beginning Dec. 3rd. If you do not receive yours, please contact the office at 781-1800.

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Year-end Donations

Please make sure your donations/offering is in by Thursday, Dec. 28th to be credited for the 2023 tax year. Any donations received after that date will have to go towards the year 2023.



\*If mailing to our P.O. Box 327, please send before Dec. 23rd.

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MSSU Choral Society  
Winter Concert



Sunday, December 10th at 3:00 p.m. in FCC's Sanctuary. This event is free and open to the public.

Holiday Bake Sale

On Sunday, December 10th (before & after service), Section V will be having their Annual Bake Sale in the Narthex.

If you would like to donate, please bring pre-bagged holiday desserts: before church on Sunday, Dec. 10th. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

\*Proceeds go towards small appliances for MSSU students and FCC's in reach and outreach programs.

There will also be a Christmas raffle!!! Tickets go on sale beginning December 3rd. Look for it in the Narthex before and after service. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be during the December Family Dinner.

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BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 12th at 6:00 p.m. downstairs in Fellowship Hall


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Christmas Family Dinner

Sunday, December 17th 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall


\*potluck dinner (turkey & ham provided)






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christmas eve SERVICES

Sunday Morning Service at 10:00 a.m.

\*Candlelight Service at 5:00 p.m.\*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <i>Advent Begins</i> Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	4	5	6 Section V Brunch 11:00 a.m.	7 	8 Section IV Party	9
10 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Bake Sale 9:30-11:30 am	11 MSSU Choral Society Concert 3:00 p.m. ←	12 Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	13 Choir Practice 6:00 p.m.	14	15	16 No Men's Breakfast this month
17 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Fiber Folks 2-4	18  Christmas Dinner 11:00 a.m. ←	19	Choir Practice 6:00 p.m.	21 	22 Office Closed	23
24  Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	25 Office Closed  Candlelight Service 5 pm ←	26	27	28	29	30
31 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.						