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Join us for Sunday Worship 10 AM

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PRAYER LIST

Family of Margaret Benjamin, Clifton Bennett, Marie Brown, Eldo Brown, Louise Craig, Bernie Fath, Karen Gingell, Julia Horine, Ray Marshall, Nancy Marshall, Robin Marshall, Glenn Maxwell, McMullin family, Virginia Nagel, Shawn O'Neil & his medical team, Butch Norton, Iona Sanner, Rose Scalf, Penny Smith, Nancy Stull, Webb family, the Zbir & Ghiz families, those seeking employment, our church, our youth, those suffering due to natural disasters, those fighting addictions, those living in countries in the midst of uprisings, and all our men and women in the armed forces.

CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have not received any church announcements in your email within the last two weeks, check your SPAM folder first – if there you need to add the sender to your list of contacts. If not in your spam folder then email to MowattOffice@gmail.com and ask to be added to our group list.

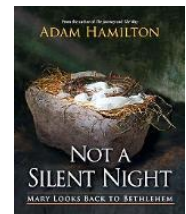
SEEKING NEWSLETTER EDITOR & SUNDAYS SLIDES

 Betty Kolbe regrets that she will no longer be the editor of Mowatt's Messenger or putting together the Sunday slide show beginning in January 2015. She will be moving in late spring 2015 and hopes to use the spring months to train some volunteers.

It may be that the print version of the Messenger no longer meets the needs of our congregation and we will move to the web, email and other social networks. So consider if this could be part of your ministry.

ADVENT STUDY STARTS DEC 1 AT 1:30 PM AT CP UMC

For Advent we will study *Not a Silent Night: Mary Looks Back to Bethlehem* by Adam Hamilton, 1:30 pm Mondays at College Park UMC, starting Dec. 1. Pastor Fay will have some books on Sunday, and ebooks are available from Cokesbury.com



DEC. 24 5 - 7 PM LIVE NATIVITY

It will be outdoors, weather permitting and simultaneously an indoor prayer vigil. Warm drinks will be available. Need volunteers for both nativity and vigil. The two hours will be divided into four 30 minute periods, so you may sign up for one or more periods. For those outside, perhaps either 5-5:30 pm and 6-6:30 pm or the alternative, 5:30-6 pm and 6:30-7 pm, with time to warm between. We invite your dogs to join us if they are well behaved – they may play the roles of camels, donkey, or sheep.

Contact Ellen Noll Mowattoffice@gmail.com.

Thank you for your contributions to our November food basket.

LITURGISTS SCHEDULING

We thank all who have responded to the call for liturgists. If you would like to read scripture one Sunday every month or two, we can provide the scripture to you a day or so before, so you can practice if you request.

Sign-up sheet on info table as you leave the sanctuary.

The following are currently scheduled

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| Dec. 7 | Lee Kisse |
| 14 | Lee Brock |
| 21 | Allyson Kisse |

Dec. 28 needs a volunteer.

If something prevents you from being liturgist on your day, let Betty Kolbe know.

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FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR



Flowers were given on **Nov. 2** by Ron Jewell to the glory of God; **Nov. 9** by Mary Ellen Cousin in memory of husband, Al, a veteran; **Nov. 16** by Louise Craig in honor of the wedding anniversaries of her children; Nov. 23 by Maxine V. Smith in memory of Margaret Benjamin.

For Advent, we will get poinsettias, check with Maxine V. Smith. The cost will be ~\$10.

A new sign-up sheet will be available for the 2015 calendar year for weekly Altar flowers.

TWO GOLDEN VOLUNTEERS

A pair of volunteers were selected for November. This pair have worked together to clean and keep our kitchen clean. They scrubbed the refrigerators, floor, stove and counters prior to and after our Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser and continue to volunteer for the clean-up committees.

Give a hearty thank you to Sharon Townsend and Ron Jewell when you see them.

CLUSTER POT-LUCK Dec. 13 at CP UMC

Mowatt members and friends will share a Pot Luck supper on Saturday December 13, from 4 to 7 PM in **CP UMC fellowship hall**. Come and share a meal and meet our church neighbors from Cheverly UMC, Good Shepherd UMC, Ager Road/Grace UMC, First UMC, University UMC, University UM campus Minister, Hispanic Initiative, and Mowatt Memorial UMC. *Bring a dish to share* as we meet for an early evening of fellowship.

If you can give a ride to someone or need a ride, please contact Betty Kolbe, mowattoffice@gmail.com.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Take time out and come to Mowatt to help make this season a memorable time.

Sat., Dec. 13 at 10 am Decorate tree and church.

Sun., Dec. 14 11:15 am to ~1 pm Bring a dish of food to share [or donate money for paper goods], enjoy fellowship and our Christmas program.

Sat., Dec. 20, 5 – 7 pm Our youth invite you to join us to bake cookies. Meal served at 5 pm followed by meeting and cookie bake.

Bring enough to make a batch of cookies or check with Betty Kolbe as to which ingredient to bring.

Sun., Dec. 21, 6:30 pm Hear the wonderful story with music and scripture, based on "Night of the Father's Love". Light refreshments afterwards, youth will serve their cookies.

Wed., Dec. 24 5 - 7 pm Live Nativity outdoors, weather permitting and indoor prayer vigil.

FINANCE NEWS

Please be generous this month. Consider the amount you spend on the person dearest to you and donate that amount in addition to your offering to God for December.

Mowatt hopes to end the year in the black and not the red, though it will be tough to do without your extravagant generosity.

<http://www.chuckknowschurch.com/> and find the week he explains the Advent wreath.

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love



Lord, help us to rejoice with the rain and to learn to dance in it.

