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UPCOMING ADVENT EVENTS

Dec. 18-Moravian Love Feast-6:30pm in the sanctuary.

Dec. 21-Advent Spiral Walk-5:00pm-7:45pm, outside by playground for whole family.

Dec. 24-Christmas Eve services-4:30pm & 7:00pm in the sanctuary.

Dec. 25-Christmas Day-10:00am worship in the sanctuary.

Jan. 1-New Year's Day-10:00am worship in Wesley Hall.

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

JAN. 13-16

PIGEON FORGE, TN

The LUMC Youth Winter Retreat Registration Deadline is this Sunday, December 18th. The retreat will take place MLK Weekend in Pigeon Forge, TN. The cost is \$145, so make sure you register at this link to secure your spot! [LUMC Youth Winter Retreat Registration](#) Chaperones are needed too! Especially female chaperones! Chaperones go for FREE! So please contact Todd if you are interested in chaperoning this trip.

WINTER CAMP

WEDS., DEC. 21, 9AM-NOON

Join us for Art, Science, Stem, and loads of fun at Winter Camp! Dec 21st from 9 am-12 pm for **2-year-olds up to 5th grade!** The cost is only \$25/child. <https://lumcpreschool.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/7ae9987d-b0e3-4541-8be6-6dc1057c4f3d>

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Many thanks to everyone who participated this year by providing items from the wish list and preparing boxes for shipment. We filled 130 boxes!!! We look forward to exceeding that number for next year's program. Watch for an announcement as to when we will start gathering items for 2023.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME

Dear wonderful Church Family, Advent has arrived! This is a very special time of joy and celebration. To enhance our fellowship celebrations at Sunday Coffee Time during Advent, we need your help! This is the perfect time to share special homemade goodies, as your Christmas baking begins. We need donations of both homemade and purchased items for Coffee Time! The special goodies donated in past weeks by some of our wonderful 'food angels' have been enjoyed and appreciated! Please join in the fun and plan to donate for Coffee Time during Advent!! As we move into 2023, the Hospitality team will be working to get group signups to help keep Coffee Time going. If you have any questions, contact Hospitality Team Leader, Krista Stillwell at chicka9375@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS JARS

It's time to be thinking about who might need your jar of Christmas blessings this year. Jars should be delivered sometime before Christmas. And don't forget to pick up your copy of the book "Christmas Jars" between services today or from the Church Office. Add your jar to a gift bag with the book and brighten up someone's Christmas with a totally unexpected blessing!

CHURCH COUNCIL

There will be a called Church Council meeting TODAY immediately following the 11:00am services in Asbury Hall. All council members are expected to attend.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

God with Us Advent Take Home Family Studies are available at the receptionist's desk.

-Children's Church volunteers and Sunday school teachers are needed desperately. Please [sign up here](#) for children's church and [here](#) for Sunday school.

Dec. 21st (winter solstice) - Winter Day camp still has a few spots left! Sign up and allow yourself those last minute prep hours for Christmas. 9-Noon

Dec. 21st (winter solstice) - Advent Spiral Walk with stations 5-7:45pm; outside near the preschool playground. Open to the whole community.



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The flowers on the altar in the traditional service are given to the glory of God and in honor of our siblings, John G. Hayes III & Vincette Tellejohn Hubbard by Larry & Pam Hayes.



