

Announcements!



Great deals are being offered from retailers of the SCRIP program.

Check out the enclosed order form and do your holiday shopping with Scrip. There is only one more chance to order gift cards after today. Cathy Mielke will be collecting your gift card orders after worship today. If you have any questions about this fundraising program, please ask Cathy. Everyone's participation is encouraged to help raise funds for the church budget. Thank you!

December 1 at 7:00 pm Crossroads will hold our annual Charge Conference. We hope you will attend this "state of the church" meeting.

Our Crossroads family will provide a noon meal for 40 workers of the Habitat for Humanity building team Saturday, December 5. See the menu below. We need 4 volunteers Saturday morning, 9-11:00 am for food preparation, and 2 or 3 people to deliver and serve the meal, 11:30- 1:30. Bakers, we need cookies and bars, too. There is also a need for money (approximately \$100) to buy the food. Any money remaining would be donated to Habitat. If you can make a financial contribution or wish to commit to preparing or serving, please reply to Margo for details at 849-1974 or email waunacollins@tds.net. This is a wonderful opportunity to be involved! Thanks for your consideration. Proposed December 5 Habitat Meal: Turkey or Ham Roll Ups (vegetarian ones will be available also), Baked Beans, Veggies and Dip, Chips, Fruit, Cookies/Bars.

December 5 from 9:00 to 11:00 am the Cookie Cutter Quilters will be gathered at church working on lap quilts for Homestead. They welcome anyone who wants to come and help put them together. They will be donated to Homestead for their patients. Some might know that this is where Joyce Parker, Dave's wife, lives.

Saturday, December 5 at 1:00 pm — We will have a group baking and decorating event. We will have 4 or 5 different cookie doughs ready to cut out or roll out, and we will have icings, decorations, and cutters. If you have your own feel free to bring them with you. This is a great way to bake with others and to make holiday cookies fun and easy. We hope you join us!

CUMC's Annual Cookie and Candy sale is December 12, from 8 am until noon, or when we are all sold out. We need you to make and donate your favorite home baked holiday cookies or candy. At least 2-3 batches if you can and deliver them to the church Narthex by Friday, December 11 at 7 pm, or 7 am Saturday morning. We hope you will help us with this opportunity. For questions please call Heather at 849-4048 or church at 849-9599.

Crossroads Christmas pageant will be December 13 during worship. Also during worship that Sunday our third graders will receive their own Bibles. We hope you will join us for this hour of joyfulness.

Crossroads is providing Poinsettias for the Advent season. If you would like to sponsor a plant or plants for \$15.00 each, please let the office know. The plants will be at worship beginning December 20. These plants will need to be picked up by the end of the Candlelight service Christmas Eve. It will be first come, first serve.

WNC'S annual free share Christmas dinner—Waukegan Neighborhood Connection (WNC) is again partnering with our local SHARE chapter and the Waukegan Senior Center to provide free Christmas meals to Waukegan families and seniors in need this holiday season. Please consider helping WNC with this program in one of two ways. Provide monetary donations to provide a meal for a family or a senior. Volunteer your time on Saturday, December 19 from Noon-1:30 pm to help assemble and distribute meals at the Waukegan Village Center. There is no need to contact us in advance, just please come that day and enjoy the blessings of serving those in need in our community.

WEB Christmas Giving Program is now underway —The Christmas Giving Tree is in the Narthex. Please select one, or more, ornament/ gift tags from the display. Each tag contains gift information for a specific child in the Waukegan area. **Return your wrapped gifts, with the tag attached, to the Church by Sunday, December 6.** Thank you for generously supporting this Christmas project which benefits families who live in our community. This year, WEB is supporting over 100 families through this annual program.