

The Sixth Street Messenger

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A message from Reverend Michelle Brown is shown below.

Sixth Street Holiday Dinner

We will enjoy our Annual Holiday Dinner on **Sunday, December 2**, after the Worship Service. CWF will furnish meat and table service. Please bring a covered dish with your favorite salad, side dish or dessert.

Christian Women's Fellowship Meeting

CWF will hold their regular monthly meeting on **Wednesday, December 5**, at 1:00 p.m.

Christmas Cookie & Candy Walk

The Christmas Cookie Walk will be **Saturday, December 8, 9:00 to Noon**. Choose from a huge selection of homemade cookies and candies. Sold by the box or in gift containers. Shop early for the best selection!

Family Game Night

No Game Night this month, but Pastor Michelle has planned another special event. See her enclosed message for details.

CWF Nursing Home Gifts Project

CWF members will visit 10th Street Nursing Home on **December 4** and Miller's Merry Manor on **December 11**.

Church Board Meeting

The December meeting of the Sixth Street Church Board will be **Sunday, December 9**, after Coffee Fellowship. Please plan to attend.

Christmas Eve Service

Our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service starts at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 24**.

"Dining to Donate"

"Dining to Donate" at Applebee's in Anderson is **Wednesday, December 12**. A flier is included in your newsletter; present it to your server when paying your check. Proceeds will go to our fund for a new church organ.

Support the Middletown Food Pantry

Please help our church support the Middletown Food Pantry. Your donations of food, household products and money benefit our neighbors who are in need. Please give generously.

"The worst gift is a fruitcake. There is only one fruitcake in the entire world and people keep sending it to each other." --Johnny Carson 1925 - 2005

"Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year." --Victor Borge 1909 - 2000

December Celebrations

Birthdays:

- 1 - Rozella Baldwin
- 2 - Natalie Fredenburg
- 5 - Jane Young
- 8 - Janaye Huser
- 8 - Georgia White
- 11 - Nancy Walters
- 12 - Sophie Wilkinson
- 17 - Art Brown
- 17 - Carole Benfield
- 20 - Cindy Upchurch
- 25 - Bart Butterfield
- 29 - Kathryn Reddington

Anniversaries:

- 17 - Terry & Berneda Fadely
- 22 - Don & Mary Lou McCoy
- 24 - Maynard & Mary Powell

Board Meeting

**December 9,
After Coffee Fellowship**

*Pastor Michelle's
Bible Study Class
will resume in January.*

Serving in December:

Minister:

Reverend Michelle Brown

Music Directors:

Susan Smith & John Doty

Organist/Pianist:

John Doty

Choir Director:

Susan Smith

Elders:

Jake & Susan Smith

Worship Leaders:

- 2nd - Jake Smith*
- 9th - Cheryl Tichenor*
- 16th - Michael Cooper*
- 23rd - Donnetta Ratliff*
- 30th - Jake Smith*

Diaconate:

*Nancye Scott - Linda Soultz
Cheryl Tichenor - Jane Young*

Communion Prep:

Margaret Ann Zivney

Nursery:

Leah & Michael Cooper

*"The discretion of a man deferreth his anger;
and it is his glory to pass over a transgression."
Proverbs 19:11*

We are Disciples of Christ,

A movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

• Disciples of Christ Statement of Identity



THE SIXTH STREET MESSENGER

December Newsletter Message from Rev. Brown:

Hello Sixth Street sisters and brothers!

One of my favorite childhood memories is of having a Christmas gift exchange. Mom let me invite over a gang of my friends, and we all brought a gift – the stranger the better. We piled them all up in the middle of the kitchen table and Mom gave each of us a slip of paper with a number written on it. The person with the number 1, my soccer-playing friend Ann, got to go first. She picked one of the gifts and opened it up. TAH DAH! It's an Elvis painting! Mr. Number 2 got to go next, and he could either take Ann's present (yea Elvis!) or pick an unwrapped one. I won't walk you through the whole party, but you get the idea, right? By the time we got through all the numbers Mom doled out, each of us had a chance to either open a new present or take someone else's, and the person who went last had the biggest selection. On this particular occasion, the "Elvis painting" was actually my gift – a taxidermied turkey vulture. Man, that thing was HUGE, and seriously hard to disguise with wrapping paper. The guy who ended up with it was my longtime crush, David. I couldn't have been more pleased.

As an adult, I've heard this kind of gift exchange called "Dirty Santa", so I started calling it that too as a sort of shorthand for what it was. When I thought about having one at the church, however, the party name mattered a bit more. Someone suggested "Sneaky Santa" which is slightly more tasteful, and it gets even more appropriate when you use Santa's full name and call the party "Sneaky Saint Nicholas".

But wait, Christmas is supposed to be about Jesus. Well, let's see. Jesus was born in a barn, wrapped up, and laid in a food box for farm animals. That's an odd way to present the son of God. The baby Jesus was far from what people expected, and yet he was the greatest gift: God's salvation for all people. He revealed the grace of God in unusual ways, the stranger the better, and people were healed and filled and forever changed. Even at the silliest gift exchanges, we can honor the gift of Jesus with our surprise and joy.

So consider this an invitation to share unusual gifts and great joy: bring yourself, a dish of food (for people, not farm animals), and a wrapped gift – the stranger the better – to the church basement on Saturday, December 15, at 6:00 p.m. I hope to see you there ... I promise not to bring a turkey vulture.

With love and many blessings,

Michelle



Sixth Street Christian Church: Sunday School — 9:15am Worship Service — 10:30am

DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 2nd Sixth Street Holiday Dinner - (Following the Worship Service).
- 4th CWF Nursing Home Project (4th 10th Street & 11th Miller's Merry Manor)
- 5th Christian Women's Fellowship meeting - 1:00 p.m.
- 8th Sixth Street Christmas Cookie & Candy Walk
Saturday, 9:00 to noon.
- 9th Sixth Street Choir Christmas Cantata (During Worship Service).
Church Board Meeting - Sunday (Following Coffee Fellowship).
- 12th "Dining to Donate" at Applebee's in Anderson.
- 21st Winter begins.
- 24th Sixth Street Candlelight Christmas Eve Service - 7:00 p.m.

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