

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

Arbor Terrace—Come and spread cheer in the song of the season at Arbor Terrace on December 15th from 4:30 to 5:30. It will make your day to see these smiling faces.

United Methodist Men and Women continue with their current studies. Each of these is open and welcome to any who wish to come and fellowship, but also learn and grow in God's word and discipleship.

FUMC YOUTH:

The Youth will be decorating a tree at the Irion County Library. Come and support our Youth by voting for their tree and the help the Irion County Food Bank with your canned goods donation. Remember the date: December 11th from 4 pm to 7 pm.

Thank you to **Bob & Peggy Steger** for the beautiful poinsettias in the sanctuary. They put the finishing touches on the Christmas decorations.



Thanks to all who joined in the celebration of **Hanging of the Greens**. The Church looks beautiful.

MISSION

Thank you to every one who gives so generously of their time and energy to prepare meals for our Chrysalis Group and Wednesday evening Youth Groups.

Thank you so much to everyone who put something into the Christmas Shoe boxes. We filled and sent 30 shoe boxes to children who will be surprised to receive these packages of love. 140 Shoe boxes were sent from the Mertzon Community. **GOD IS GREAT!!!!**

The Pumpkin Patch raised over \$700. this year. Thank you to all who shopped The Pumpkin Patch. All proceeds will to help raise money for Youth camps and trips.

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Christians in the Kitchen will not be meeting during the month of December. They will be meeting on January 30. The topic will be "Soups". Space is limited and there is a \$5 registration fee. (Cost of Class pays for the ingredients used). Come hungry. To register call John Swepston at 325-234-6143. MmmMmm Good!

The next **Barnhart Community Luncheon** will be Thursday, December 9th at 12 noon. Good Food! Good Neighbors!

The next **Mertzon Community Luncheon** will be Tuesday, December 20th at 11:30 p.m. Come visit with your friends and neighbors while enjoying a delicious meal.

Irion County Food Pantry is Tuesday, December 20th at the Irion County Library. Those helping will need to meet at the Library at 8:00 a.m. to begin sorting and boxing-up all the donated canned goods. We will break for lunch so we can attend the Mertzon Community Luncheon. We will gather again at the Library before 4:00 p.m. to help with the distribution of food items.

Christmas Eve Service—Christmas Eve Service will begin at 6:00 p.m. and may last till little after 7:00 p.m.. Stick around for cake and coffee. We will have a Birthday cake to celebrate Jesus' birthday. It will also be a time to visit with old friends and family.

Upcoming Events continued on the back page.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

MADE WITH LOVE AND PRAYER

The First United Methodist Church Prayer Shawl Ministry continues with their knitting and crocheting. The blankets and shawls that are completed are blessed by the congregation on the 1st Sunday of each month. Do you knit or crochet? Please come join these wonderful ladies as they continue with this ministry. Men are welcome too!!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is being challenged with crocheting plastic mats for the homeless using plastic bags and Alzheimer's lap blankets for patients at Arbor Terrace. **Check it out!!**



WOMEN OF THE BIBLE—This is a 40 week bible study. Each week they sew a new quilt block and study a new woman of the Bible. Thursdays from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm. This class is winding down their first quilt. The Bible Study and quilts have both been informational and fun. Contact Linda Billington for additional information.



CALLING ALL YOUTH!

FUMC Youth (Sr./Jr. High, PreK-6th Grade) **meet on Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm.** If you would like to assist in preparing/serving a meal, please place your name on the sign-up sheet.

During the Month of December the Youth will be working on a **fund raising project.** Gift Wrapping! The Youth will be wrapping gifts every Wednesday from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Let them help you with your gift wrapping.

The Youth are hoping to go caroling and offer Christmas Cheer to the Mertzon Community. Watch for additional information.

FUMC WEEKLY SCHEDULE

United Methodist Women: Monday 9:30 am to 11:00 pm. Currently studying *"Battlefield of the Mind"*.

Noon Bible Study Group: Monday Noon till 1:00 p.m. Currently studying Spiritual Gifts.

Chrysalis: Monday at Noon, Sign-up to furnish a meal

Walking by Faith: 9:00 am Tuesdays, Thursday & Fridays

Yoga For Seniors: 10:00 am Tuesdays & Fridays. All ages are welcome.

Bible Study for All: Tuesdays 4 to 5:30 pm

AA/AI-A: Tuesdays & Sundays at 7:00 pm

Prayer: Wednesdays 7:00 am

Prayer Shawls: Wednesdays 1:00 pm

Choir Practice: Wednesdays 5:00 pm

Pre-K thru 12th Grade: Wednesdays 5:30-7:00 pm, Sign-up to bring meals

United Methodist Men: Thursdays 7:00 am

Women's Emmaus Reunion Group: Fridays 12:00-1:10 pm. Anyone who has attended a walk is welcome to come and participate. As they gather to offer support and prayers for one another in helping each other grow closer to Christ through fellowship and discipleship.

NA: Thursdays 7:00 pm

Community Prayer Breakfast—December's Prayer Breakfast will be at the First United Methodist Church at 7:00 am.

COMING IN 2017

**CHURCH PLUS 2
CHALLENGE 90**

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