

Schedule for the Week

Today	9 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
December 3, 2017	10 a.m.	Worship Service
	After Church	Fellowship Time in FH
	1-2 p.m.	Tree of Shining Love at MRH
Monday December 4		
Tuesday, December 5	7 p.m.	Little Women
	7 p.m.	Trustees in FH
	12 Noon	UMW Christmas Luncheon
	7 p.m.	Possible SPRC meeting in FH
Wednesday,	6:30 a.m.	Promise Keepers in FH
December 6, 2017	9:30 a.m.	Helping Hands in UR
		MID WEEK FAMILY NIGHT
	5-5:30 p.m.	Outdoor Recreation
	5:30-6 p.m.	Free Meal
	6-7 p.m.	Kids' Klub
Thursday, December 7	7:00 p.m.	SG @ Tapson's
	7:00 p.m.	AA meeting @ church
Friday, December 8		
Saturday, December 9		

Our Giving through /2017

General Fund Income	\$174,605.36
General Fund Expenses	\$182,547.97
Difference	\$(7,942.61)

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First United Methodist Church of Marlette

December 3, 2017 First Sunday of Advent

A Service of Forgiveness and Healing

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Prelude

Alijah Howard

Greeting and Word of Grace

Songs of Worship and Praise

#715 Rejoice the Lord is King

Go Tell it on the Mountain

O Come Let Us Adore Him

Praise Choir: Sherryl Potter,
 Krissa Welshans, Jenn Mason, Sarah
 Kady and Katie Lewis

Blessing of Our Children

Passing of the Peace

Sharing of Praises and Concerns

Prayer Song: #172 *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Presentation of God's Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology *O Come Let Us Adore Him* (Refrain only)

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon: **The Work of Christ**

Pastor Dave Mulder

Scripture: Mark 13:32-37

"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. 34 It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. 35 "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. 36 If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. 37 What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Song of Affirmation: #204 *Emmanuel*

*Benediction

*Standing

Birthdays: The following are celebrating birthdays this week: Abby Meyer 12/4, Barbara Vasbinder 12/4, Dan Potter 12/6, Coreena Cheney 12/10, Ahna Hobson 12/10, Jacob Hutchens 12/10 and Kara Nicol 12/10.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*****Copies of the *Upper Room* for November/December are now available on the table in the Fellowship Hall or in the windowsill in the Sanctuary. Help yourself and take one for a friend. Large print versions available in the same locations.

*****Women of the Church: You are invited to the **UMW Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon** on December 5 at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. You may bring a male guest. Please bring a dish to pass and your own tableware. Instead of doing a gift exchange, we will be collecting clothing for our Elementary School: sweat shirts, sweatpants, and T shirts sizes 6-14. (They do not need to be new; just in good condition.) Any questions contact Gerry Smith or Mary Ann Fick.

*******Mid-Michigan Teen Challenge** will be at our church on Sunday, December 10. This is the group who came last year and shared their struggles with various addictions and how Teen Challenge helped them address these concerns. We will host a potluck dinner for them after church on that day. The church will provide the meat; could you plan to bring a salad or dessert?

*****The **December Free Lunch** will be held on Saturday, December 16th instead of on the last Saturday of the month. Your help would be appreciated.

*****The Children's Christmas Program, **Three Wee Kings**, will be here on Sunday, December 17th. Plan to be here to support our youngsters! Would you consider bringing cookies to pass?

*******Christmas Day Dinner** will be on Monday, December 25th from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. Come, help, eat and enjoy the day! Pork on Parade is the theme for the meal. Don't be alone for Christmas, join us for food and fellowship.

*******Christmas Tree at the City Hall** has names of 27 senior citizens who need help and would appreciate gifts this Christmas. If you would like to help, go to the City Hall, pick out a name and provide the presents. Call Heaven Sent (989) 635-0077 for details on timelines and distribution.

*****The Marlette Regional Hospital is holding its 29th Annual *Tree of Shining Love* event on Sunday, December 3rd from 1-2 p.m. This year special recognition goes to farm families of the Thumb Area communities. Contact the hospital if you would like to honor someone special.

*******Senior Citizen Appreciation Dinner**, Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 1 p.m. at the Silverwood United Methodist Church Free of charge to seniors 55 and older. Turkey and all the trimmings. Entertainment to follow.

*****We plan to use the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for Christmas cards to the church family. Post your card and consider donating the amount you would save to the general fund of the church.

*****Check out the card of thanks from Duzie (Dan and Suzie Potter) posted on the bulletin board at the Kilgour Street entrance. They thank their church family for the opportunity to share last week and the love offering.

*****Attention SPRC committee: Which Tuesday, the 4th or the 11th will work best for you to meet. Let Mike Hutchens or Pastor Dave know.

Serving Today

Greeters: Randy and Judy Hostetler

(Next Week: Mike and Susan Hutchens)

Ushers: Pat Wilson, Don Potter and Tom Decker

(Next Week: Scott Bohms, Paul Dunsford and Dan Edwards)

Nursery: (Age 5 and under) Linda Bush

(Next Week: Kristy Naracon and Grace Decker)

Children's Church: Children's Christmas Play Practice

Counters: Inez Stephens and M.L. Kraft

(Next Week: Byronna Brydon)

Stay for coffee and treats today after church in Fellowship Hall