



GATHERING NOTES

Rittman United Methodist Church
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November 11, 2012

Special Points of Interest:

- Annual Christmas Basket Program
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 p.m.
- Family Movie Nite - Sunday Nov 18
- Community Thanksgiving Service - Monday Nov 19
- Hanging of the Greens - Sun Nov 25
- 2:11 North is Looking for Musicians
- January Bible Study: Grace

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE
MONDAY, NOV 19, 7:30 P.M.
ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
CHOIR PRACTICE - 6:30

Annual Christmas Basket Program Is Underway for 2012

A wonderful tradition here in Rittman is the Annual Christmas Basket Program. Our church along with the Milton Presbyterian Church serve as the coordinating agencies for the assembly and distribution of Christmas baskets for needy families in the Rittman area. Several local churches, civic organizations plus our city's fire, EMS and police departments are all involved. We expect to once again provide 250 baskets.

So how can you help? Cash donations are always welcome, as are in-kind donations of food. (Make checks payable to: Christ-seekers Christmas Basket Fund). Please get your donation in by Dec 7. You can also lend a hand taking phone calls, wrapping gifts, sorting and packing food boxes and delivering gifts. You are also welcome to sponsor a family. If you can help with any of the activities listed below, please let us know.

Schedule:
Nov 26-Dec 7 - receive calls by receiving a basket, you can call 330-925-4025 from Presbyterian Church
Monday, Nov 26 thru Friday, Dec 7. Call between 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Nov 26-Dec 7 - receive calls
Dec 11 - wrap gifts @ Milton Presbyterian Church
Dec 12 - sort canned goods
Dec 15 - pack food boxes and deliver baskets



Food Pantry - Wednesday Nov 14

(One week early due to Thanksgiving)

Come share a dinner and help give out bags of groceries.



Family Movie Nite
Sunday Nov 18, 6:00 p.m.
Featured Movie: *Brave*
Popcorn & drinks provided

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebboxes available in the lobby area.

Please return your shoebox to the church by
Sunday Nov 18.

HANGING OF THE GREENS SUNDAY NOV 25

9:00. - Fellowship - coffee/donuts
10:00 - Worship Service
11:00 - Decorating the Church
Noon - Light Lunch provided
1:00 - Decorate the tree, sing carols, treats for children

ALL PRESCHOOL FAMILIES ARE WELCOME

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE MONDAY, DEC 24, 7:00 P.M.

COME EARLY
BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY



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COME JOIN OUR PRAISE BAND 2:11 NORTH

Our Praise Band, 2:11 North, is always looking for others who would like to share their musical talents in the praise and worship of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The band practices every **Thursday evening** at 6:30. Musicians, singers and audio/video techs are always welcome.

KID'S GATHERING - CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children in grades K-5 are invited to attend Kid's Gathering which meets downstairs on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 11:00 a.m.

Family Ministries: Looking Ahead to 2013

In many ways 2013 promises to be the "year of the family" here at RUMC. In addition to family game nights and movie nights, and of course our Easter Egg Hunt, we hope to hold an occasional Parents' Day Out - a fun morning for the kids while Mom & Dad get some time out by themselves. We're also looking to start some small groups where parents of young children can get together to learn and do. Stay tuned...

OUR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 God's Gathering - Informal, Contemporary Worship
10:00 Sunday School for all ages
11:00 Spirit-Filled Traditional Worship

New Bible Study - Max Lucado's
Grace: More than We Deserve,
Greater than We Imagine
7-week study - Mondays 7:00 pm
starting January 7th

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSION & MINISTRY AT RUMC

Food Pantry. On the third Wednesday of each month we serve a light meal and distribute a box of groceries to those in need right here in Rittman. We can always use help collecting and purchasing food, packing the boxes and of course serving the meal and distributing the food.

Backyard Missions. This year we are working with several other United Methodist churches here in northern Wayne County to lend a hand doing yard work and minor repairs to homes. We'll begin in June but projects will be happening all summer.

Flood Buckets. We collect and distribute through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) several 5-gallon buckets full of cleaning items such as sponges and household cleaner and work gloves. We do this in May for distribution in early June.

Blanket Sunday. Every January we collect new blankets to distribute to the homeless and others in need in Wooster and throughout Wayne County.

Community Valentine's Day Dinner. This is more than a fund-raiser for our Food Pantry as we host an opportunity for neighbors to get together to enjoy an evening of food, fellowship and entertainment.

Pennies from Heaven. On the first Sunday of each month, we collect loose change during our worship services to support missionary couples in New Mexico and Costa Rica.

Operation Christmas Child. Provide shoebox full of small gifts for children around the world.

Community Christmas Basket Program. Under the leadership of the Christ Seeker Sunday school class, the community of Rittman comes together to provide food and gifts for the children for over 200 families each year. Work begins in October.

Other Programs. Several of our small groups and Sunday school classes have projects of their own. Projects such as "care packages" for military personnel, bell-ringing for Salvation Army, volunteering to help People to People in Wooster all just happen as the Holy Spirit moves different people to engage in ministry.

