

PRIME TIME SENIORS

January Lunch Out – 11:30am on Tuesday, January 9th. Deadline for signing up is January 5th. Our destination is the Olive Garden. You can find more information and a sign-up sheet on the Seniors bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. .

TIME OUT PUB AND EATERY - Coming Wednesday, Feb 7th for all Seniors. Lunch at 11:30. Sign up beginning in Jan.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

New topic for the 10:30am Sunday School class in room 106 beginning next weekend: classic movies! We'll start with watching "To Kill a Mockingbird" and then discuss the major themes in the movie for several Sundays. This movie was released in 1962 with Gregory Peck, and it is unrated. After 3-4 weeks, we will go on to another classic movie. Please join the discussion on Sundays at 10:30 in Room 106. You are always welcome!

SENIOR MEAL

All seniors are invited to join us for the next Senior Meal at noon on January 4 in Fellowship Hall, where the menu will be split pea soup, egg salad sandwich on a croissant, Waldorf salad, and banana cake and coffee. Please note that the cost for Senior Meals has gone up to \$8 per person due to the increased food costs. Please call the church office - (608) 752-0548 - by noon on Tuesday to make reservations. Please include your phone number when making a reservation because we may need to cancel if the weather turns bad or if less than 20 people make a reservation. Thank you!

JANUARY JACKSON SCHOOL BLESSINGS

In September, the Missions Outreach Committee asked for your help to bless the students at Jackson School with the basics to start out their school year on a positive note. We would now like your help to bless them again with clothing to keep them warm from head to toe during the cold winter months. We will be collecting the following items on Sundays in January:

Jan 7 – Hats and Mittens

Jan 14 – Boots

Jan 21 – Snow pants and fleece pants

Jan 28 – Socks and undies

The items can be brought to our display in the narthex. Thank you again for your generous support for the students at Jackson Elementary!

JANUARY GIFTS WEEK

In this wonderful season of love for our fellow man we are reminded of our commitment to help the homeless men of our community. God Is Faithful Temporary Shelter, GIFTS, is now up and running in its new facility where we will be hosting Jan 21-27. We are excited to join other Christians in sharing our time, talents, and resources for this important ministry. Please sign up in the narthex if you are able to help.

WANTED

Ushers Needed For 10:30 Service
Rotation C: Mar / July / Nov
Rotation D: Apr / Aug / Dec
Please contact Pastor Susan for more information.



COURIER

December 31, 2017 – 1st Sunday after Christmas

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for worshiping at Cargill UMC today! We extend a warm welcome to all. Please feel free to connect with one of our pastors or staff members if you need assistance. Ask an usher for a large print bulletin or a hearing assistance device. Nursery care is available during Sunday services in Room 107.

If you are a visitor or guest, please look for a Welcome Card in the pew rack, share any information about yourself that you'd like to, and drop it in the offering plate. And then please join us in Fellowship Hall for some coffee and conversation!

HEARING AID USERS

An Induction Loop system has been provided in the sanctuary to assist hearing aid users. Please switch your hearing aid to the T position.

FUNDRAISERS

Our youth will be taking orders for the Sub and Wrap Sale during the whole month of January. This makes a great addition to any planned Super Bowl party. Subs and Wraps will be assembled the morning of Sunday, February 4 and available for pick-up 10am - noon .



YEAR END FINANCIAL NEWS

Whether you are graciously making early contributions toward your 2018 pledge, or are continuing to make contributions toward your 2017 pledge, please clearly label them for the year toward which you would like them applied. Also, if you would like to deduct your 2017 financial contributions, they must be placed in the offering plate, church office, or gold mailbox in the office hallway, by today, Sunday, December 31st. Thank you to all who've supported Cargill throughout 2017!

90+ BIRTHDAYS

December 11 – David Reid

December 14 – Eldon Chrisinger

December 19 – Kathryn Smith

December 28 – Betty Chrisinger

January 12 – Ray Kitson



POINSETTIA PICK UP

Thank you to all who ordered poinsettias that adorn the altar for Christmas Eve.

If you have not yet picked up your poinsettia, please do so as soon as possible.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

This week our treats are provided by the Fellowship Committee. Please join us in Fellowship Hall after today's service.

YOUTH NEWS

DEEP BLUE RESUMES NEXT SUNDAY!!

“DEEP BLUE” BIBLE JOURNEY ONE ROOM SUNDAY SCHOOL

At the 9am service: children are led by Shepherds to their classrooms immediately following Children’s Time. Parents can pick up their children downstairs from Room 008 at the conclusion of Sunday School.

At the 10:30am service, children will immediately go to the Fireside Room for Sunday School. For children who arrive after 10:30am, shepherds will be waiting in the narthex to escort them to Sunday School. After Sunday School class is over, parents can pick up their children in the Lounge at 11:30am and enjoy fellowship in Fellowship Hall.

Youth in 6-8th grade may go immediately to Room 110 for Sunday School during the 10:30am service.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Monday January 1:

12pm Children’s Ministry Christmas party @ Famous Dave’s
Sunday School will resume January 7th. There is no Youth Gathering or Confirmation today. Youth Gathering and Confirmation will resume January 7th.

YOUTH UNITED

Youth United is a collaborative youth group from the area UMC churches for fellowship and faith formation. Each meeting is hosted by various UMC churches. **Our next gathering will be January 7th @ Milton UMC.**

2018 MISSION TRIPS

Mission Trips are opportunities for youth to grow in their personal faith and serve others in various ways. Projects may include organizing activities for VBS, roofing a home, cleaning a park, painting, or other things to care for our neighbors. This coming year, there are two exciting opportunities for our youth:

Sidekicks is a mission trip for all high school youth. This year, Sidekicks mission will be in Washington D.C. The dates are June 16-24, 2018. The cost is \$500, with first payment by Jan. 19.

Youthworks is a mission trip for youth in grades 6th-12th. This year, youth will go to Milwaukee, WI July 15-20, 2018. The cost is \$375.

Youth are able to fundraise most, if not all of the money through various fundraisers held at the church. There will be a mission trip information meeting for parents and participants on **Sunday, January 7, 2018 @ 11:30am in the chapel.** Please let Rev. Dan know if your youth is interested in participating.

RESULTS OF PINE LAKE GIVING TUESDAY

The Mission Outreach Committee at Cargill participated in Giving Tuesday, on November 28th, by giving \$500 in Missions funds to support the roofing project at Pine Lake Camp. The total amount raised for this project on that date was over \$63,000!!! These funds will be used to install a new roof on Amphlett Hall. We are pleased to support the wonderful outreach of the camp ministries.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Contributions Budget through Nov 2017
\$ 538,630
Actual Contributions through Nov 2017
\$ 486,299
Actual Contributions thru Nov 2016
\$ 517,278
2017 Contribution Budget Shortage
\$ 52,331

ELECTRONIC GIVING

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported Cargill UMC this past year with their time, talent, and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to look into our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Visit www.cargillumc.org or contact the church office for more information

THANK YOU!

Thank you for the beautiful gifts, love and care that went into your giving as we reached out to those in need in our community this year.

Giving Tree: 6 families - 2 fathers, 6 mothers, and 16 children were given approximately 230 gifts, filling both wants and needs.

The **SERRV** sale totaled \$1230.00! And over \$3000.00 in gift cards were collected for **homeless high school students!** Thank you!

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 31 – New Year’s Eve

8:00am – Cargill Choir/Special Music, Lounge
9:00am - Worship Service
9:00am – Adult Sunday School, Room 106

Monday, January 1 - New Year’s Day

Church Office Closed
12 noon – Children’s Ministry to Famous Dave’s

Tuesday, January 2

8:00am – Kitchen Ministry, Room 108
9:00am – AI-Anon, Room 106
9:00am – Aerobics, Fellowship Hall
9:00am – Daycare, Sanctuary
6:30pm – Staff Parish Meeting, Room 108
7:00pm – Boy Scout Troop 402, Fireside Rm

Wednesday, January 3

9:00am – Aerobics, Fellowship Hall
10:00am – Book Discussion, Library
10:15am – Tai Chi, Narthex
12 noon – Overeaters Anonymous, Library
5:30pm – Girl Scout Troop 3433, Room 110
5:30pm – Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

Thursday, January 4

9:00am – Aerobics, Fellowship Hall
10:30am – Bible Study, Room 106
12 noon – Senior Meal, Fellowship Hall
5:45pm – Girl Scout Troop 3110, Room 109
5:45pm – Girl Scout Troop 3469, Fireside Rm

Friday, January 5

6:00am – Promise Keepers, Room 106
9:00am – Aerobics, Narthex
6:30pm – AA, Lounge

Saturday, January 6

10:00am – Overeaters Anonymous, Library
5:00pm – Worship Service, Chapel