

The Circuit Writer

Elkton United Methodist Church

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Goals for our ministry in 2011

Our goals for ministry in 2011 (adopted by the Administrative Council in November) are divided up into the five purposes of the church. Each of these ministry/purpose areas has a chairperson who will be forming a committee to work with them on achieving these goals. There are, of course, on-going ministries in each of these areas which will be continued. The *new* goals are as follows:

Discipleship & Growth in Faith – Don and Sandy Cude, co-chairs

- 1) Establishing small groups for study, fellowship and support
- 2) Looking into mentoring opportunities
- 3) Doing a study (with the Council and with Adult S.S.) of Adam Hamilton's "Selling Swimsuits in the Arctic"
- 4) Leading participation in The Advent Conspiracy re: curriculum in S.S.
- 5) Investigate good curriculum options for new believers classes
- 6) Seeking to establish a young couples Bible study

Fellowship & Belonging – Sandy Cabbage, chairperson

- 1) Strengthening our contacts with new attendees, and those in our building for other events (such as Scouts, or VBS parents)
- 2) Exploring becoming an official "Welcoming Congregation"
- 3) Establishing a "Building Better Moms" support group
- 4) Leading participation in The Advent Conspiracy re: fellowship events
- 5) *We Care* efforts
- 6) Establish U.M. Men's group

Outreach/Service – Wingina Lindamood, chairperson

- 1) Start "Backpacks for Kids" program at Elkton Elementary School (a food program for children where there is a concern that they may not be getting a substantial meal on weekends)
- 2) Exploring and seeking involvement in a new area of mission –like Crossroads, or District mission trips
- 3) Care packages for soldiers
- 4) Leading participation in The Advent Conspiracy, re: recommending a mission project for the Christmas Eve offering to go to
- 5) Explore doing projects to help beautify the Town of Elkton

Evangelism & Faith Sharing – Jan Lorette, chairperson

- 1) More greeters at church events
- 2) Label our food items given to EAUS (as we do with Living Waters)
- 3) Grow our “invitational evangelism” events for the community, such as our Halloween participation and our participation in the Town Easter Egg Hunt
- 4) Leading participation in The Advent Conspiracy, re: ads and publicity
- 5) Promotion of Sermon Series
- 6) Explore reverse-mentoring opportunities (with scouts or ERHS students)
- 7) Explore the possibility of internet access for church and streaming our worship online (to nursing homes, shut-ins, etc.)

Worship – Winston Hensley, chairperson

- 1) Explore possibility of adding a “worship leader” for 8:35 Connection
- 2) Leading participation in The Advent Conspiracy, re: how resources are used in worship
- 3) Explore and coordinate actual streaming of worship services (running camera?, securing licenses?)
- 4) Recruiting and training more people to run audio and video in worship

LAY READERS (11:00)

- Nov. 21...Andy East
- Nov. 28...Harvey Gasser
- Dec. 5...Lewis Lindamood
- Dec. 12...Betty Tavenner
- Dec. 19...Ormond Painter
- Dec. 26...Sandy Cabbage
- Jan. 2...Jan Lorette
- Jan. 9...Winston Hensley
- Jan. 16...Tamlyn Ogden
- Jan. 23...Wingina Lindamood
- Jan. 30...Terri Davis
- Feb. 6...Irene Jenkins

ACOLYTES (11:00)

- Nov. 21...Joseph Gooden
- Nov. 28...Joshua Gooden
- Dec. 5...Kevin Wedow
- Dec. 12...Travis Cabbage
- Dec. 19...Joseph Gooden
- Dec. 26...Joshua Gooden
- Jan. 2...Kevin Wedow
- Jan. 9...Travis Cabbage
- Jan. 16...Joseph Gooden
- Jan. 23...Joshua Gooden
- Jan. 30...Kevin Wedow
- Feb. 6...Travis Cabbage

TOWER BELL RINGERS (11:00)

- Nov. 21...Joseph Gooden
- Nov. 28...Joshua Gooden
- Dec. 5...Travis Cabbage
- Dec. 12...Kevin Wedow
- Dec. 19...Jordan Gochenour
- Dec. 26...Hannah Gochenour
- Jan. 2...Joseph Gooden
- Jan. 9...Josohua Gooden
- Jan. 16...Travis Cabbage
- Jan. 23...Kevin Wedow
- Jan. 30...Jordan Gochenour
- Feb. 6...Hannah Gochenour

**8:35 Connection
Hospitality Teams**

<u>Team 1</u>	<u>Team 2</u>	<u>Team 3</u>
Sandy Cude	Sandy Cabbage	Andy East
Don Cude	Kenny Cabbage	Dick Lorette
Winston Hensley	Joe Diggle	Pat East
Tamlyn Ogden	Travis Cabbage	Jan Lorette
Kevin Wedow	Shirley Diggle	
Carol Hensley	Jerri MacLennan	
Terri Davis	Ed Turner	
	Michelle Turner	
	Brian Kriel	

The upcoming schedule is as follows:

- Nov. 21 – Team 1
- Nov. 28 – Team 1
- Dec. 5 – Team 2
- Dec. 12 – Team 2
- Dec. 19 – Team 3
- Dec. 26 – Team 3
- Jan. 2 – Team 1
- Jan. 9 – Team 1
- Jan. 16 – Team 2
- Jan. 23 – Team 2
- Jan. 30 – Team 3
- Feb. 6 – Team 3

NURSERY WORKERS (11:00)

Nov. 21...Jerri MacLennan
Nov. 28...Terri Davis
Dec. 5...Anna Campbell
Dec. 12...Carol Hensley
Dec. 19...Loretta Miller
Dec. 26...Jerri MacLennan
Jan. 2 ...Terri Davis
Jan. 9 ...Anna Campbell
Jan. 16...Carol Hensley
Jan. 23...Loretta Miller
Jan. 30...Jerri MacLennan
Feb. 6...Terri Davis

GREETERS (11:00)

Nov. 21 ..Sam Gentry & Ditman Flory
Nov. 28...Richard & Betty Tavenner
Dec. 5...Allen & Kitty Young
Dec. 12...Marie Frey & Pat Fitzwater
Dec. 19....Dick & Jan Lorette
Dec. 26...Lewis & Wingina Lindamood
Jan. 2 ...Ted & Anna Campbell
Jan. 9...Marvin & Neil Hillsman
Jan. 16...Mac & Paula Rhodes
Jan. 23...Alda Powell & Irene Jenkins
Jan. 30...Marge Klawiter & Carol Hensley
Feb. 6...Harvey & Sharon Gasser

USHERS (11:00)

Nov. 21...Marvin & Neil Hillsman
Frank & Linda Adams
Nov. 28...Ed & Michelle Turner
Mickey & Patty Life
Dec. 5... Ditman Flory, Kenny Cabbage
Bob Bloomquist, Alan Thompson
Dec. 12...Winston & Carol Hensley
Lewis & Wingina Lindamood
Dec. 19...Ted & Anna Campbell
Alda Powell, Jerri MacLennan
Dec. 26...Sam & Virginia Gentry
Don & Sandy Cude
Jan. 2... Irene Reynolds, Carolyn Akers
M.J. Christophel, Sandy Cude
Jan. 9.. Harvey & Sharon Gasser
Don & Kathleen Grimes
Jan. 16...Tamlyn Ogden, Paula Rhodes
Betty Tavenner, Pat Fitzwater
Jan. 23...Mike Jenkins, Kenny Cabbage
Dick Lorette, Alan Thompson
Jan. 30...Tamlyn Ogden, Marge Klawiter
Colleen McGregor, Kathleen Grimes
Feb. 6... Marvin & Neil Hillsman
Frank & Linda Adams

We have Sunday School for all ages...

Why not make Sunday School a part of your journey of faith?? It meets every Sunday at 9:45 AM. Join us!

Opportunities at Camp Overlook

Single Again Retreat – Dec. 3rd -5th -weekend of healing for those single again thru divorce, separation or death

Walk to the Manger – Dec. 17, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
outdoor interactive nativity for the whole family

News from the Elkton United Methodist Women

A Great Big Thanks goes to everyone again this year, for helping make our Autumn Days dessert booth such a success! We made \$1075.25.

WOMEN! Put Saturday, December 11th on your calendar. All of you are invited to a Christmas Brunch at the home of Alice Hensley at 9:30 AM. Come and enjoy great food, great fun and fellowship.

The women's circles give gifts each year to Western State Hospital. This year we gave 10 Men's Body Wash soaps.

We welcome new members to come join us in fellowship and service.

Wesleyan Circle: 1st Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM.
Amanda Kite Circle: 1st Monday nights at 7:00 PM.
Elsie Cover Circle: 2nd Thursday afternoons at 1:30 PM.

Continue to remember the shut-ins by your visits, cards, and calls.

Join us for CHILI, CAROLING & COOKIES

On Friday, December 17th, we'll meet for Chili and Cornbread at 6:00 PM. :00 PM. Afterwards, we are going caroling in town! Then, we'll return to the church for cookies and hot chocolate. Conspire to make this Christmas season more meaningful than the usual. Put this event on your calendar, and invite your friends to come with you. It may be the thing that really makes their Christmas.

LOOKING AHEAD... back by popular demand...BINGO in February. More info coming.

Retreat with Blue Ridge Ministries

Dec. 4 – The Advent Story through the eyes of Theophilus (Kevin Clark)
For more info: call 540-560-1605

Prayer Concerns...

(as known)
Edward Turner, Sr.
Mary E. Kite
Jenna Turner
Bud Fitzwater
Bill & Jean Madren
June DeNeale
Anita McGregor
Ed Turner

Advent/Christmas Calendar

Help Us Recycle at Church

A quick note to remind people (AND to thank those who have been there and done that...) There is a box in the Assembly Room (right next to the Campbell's Soup Labels box) in which you can place your printer's empty inkjet and toner cartridges for recycling. We turn these in at Staples for store credit. Not only does this keep them out of the landfill, but it helps out with some church expenses. So far we have used the credits to purchase envelopes and labels for the Stewardship campaign, folders for the choir, bottles of hand sanitizer for the pews and bottles of water for the Living Waters distribution ministry.

Also, on the topic of recycling, please remember there is a box in the rear of the sanctuary for paper in which you can put your bulletins and inserts if you do not wish to take them home. We also added a small metal trash can near the water cooler in the Assembly Room which is marked for plastic bottles.

Thank you for your support.

Saturday Nov. 27

9:00 AM Erect Chrismon Tree
6:00 PM Hanging of the Greens soup and sandwich dinner; decorate Chrismon Tree

Sundays 11/28; 12/5; 12/12

Advent worship at 8:35 and 11:00

Friday Dec. 17

6:00 PM Chili, Caroling & Cookies!
(see announcement on this page)

Sunday Dec. 19

8:35 AM Contemporary Worship
11:00 AM Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata, and Handbells playing for special musical worship

Friday Dec. 24

7:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion worship.

Sunday Dec. 26

8:35 AM Contemporary Christmas Caroling Service
11:00 AM Service of Morning Prayer & Praise with Christmas Carol Sing

Sunday Jan. 2

8:35 AM contemporary worship with communion
11:00 AM worship; 1st Sunday after Christmas w/communion

Saturday Jan. 8

9:00 AM take down Chrismon Tree

Advent Conspiracy

The story of Christ's birth is a story of promise, hope, and a revolutionary love. So, what happened? What was once a time to celebrate the birth of a Savior has somehow turned into a season of stress, traffic jams, and shopping lists. And when it's all over, many of us are left with presents to return, looming debt that will take months to pay off, and this empty feeling of missed purpose. Is this what we really want out of Christmas? What if Christmas became a world-changing event again? Welcome to Advent Conspiracy, a movement calling us to proclaim Christ in how we celebrate Christmas. Advent Conspiracy was started in 2006 by five pastors who decided to make Christmas a revolutionary event by encouraging their faith communities to Worship Fully, Spend Less, Give More and Love All.

Enter the Story

Advent Conspiracy is a resource for churches to engage in authentic Worship and Giving at Christmas more fully – a simple idea for you to take and run with. Be as creative and bless those in need by giving relationally as God gave us Jesus.

In addition to offering you and our community some relational gift ideas (gifts that emphasize giving presence not just presents), we will also participate by dedicating our Christmas Eve offering **completely** to those who need it most. The entire offering that night will be split evenly between Project Crossroads (for much needed home improvements for people in Appalachia) and the Super Bowl of Caring (collecting food for the hungry in our community.)

Here's the Conspiracy

[WORSHIP FULLY]

It starts with Jesus. It ends with Jesus. This is the holistic approach God had in mind for Christmas. It's a season where we are called to put down our burdens and lift a song up to our God. It's a season where love wins, peace reigns, and a king is celebrated with each breath. It's the party of the year. Entering the story of Advent means entering this season with an overwhelming passion to worship Jesus to the fullest.

[SPEND LESS]

Before you think we're getting all Scrooge on you, let us explain what we mean. We like gifts. Our kids really like gifts. But consider this: America spends an average of \$450 billion a year every Christmas. How often have you spent money on Christmas presents for no other reason than obligation? How many times have you received a gift out of that same obligation? Thanks, but no thanks, right? We're asking people to consider buying ONE LESS GIFT this Christmas. Just one. Sounds insignificant, yet many who have taken this small sacrifice have experienced something nothing less than a miracle: They have been more available to celebrate Christ during the advent season. Looking for a few gifts that don't cost a lot of money? Need some more ideas for relational giving? Head to www.RethinkingChristmas.com today.

[GIVE MORE]

God's gift to us was a relationship built on love. So it's no wonder why we're drawn to the idea that Christmas should be a time to love our friends and family in the most memorable ways possible. Time is the real gift Christmas offers us, and no matter how hard we look, it can't be found at the mall. Time to make a gift that turns into the next family heirloom. Time to write mom a letter. Time to take the kids sledding. Time to bake really good cookies and sing really bad Christmas carols. Time to make love visible through relational giving. Sounds a lot better than getting a sweater two sizes too big, right?

[LOVE ALL]

When Jesus loved, he loved in ways never imagined. Though rich, he became poor to love the poor, the forgotten, the overlooked and the sick. He played to the margins. By spending less at Christmas we have the opportunity to join him in giving resources to those who need help the most.