



# TABERNACLE UMC News Flash

## Week of December 24, 2017



Our *Christmas Eve Children's Nativity SERVICE* will be **TONIGHT AT 5:30PM** (in the Chapel), and our *Candlelight Christmas Eve Communion SERVICE* will be held at **11:00PM THIS EVENING!**

**TUMC STAFF LOVE OFFERING** 2017 has been a very successful year due to the great efforts of not only the congregation, but our outstanding Church Staff! During December, we encourage you to consider showing your appreciation by contributing to the Staff Love Offering. Make contributions to the office or the offering plate, earmarked for "Staff Love Offering." Your support is appreciated! ~Staff Parish Relations Committee

**ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2018** Our altar is a beautiful part of the sanctuary and flowers make it even more special. If you would like to help provide flowers, please sign up on the 2018 flower chart in the church office.

**JUST A REMINDER: ACCORDING TO INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE POLICY**, any gifts given to TUMC that you wish to be reflected on your 2017 Giving Statement must be received in the church office (or if mailing, **be postmarked**), by Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

**BLANKET BLESSINGS MINISTRY** is selling blankets in varying sizes, baby blanket/bonnet sets, pet blankets, and taking special orders, all to benefit the CLC Building Fund. Call **Gayle Price @ 336-763-2001** to order.

**CHURCH UNDER THE BRIDGE NEEDS DONATIONS** of toboggans, hats, gloves, **SOCKS**, size 1X-4X jackets, 2-man tents, sleeping bags, blankets, and bottled water. Deposit donations in the box in the Commons.

**HONDURAS LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER- JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2018** The 2018 Summer Honduras Team will hold a Country Style Steak Luncheon Fundraiser by donations. Please join us: we'll serve at 11:00am for the ALIVE service attendees, and again immediately after the 11:00am worship service. Thank you for your support!

**SAVE THE DATE... CHILI COOK-OFF & SILENT AUCTION ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>!** Now accepting registration for chili cooks! Forms are in the Church Office, Commons, and ALIVE Service table, and must be received by January 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact **Cheryl Kendrick at 336-509-1844** or [kendrickx5@gmail.com](mailto:kendrickx5@gmail.com).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SATURDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 10:00AM...** to help deconstruct Christmas decorations. Many hands will make this go much quicker, so please help as you are able, and thank you!

**LOOKING AHEAD... Kingdom Kids Swim Trip**- January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018! More information to come soon.

**HONDURAS LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER- JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2018** Let's start the new year off with an old tradition... The 2018 Summer Honduras Team will hold a Luncheon Fundraiser by donations. The menu will consist of country-style steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, roll, assorted desserts, and coffee, tea or water. Please join us! We'll serve at 11:00am for the ALIVE service attendees, and again immediately after the 11:00am worship service. Thank you for your support!

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**TAKE NOTE...** The TUMC Daycare will be closed Friday, December 22nd, and both the Daycare and the Church Office will be closed for the holidays Monday, December 25th, and Tuesday, December 26th.

### **HAVE YOU HEARD? THERE'S A NEW COMMITTEE AT TUMC... CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE!**

This new committee will begin serving TUMC in January 2018, and the vision is two-fold.

The first part of the vision is to keep people who attend Tabernacle from "falling through the cracks." This will be done by organizing a means of keeping in touch with people who attend our church who may be facing challenging times, many of whom may no longer be able to attend church. This could be due to illness, surgery, death or relocation.

The CCC will rely on information shared through designated Sunday School and Small Group contacts. Once the committee has been made aware of such individuals, committee members will reach out to them find out what we, as a church, can do to help. The CCC will also ask the congregation to be aware of those who sit around them every Sunday, and complete a *Who's Missing? Card*, found on the Hospitality table and in the pews, for anyone who hasn't been seen for 3 weeks or more.

The second part of the vision is to provide opportunities for those who attend the ALIVE services and the traditional service to fellowship together.

Be on the lookout for more information and for ways that you may be able to assist as the New Year approaches.

~Teresa Ehrhardt and Margee Wrenn

**STEPHEN MINISTRY PRAYER BOXES** are available and located in the Narthex and Commons. Requests will be prayed for weekly, and remain completely confidential. Also, our Stephen Ministers are available to pray with you each Sunday after the 11:00am Worship service, in the Dyar Library.

**LOST BUT NOT YET FOUND!** Our version of a Lost-n-Found box is just outside the church office and is getting quite full. If you have lost something, it may have made it's way there. We have umbrellas, keys, a phone case, sunglasses, etc., and will auction what is left behind after the new year... just kidding! But seriously, we will donate anything left after the new year, so please stop by and have a peek; we may have just what you've been looking for!

