

# Hammer Happenings



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

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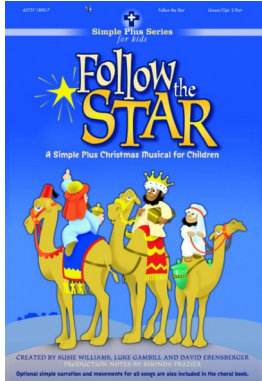

**Men's Breakfast**  
 December 2nd  
 7 AM  
 @ Baptist Church

**Choir Practice**  
 December 6th & 20th  
 @ 7 PM

**Rachel Circle**  
 December 13th  
 @ 7 PM

**Ruth Circle**  
 December 21st  
 noon @ Ruthann's

**Follow the Star Christmas Musical**  
 Sunday, December 10th @ 6 PM-Refreshments after the program.

**A Night In Bethlehem**  
 Monday, December 18th  
 6:30-8:30 PM  
 Hammer Memorial UMC  
 This is a Community Event  
 Everyone is Welcome!

**GOAL FOR OUR CHRISTMAS GIFT TO MOZAMBIQUE INHARRIME UMC FOR PASTOR TIMOTEO HAFO**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO COLLECT \$2660 FOR 200 BIBLES (100 IN PORTUGUESSE & 100 IN XITSWA (LOCAL LANUGUAGE) AND A MOTORBIKE FOR PASTOR TO VISIT HIS OTHER CHURCHES.**

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE WILL BE AT 5:30 PM**  
*(We will have our regular service on the 24th as well. No Sunday school on the 24th or 31st.)*

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# Hammer Memorial United Methodist Church

*“With God’s help, we will work to evangelize our community, disciple our Church family, and care for the needs of others.”*

A Word From The Pastor.....



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## SANTA CLAUS JESUS

A few years ago a pastor named Mike Slaughter wrote a book called ‘Christmas Is Not Your Birthday’. He talked about how we too often view God like Santa Claus. Think about the ways we describe Santa: He sees you when you are sleeping...He knows if you have been bad or good! Our favored ideas of Santa reflect the way we have reduced God to a fabled watchdog who judges our niceness or naughtiness and we will get rewards or punishment according to our behavior.

We have forgotten the most basic priority of faith, that we can’t find life and meaning in things. According to author Mike Slaughter-over the last 35 years American families have shrunk, but our homes have gotten 42% larger. We eat out more and spend way less time on cooking, yet our kitchens have doubled in size. The aim to establish meaning and purpose on our own terms outside of a relationship with Jesus Christ seems to be rising at a faster rate than ever, as we get caught up in buying and consuming then buying more and consuming more. We seem to need bigger cars and flat screen televisions. The average American spent \$929.00 dollars for Christmas gifts in 2016. The average credit card debt is \$16,061.00.

If it is Jesus’ birthday what does he get? What gift are we going to give him? If Jesus is just another genie like Santa Claus, then he deserves nothing, he is our servant. Ouch! Jesus is the greatest gift anyone could have. He bought us fellowship with God and eternal life in paradise! How much will you and I spend on Christ this Christmas? After all it is his birthday, will we even let him attend his own birthday party?

Merry CHRIST mass,

Pastor Gene

SEEK THE LORD  
WITH ALL YOUR  
HEART

Grades 3rd-6th— December 3rd & 17th 6:00 PM  
Grades 7th-12th December 3rd & 17th 6:45 PM NO CCY on the 10th, 24th & 31st  
this month.

For more info call Kolby Lewis 660-483-0642.

\*There will be a CCY event planned for the 10th for the older group in the afternoon.  
details will be posted in the bulletin as soon as final plans have been made.

**Sermon Series**

Sermon Title

Bible Verse

3rd—	Accepting the Impossible	Luke 1:34-38
10th—	What a Kid!	Isaiah 9:6
17th—	Hell Hates that Name	Matthew 1:20-21
24th—	Come to the Light	John 1:2-5
Christmas Eve Service (5:30 PM)	A Sanitized Nativity	Luke 2:13-20
31st-	Not Passed This Way Before	Joshua 3:1-4

**Please Keep In Your Prayers**

*Roger Combs— Kelly Carlson-Bill McDaniel-Trish Dierenfeldt  
Rosalie Workman-Marsha Kemp-Alaina Higgins-Bonnie Hinrichsen  
Mary Lynn Redman-David Akins-Sue Washburn- Family of Mary Ann Redmon*

**Residing at a Skilled Care Facility**

Anna May Gillespie ~ Dale Oliver  
Vernadene Steinman ~ Mary Lou Holeman

**Our Soldiers Who Serve**

Michael Poston Aaron Davis Drew Potter  
Tailor Galgano Chase Gillip Tyler Ruiz

**Candle Lighters**

**Children's Message**

**Children's Church**

Dec. 3rd— Kenzi Roberts & Kaylor Hodge	Dick Larson	Practice for Christmas Performance
Dec. 10th--Ashley Donald & Averie Poling	Suzanne McCrea	Practice for Christmas Performance
Dec. 17th-- Emberlyn & Graham Medsker	Hannah Washburn	'open'
Dec. 24th--Copper Tunks & Tucker Mollus	Sue Washburn	No Children's Church
Dec. 31st— Ty & Cooper Mooney	Debbie Deering	Sharon Holmes

Liturgist: Randy Hodge

Ushers: AC & Connie Lasher

Organist/Pianist— 3rd & 10th-Gerry Herbster & Mary Hill

17th & 24th— Jo Bryson & Danny Lewis

31st-Gerry Herbster & Maxie Tunks



01-ML McCrea	14-Seth Law	21-Jane Newcomer	28-Zach Poling
03-Basil Holeman	15-Betty Karr	21-Janet Stegman	28-Melissa Goucher
12-Jo Bryson	15-Coltin Potter	22-Todd Shifflett	28-Chris Evans
12-Jackie Price	17-Debbie Simerly	24-Christa Tunks	29-Danielle Washburn
			29-Dale Holeman

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“For unto us  
a child is  
born... **Isaiah**  
**9:6** KJV

...unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”

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## **WE ARE THANKFUL FOR**

### **Joseph Accepts Jesus as His Son**

<sup>18</sup>This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about<sup>d</sup>: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.<sup>e</sup> <sup>19</sup>Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet<sup>e</sup> did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce<sup>a</sup> her quietly.

<sup>20</sup>But after he had considered this, an angel<sup>f</sup> of the Lord appeared to him in a dream<sup>s</sup> and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,<sup>f, t</sup> because he will save his people from their sins."<sup>u</sup>

<sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill<sup>v</sup> what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup>"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"<sup>u, w</sup> (which means "God with us").

<sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel<sup>x</sup> of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. <sup>25</sup>But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.<sup>y</sup>

Matthew 1:18-25

## **DEADLINES**

**BULLETIN: Please submit info by Tuesday**

**NEWSLETTER: Please submit article by the 3rd Thursday of the month**