

Today, December 20

9:30 AM **Sunday School** for all ages
10:30 AM **Worship** followed by coffee and fellowship
Noon **Sunday School Christmas Lunch**
All are welcome!
3:00 PM **Christmas Caroling**

Wednesday, December 23

7:00 PM **Bell Choir**
8:00 PM **Advent/Christmas Festival Choir**

Thursday, Christmas Eve

7:00 PM **Candlelight and Communion**

Sunday, December 27

10:30 AM **Worship** followed by coffee and fellowship

Christmas Offering

This year our Christmas Offering, which can be given anytime from now until the end of the year by marking "Christmas Offering" on the memo of your check or using the designated envelope in your packet, will be shared equally between our current expense budget and Bethany Center. Bethany Center is a walk-in day center for people who are homeless, transient, or otherwise in need. Located on the second floor of the Guild House at 27 State Street, Bethany Center provides a nutritious lunch, a sitting area, occasional holiday celebrations, and staff assistance for the Center's guests.

Christmas Eve**I Love You So ...**

Our Christmas Eve worship will include selections from our vocal and bell choirs, communion and candlelight. Invite your friends and neighbors and come early to join a carol sing beginning at 6:30.

Enjoy the City / Save Around Capital Region

2010 books are now available in the church office for \$20.

Coffee Hour Hosts needed

There is a sign up sheet on the office window for people who are willing to take care of our fellowship time. We have instructions for setup and what to bring.

Opportunities for Giving

Food Pantry Donations

Bring an item for the food pantry each Sunday thru Jan 3rd.

Mitten Tree

in the lobby of the parish house is waiting for your decorations of hat, scarves, gloves and socks. They can be handmade or dollar store. Help keep someone warm this winter!

Looking Forward ...

Disciple I - Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Co-leaders: Pastor Nina Nichols & Ron Drummond

34 week program. There will be a 10 week break over the summer and several other weeks off during the year. Sign-up sheet on office window. Study manual is \$35: checks to CCUM. Orientation on January 10th after worship.

Thinking of a New Bible for Study or Gift Giving?

As part of the Disciple Bible Study starting in January, we are offering the entire congregation the chance to join in our group purchase of any of the many Bibles published by Oxford University Press at a 30% discount over the cover price. The recommended Study Bible for the course is the New Oxford Annotated Bible; with discount it sells for \$29.70 for the hardcover or \$23.10 for the paperback. All other Oxford Bibles are also available at 30% off: go to www.oup.com/us/ and click on "Bibles" under the "Subject" tab. Please let Nina or Ron know what you want to purchase along with cash or a check made out to Christ Church United Methodist by Sunday, Dec. 20th; Bibles will not be delivered until the first week of January. For more information, you can contact Ron at 271-2012 or email him at vranizky@speakeasy.net.

Epiphany Party

will be at the church on Saturday, January 9th. We will be gathering at 6PM for potluck and a Yankee gift exchange (gifts should be in the \$5 - \$10 range). Beverages and dessert will be provided; please sign up on office window to bring an appetizer, salad or main dish.

Emergency gifts for unexpected gift-giving?

In the office we have \$20 coupon books for local restaurants and more; fair trade chocolate in 5 varieties, including orange, expresso bean and almond; and coffees (ground and beans, decaf, regular and flavored), teas (green, roibos, black) and cocoa.

Let your tree reveal where you worship!

We still have both metal and ceramic Christ Church ornaments: \$12 and \$3.25.