

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 AM Sunday School Breakfast (HH) & Classes
10:30 AM WORSHIP (S)
12:00 PM SOUP KITCHEN (FH)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1 OFFICE CLOSED - PASTOR'S DAY OFF

9:00 – 11:00 AM Baby Closet (OPEN)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

6:00 PM Ladies & Men's Night Out @ IHOP N Hwy 24

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

10:30 – 11:30 AM Bible Study – The Nativity Stories Matthew (HH)
3:30 – 5:30 PM Baby Closet (OPEN)
5:30 – 6:00 PM Free Family Supper (FH)
6:00 – 7:00 PM Children's Christmas Pageant & Sing Along (S)
7:00 – 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (S)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

1:00 – 3:00 PM Baby Closet (OPEN)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 AM ELECTION & BUDGET BREAKFAST (FH)
10:30 AM WORSHIP (S)
12:00 PM SOUP KITCHEN (FH)

KEY: (S) – Sanctuary, (FH) – Fellowship Hall (downstairs cafeteria),
and (HH) – Holmer Hall (first-floor parlor)



ANNUAL REPORTS – It is time again for all the Council members to submit their written annual reports. Please send them to Lynda (office@wsbctopeka.org) by January 10, 2026.

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP – *We are glad you have joined us!* Please complete a Connection Card from the PEW POCKET or use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR Code for the ONLINE card. Share prayer concerns, make reservations, ask questions, and give feedback with the Church Office and Pastor on the back of the Connection Card.

ALL CHURCH BREAKFAST – ELECTIONS & BUDGET:

Sunday, December 7, at 9:00 am, we will have our church breakfast to discuss and elect new officers and the church's 2026 budget. The Fellowship Committee is providing breakfast casseroles, coffee, and juice. Please bring a fruit, quick breads, muffins, or a side dish to share. All members are encouraged to attend this annual meeting in Fellowship Hall.



WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN THIS YEAR at the KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM?



Will a Llama find Jesus? Will the Sheep Revolt? Will the audience throw popcorn? Will there be chaos? **Come laugh your hearts into joy this year's play, "Why Can't I Be the Star?" on Wednesday, Dec. 3. Showtime: 6:15 PM. FREE WEDNESDAY FAMILY SUPPER 5:30 - 6:00 PM** **All Food is Available at No Cost**

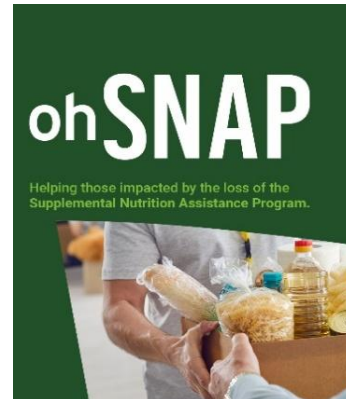
TAKING CARE OF OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS IN THE CHURCH

We will share our love and spread joy twice this season: **CHRISTMAS BASKETS with FAMILIES & FRIENDS IN CHURCH**. Nominate a family by speaking with the Pastor.
Deadline: Sunday, December 21



SHARING IS CARING: God bless the generous donors who gave food and money to help the deacons share food baskets and an Aldi grocery store gift card with **ten families (45 persons) in our congregation**. Truly, love one another!

WE WERE BLESSED to receive \$2,800.00 worth of food from DOORSTEP and the UNITED WAY of KAW VALLEY to make forty (40) Thanksgiving food boxes for BABY CLOSET families AND 16 Thanksgiving food boxes for our NEIGHBORS on Friday, November 14. These boxes are being given away through the BABY CLOSET and FOOD PANTRY **in addition to the food collections for school and church families**. Thank you, JACK, ANGIE, LAURIE, MARK, PAT C., TABBITHA, TRACI, and many others for your help!



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE – Wed., Dec. 24 • 6:00 PM (90 minutes): “Emmanuel – A Season of Celebration.”



Celebrate the incarnation of Jesus Christ—*Emmanuel, God with Us*—during our beautiful Service. Come early at **5:00 PM** for **Carol Singing** as we lift our voices in joyful Christmas hymns. Invite family, friends, and neighbors for this meaningful night of worship as we rejoice in the Savior's birth! Children and adults are invited to **bring an orange**.



and fellowship — **at no cost, with no registration required, and no strings attached** — just warm soup and warm hearts.

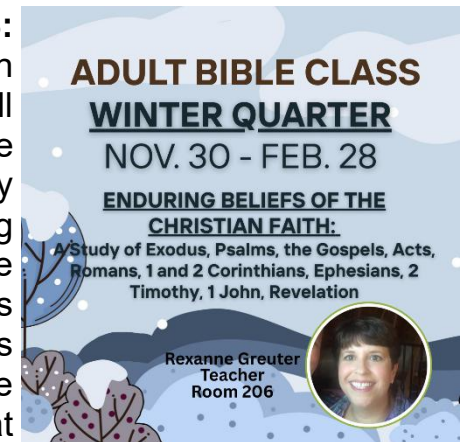


NEW OUTREACH MINISTRY COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN

The Outreach and Evangelism Committee is excited to announce a new ministry opportunity — **the launch of a Community Soup Kitchen** right here at West Side! We're beginning with a pilot program to serve a simple meal of soup and sandwiches on **each Sunday in November and December at noon**. Everyone in the community is welcome to come for food

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

“Enduring Beliefs of the Christian Faith” in Room 206 (Upstairs). This winter, join a small group of bible students for an in-depth Bible study using the Standard Lesson Commentary NIV – Winter 2025 edition. The Enduring Beliefs lessons invite us to meditate on the fundamental beliefs of the Christian faith. This study will show us that God has revealed his grace and mercy. As a result, God's people are called to live by his standard—a standard that is often countercultural.



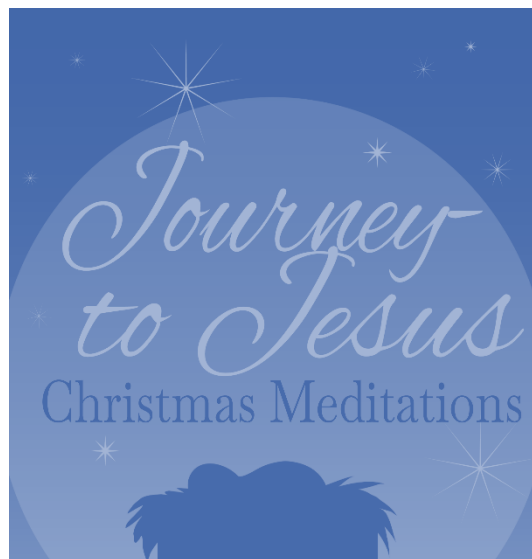
THE FAITH WE SING: CHRISTMAS CAROLS: Get ready to lift your voices and your hearts this Advent season! Beginning soon, we'll offer a **six-week Sunday School class** titled “**The Faith We Sing**” — a joyful exploration of our most beloved **Advent and Christmas hymns**, their fascinating histories, and the deep faith they express. The class will **meet in the Music Room (first floor)** — come ready to **learn, reflect, and sing!**

MENS & LADIES NIGHT OUT – This is a fun time of building friendships in church. **Ladies & Men's Night Out** is a monthly restaurant outing on the First Tuesday of the month. We will meet on Tuesday, December 2, at 6:00 pm at IHOP 551 US 24 HWY. Each person is responsible for paying for their own meal, and don't forget to bring a friend and pay for their meal. **Questions: Talk to Colleen, Coordinator**



JOURNEY TO JESUS: CHRISTMAS CONTEMPLATION AND MERRY MEDITATIONS

Enjoy the Spirit of Christ with Pastor Ivan+ on **Wednesdays, December 10 & 17, at 10:30 AM & 5:30 PM** for a time of quiet, calm reflection on the sacred journey of the Holy Family as we prepare for the Christ. Together we will pause from the season's busyness to pray, listen, and make room in our hearts for Emmanuel, "God with Us." Be renewed by quiet worship, Centering Prayer, Lectio Divina, and the gentle hope of Mary and Joseph's faithful walk toward Bethlehem.



A light snack supper will start our time together — so bring your best holiday treats!

December is the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering month! Why should congregations give?

We give to remember and thank the retired clergy and missionaries who have dedicated their lives in service to Christ, the church, and to us. With gift revenue from the RMMO

2024 offering, we distributed 3,331 thank you checks averaging \$174, a modest amount that says far more than the dollars. For all the blessings they've brought us, together, let's remember them again this year.



ADVENT READERS – We need people to volunteer as Advent Readers for the next three Sundays in December. Speak with the Pastor if you would like to read a prepared text and light the advent candles. **Advent begins Sunday November 30.**



CHURCH CLOSED

The Church will be **CLOSED** on Thurs., **December 25** for the Christmas holiday.

NEWS ARTICLES DUE TUES. DEC. 16

The Office will be **CLOSED** on Thurs., **January 1, 2025.**

We will return to our regular hours on Friday January 2, 2025. **Everyone be safe this Holiday and see you in 2026!**



POTWIN CHURCH

COOKIE WALK

December 13 Saturday

9:00AM - 1:00PM

400 SW Washburn Ave, Topeka 66606

All proceeds will be donated in support of those in our community experiencing food insecurity. Help us help our friends & neighbors while we help you with your holiday treats! Items sold at \$8/pound.