

Church of Christ

534 Sixth Street
Marietta, Ohio 45750



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Classes	9:00 A.M.
Worship	10:00 A.M.
Evening Worship	5:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes	7:00 P.M.
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December 24—**Jim Zetterberg**
 December 25—**Donald Brooks, Joshua Jackson**
 December 28—**Madelyn Patterson**



There are no anniversaries on the calendar this week.

Church of Christ

December 24, 2023

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ELDERS

Tom Eddy	Kurt Harrison
Todd Hague	

DEACONS

Mark Harris	Michael Morgan
Paul Jacoby	Alan Ralston
Tim Loughry	TJ Wells

MINISTER

Hunter Melott

The Gifts We Should Give Others This Season

Tis the season for stress, worry, anxiety, running, cramming, and flailing around. Though Christmas is a holiday characterized by gift-giving and service, if we are not careful, it can quickly turn into a selfish season. Because of the busyness and expectation of this holiday we can forget about others in our rush to complete everything we need to get done. During this season, we give material gifts, which is wonderful, however, there are some other gifts that would be beneficial that I would like for us to take a moment to consider.

One gift we should give others this season is *kindness*. Yes, I know it sounds cliché. But how many “Christmas arguments” have you had with family members and friends, or even strangers at the store? It happens a lot more than you may think. Whether quarrels about what time people are getting together, who’s getting what gift, or who’s going to open the first gift, sometimes tensions can rise around Christmas. We are taught by Christ to love one another. Certainly, we should love our family. Love involves kindness: “...love is kind...” (1 Corinthians 13:4). Paul reminded the Colossians, “So as those who have been chosen of God,

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SCHEDULE - December 31, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Eddy

SONG LEADER

AM: Michael Morgan

PM: John Forshey

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: John Dollison

PM: Dennis Dye

PRAYER

AM: Adam Burkhart

Randy Feisley

PM: T.J. Wells

Coen Eddy

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Albert Baltzer

PM: Owen Morgan

CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.: Jon Lane

Wednesday—January 3, 2024

SONG LEADER: Jim Zetterberg

PRAYER: T.J. Wells/Alan Ralston

Devo: T.B.A.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Hunter Melott

STATISTICS-December 17, 2023

Sunday Bible Class	85
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Morning Worship	179
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Evening Worship	58
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Wednesday Classes	65
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Contribution	\$4,198
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OFFICE PHONE (740) 373-3240 CARE LINE (740) 373-3909

BIBLECALL (740) 373-3222

WEBSITE www.sawcoc.org (Please note that videos from our sermons are now available on our website)

PANTRY ITEMS OF THE WEEK—Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: The Gifts That God Gives Us
Minister: **Hunter Melott**
Reading: James 1:17

PM: The Gifts We Should Give God
Minister: **Hunter Melott**
Reading: Rom. 12:1

PROGRAMS

WJAW FM 100.9—Sunday 8:30 a.m.
WJAW AM 630—Sunday 9:00 a.m.
WMOA AM 1490—Sunday 11:00 a.m.
SEARCH—WTAP—Sunday 7:30 a.m.

SICK

Ruth Stewart is at Harmar Place.

Palmer Hescht (Carol Ware's great niece) was hospitalized with RSV and is now recovering at home.

Becky McCoy (Linda Dailey's aunt) had a liver transplant December 17th.

Harry & Darlene Ogletree are dealing with COVID.

Kurt Harrison is recovering from knee replacement.

PRAYER LIST

Mary Lauck

Geraldine Mackey (Sarah Schafer's sister)

Donald McCain (Dorothy Wilkinson's brother-in-law)



SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Stephen Beck**. Memorial services are incomplete at this time.

BENEVOLENT PROJECT

We will be collecting individual monetary donations to purchase fuel cards to be used for benevolence in 2024. If you would like to donate, please turn checks into the office by next Sunday, December 31st. Please mark in the memo "fuel cards". If you have any questions, please see, Benevolent Deacon, **Paul Jacoby**.

THANK YOU

Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Donna Moseley, Brenda Ludolph, Kathryn Venham, Don & Sharon Brooks, Ruth Otto, and June Rose**.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEVOS

The sign up sheet for 2024 Wednesday Night Devos is on the bulletin board in the foyer for the men of the congregation. If you have any questions, please see Worship Deacon, **Tim Loughry**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer for volunteers to be greeters, open & close the building, prepare communion cups, and baking communion bread for 2024.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

The new directory is currently being organized. New directories should arrive around January—February.

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holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience" (3:12). During a season of scrambling and high tensions, one of the best gifts we can give someone is our kindness.

Another gift: **Grace**. Christians should be the first ones in this world to give grace. Since our God has taught us about pure grace, we as Christians understand grace in a way the world does not. Paul wrote, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gracious gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). How many feuds do we have in life? As Christians we should let those things go and extend grace. The Bible tells us, "bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so must you also do" (Colossians 3:13). God forgives us, and we must forgive others. There may not be a better gift you could give someone this year than the gift of grace.

Lastly, let us give the gift of **love**. Let us truly love others this season. Not out of compulsion, but out of joy and good intent. Listen to the ultimate definition of love: "Love is patient, love is kind, it is not jealous; love does not brag, it is not arrogant. It does not act disgracefully, it does not seek its own benefit; it is not provoked, does not keep an account of a wrong suffered, it does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; it keeps every confidence, it believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails" (1 Corinthians 13:4-8).

Kindness, grace, and love are gifts that will never be forgotten. Among the gifts you give this season, include these three.

—Hunter

PANTRY

The pantry items of the week are Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce.

Six families received food from our pantry last month.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Please join us for Bible Class. Classes are available for all ages. Young Children (Under Pre-K), Early Elementary (Pre K—1st Grade), Elementary (2nd—6th Grade), Young Adult (7th—12th Grade), and Adult.

THURSDAY LADIES CLASS

Please join us for Thursday Ladies Class at 10:00 a.m. in the multipurpose room. The study is I John. **There will be no Ladies Class December 28th. Class will resume January 4th. These dates were inadvertently left off the January calendar.**

GOD'S PLAN FOR SAVING MAN

Divine Love: John 3:16

God's Grace: Ephesians 2:8

Christ's Blood: Romans 5:9

Holy Spirit's Word: I Corinthians 2:12-13

Sinner's Faith: Acts 16:31

Sinner's Repentance: Luke 13:3

Sinner's confession: Romans 10:10

Sinner's Baptism: Acts 22:16

Christian's Love: Matthew 22:37

Christian's Work: James 2:24

Christian's Hope: Romans 8:24

Christian's Endurance: Revelation 2:10

DEACON ASSIGNMENTS

Benevolence—**Paul Jacoby/Alan Ralston**

Building & Grounds —**T.J. Wells/Mark Harris**

Education—**Michael Morgan/Mark Harris**

Fellowship & Youth Activities—**Mark Harris/Paul Jacoby**

Finance—**Tim Loughry/Alan Ralston/Mark Harris**

Local Evangelism & Missions—**Alan Ralston/T.J. Wells**

Visitors—**Alan Ralston/all deacons**

Worship—**Tim Loughry/Michael Morgan**