

***e-Spire* Headlines**

Headlines that are underlined are linked to our website for more information.

## Worship

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Service of Worship  
Sunday, December 18, 2016  
11:00 a.m., Sanctuary



## Wednesday Night Dinner & Programs

**December 21 & 28**  
No Regular Dinner &  
Programs

**Standing  
Reservations**  
Now available!

**January 4, 2017**  
Epiphany Service  
6:45 p.m., Chapel



## Upcoming Events

**Children & Youth Activities**  
December 2016

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**Advent & Christmastide**  
Services & Events

- Advent Devotions
  - Christmas Eve Services
  - Labyrinth Walk (guided meditation available)
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**Church Leaf Collection Day**  
**POSTPONED: Saturday, December 17**

Church Christmas Decorations Take Down

Wednesday, December 28

9:00 a.m., Sanctuary

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*E. Carl Freeman Concert Series*

St. Olaf Choir

Friday, February 3

7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Northfield, Minnesota

Anton Armstrong, director

**Ticketed Event:** [Tickets are ONLY available online through St. Olaf Concert.](#)

Since this concert is likely to sell out months in advance, tickets will not be available at the door.



## Stewardship

Thoughtful Giving: *For Such a Time as This*

- [Testimony by Libby Grammer](#) (11/20/16)
- [Sermon "Christian Stewardship" by Tom Graves](#) (11/13/16)
- [Testimony by Chester Phelps](#) (11/13/16)
- [Testimony by Dan Bagby](#) (11/6/16)
- [Testimony by Bob Gallagher](#) (10/30/16)
- [Mission Vision: Thoughtful Giving](#) (10/30/16)



## Missions

CBF Season of Prayer for Global Missions and Christmas Offering 2016

Deadline: January 1, 2017

[Click here](#) for more information including a video by CBF. Envelopes can be found in the pew racks. If you would like to make a contribution online, please select "Global Missions." Any undesignated checks will be applied to your pledge.

**Field Personnel Stories:**

- [Alicia & Jeffery Lee](#)
- [Missy Ward-Angalla & Francis Angalla](#)

## **Service:**

- Classroom assistance and one-on-one tutoring
- Office assistance
- Food backpack distribution on Friday afternoons

## **Donations:**

- Children's book drive
- Clothing
- Bikes



# Rejoice & Give Thanks

## Campaign Updates

- [Sound Update Fall 2016 \(09/06/16\)](#)
- [Photo Galleries \(updated 09/06/16\)](#)
- [New Sound, Old Sound \(06/15/16\)](#)
- [Summer 2016 Update \(06/01/16\)](#)
- [Spring 2016 Update \(03/01/16\)](#)
- [Winter 2015 Update \(12/01/15\)](#)
- [Fall 2015 Update \(09/01/15\)](#)
- [New Organ Console Delivery \(06/09/15\)](#)
- [Piano Refurbishment Project \(02/09/15\)](#)



# Church Information

## **Minister On Call**

December 16-18

Chester Phelps ~ 804-229-6163

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## 2016 Contributions

Please [click here](#) to carefully read the important dates and information regarding end of the year contributions.

- Deliver to the church: Friday, December 30 at 5:00 p.m.
- Postmarked: Saturday, December 31
- Online: Friday, December 30 at 5:00 p.m.
- Donate Stock: Friday, December 30 at 5:00 p.m. (Please advise LeAnne Lane so proper credit can be given to you.)
- Contributions put in the offering plate on Sunday, January 1, 2017, will go toward your 2017 pledge.

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## Christmas Decorations - Thank You

Our church was decorated for Christmas on December 2 and December 9 by many volunteers who shared their time and talents. We would like to say thank you to the following people who were a part of this special time: Margaret Almond, Julia Tyler, Betsy Lowery, Jan Davis, Deb Gray, Michael Clingenpeel, George Davis, Peggy Pruden, Sallie Sparks, Martha Lou Green, Carol Alford, Steve Pugh, Beth Wilson, and Carol Cruickshanks

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### Stewardship Discovery Report

The Stewardship Discovery Report from this summer's work by Dr. Tom Melzoni and Horizons Stewardship is available by contacting the Church Office. You may request a digital copy or hard copy.

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### Fellowship Fund

In the third quarter of 2016, our congregation contributed over \$7,000 (over \$25,000 for the year) helping over 120 people and their families. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and we ask for your ongoing support and donations. You will find designated blue envelopes in the pew racks, or you may give online ([www.rrcb.org/onlinegiving](http://www.rrcb.org/onlinegiving)).

For more information on the Endowment Fund match, online giving, and the Fellowship Fund, [click here](#).

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### Pastor's Blog

- [A Great Sunday Together](#) by Daniel Glaze
  - [Some Things We Shouldn't have to Wait for](#) by Kim Crowley
  - [Handel's Messiah - Our Messiah](#) by Bob Gallagher
  - [Thanks Giving](#) by Chester Phelps
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### Glimpses of Faith

#### **Four most recent stories:**

- ["Ubi caritas" by Duruflé](#) by RRCB Chancel Choir
- [Glimpses Across Liminal Thresholds](#) by C. Page Highfill
- ["Agnus Dei" from Duruflé Requiem](#) by RRCB Chancel Choir
- [Wonderful Words of Life from Mike](#) by Nancy Brown

Share your faith story with us through written words, poetry, art, or other media, and we'll share it with others who may grow from it.

To see an invitation from Dan Bagby, for more information about your submission, and to find the full list of stories click [here](#).

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### Happy Birthday!

#### **December 15**

Bob Fitzgerald, Heather Gammon, Caroline Koskinen, Brock Livick,

#### **December 19**

Tucker Burks, Emily Fowler, Joyce Gibson, Mallory Manriquez, Cameron

Theresa Price

McGuire, Dolly Winston

**December 16**

Marshall Parker, Kathryn Sperry

**December 20**

Nicole Bowman, Rebecca Horner,  
Everett Jones, Perry Miles, Lou  
Moelchert, Charlotte Ortega

**December 17**

Brenda Nichols, Barbara Paterson,  
Sharon Searcy, Sallie Sparks, Gavin  
Wright

**December 21**

Tyler Butterworth

**December 18**

Anya Bayford, Beth Clingenpeel,  
Ransone Hartz, Colton Hiser, Anne  
Summer Myers

**December 22**

Carole Gustavson, Tanner Rozum,  
Mildred Scherer

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**Happy Anniversary!**

**December 16**

Mary Beth & Rick Scherer - 38 years

**December 22**

Judy & Earle Ware - 60 years

**December 19**

Laura & Will Thorne - 24 years

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**Church Family Information**

*Folks who are bolded are additions or changes from last week's list.*

**AT HOME:** Mary Ellen Berry, Marian Brooks, **Margaret Collins (daughter's home)**, Doris Curtis, Margaret Daniel, Doug Edwards, Sam Nixon, Jackson Savedge, David Sims Sr., Avery Small, **Bill Smith**, Mary Lee Stark, Beth Stuhlman, Mac Taylor

**IN HEALTHCARE:** Jean Eubank - The Hermitage, Eunice Garrett - Morningside, Mary Lib Grizzard - Westminster, Mary Haydon - The Crossings at University Park, Charlotte Ladd - Lakewood, Ann Moss - Westminster, Martha & Bob Younger - Westminster

**IN ASSISTED LIVING:** Jane Budwell - Beth Sholom; Ellis Cunningham - Elmcroft Assisted Living; Mary Gauldin - Our Lady of Hope; Jeanette Gholston - Chestnut Grove Assisted Living; Lovell Glasco - Lakewood; Sue Kalbaugh - Gayton Terrace; June Lane - Lakewood; Sarah MacLellan - Culpeper Baptist Retirement Community (Culpeper, VA); Clayton Marr - Our Lady of Hope; Vivian Mathews - St. Mary's Woods; Mary Noble - Cedarfield; Gloria & Doug Pace - The Memory Center Richmond; John Pearson - Lakewood; Merle Showalter - Lakewood; Mary Shreve - Spring Arbor Assisted Living; Sandy Thornton - Sanders Health Care Center (Gloucester, VA), Kemp West - The Hermitage

**IN REHABILITATION:** Jerry Crute - Westport Manor, Janet Currie - Beaufont Rehab & Healthcare

**IN HOSPITAL: Barbara Paterson - St. Mary's**

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## Calendar of Events

***If you have an event or meeting planned at the church, please contact Cassandra Ducca to schedule it on the calendar.***

### **Saturday, December 17**

11:00 a.m.: Youth Mystery Christmas Party, Offsite

### **Sunday, December 18**

9:00 a.m.: Family Handbell Choir, Bell Room  
9:20 a.m.: Children's Choirs Makeup Rehearsal, Choir Room  
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.: Worship, Sanctuary  
12:00 p.m.: Reception, Fellowship Hall  
4:15 p.m.: Youth Handbell Choir, Bell Room

### **Wednesday, December 21**

8:00 a.m.: Men's Group: The Huddle, Reception Room  
5:30 p.m.: Children & Youth Dinner, Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m.: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal for Christmas Eve Family Service, Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m.: Wednesday Night Program, Sanctuary; Chancel Bell Choir, Bell Room  
7:00 p.m.: Children & Youth Dessert & Recreation, Fellowship Hall

### **Thursday, December 22**

7:30 p.m.: Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

*Key: LC - Lower Commons | UC - Upper Commons | CH - Chapel Hall*

### Stay Connected



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