

***e-Spire* Headlines**

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

## Worship

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



## Wednesday Night Dinner & Programs

**December 14**  
Starlight Service of Remembrance  
6:30 p.m., Chapel

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

**January 4, 2017**  
Epiphany Service  
6:45 p.m., Chapel  
*Reservations open;  
Standing Reservations  
available soon*

Dinner reservations are **required** and must be made by **11AM on Monday** mornings. (Scroll to the bottom of the [post](#) to find the sign up form.)



## 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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2017 Flower Calendar  
Sundays, December 11 & 18  
12:15 p.m., Upper Commons

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*E. Carl Freeman Concert Series*  
Advent & Christmas Choral Concert  
River Road Chancel Choir with Orchestra  
Sunday, December 11  
7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Handel's *Messiah* - Advent/Christmas portion  
Please note our new ticketing process through Eventbrite: [click here to reserve your free tickets for this concert!](#)

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The Comma Club Christmas Luncheon  
Tuesday, December 13  
12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Sign up [online](#) by December 9.

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WMU Connectors  
Tuesday, December 13  
7:00 p.m., Home of Peggy Stevens

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Church Leaf Collection Day  
NEW DATE: Saturday, December 17  
8:30 a.m., Plaza

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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

### **Thanksgiving Offering 2016**

**Deadline: Sunday, December 4**

The Thanksgiving Offering will be designated to Oak Grove Elementary School to provide food for the students over the holidays. Envelopes can be found in the pew racks, or you may contribute online.

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### **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:

- [Missy Ward-Angalla & Francis Angalla](#)

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### **Micah Opportunities and Needs - Fall 2016**

#### **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 9-11

Kim Crowley ~ 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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## 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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- [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
  - [Children Will Listen](#) by Kim Crowley
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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 9

Kate Hunt  
Nancy Smith-Jackson  
Rick Naschold  
Maddie Phillips  
Amber Simms  
Wendy Smith

#### December 10

Blake Thomas Smith

#### December 11

Tricia Alford  
Robert Franck  
Taylor Gobble  
Frank Jackson

#### December 12

Vicki McIlwain

#### December 13

Eli Macturk

#### December 14

Amy Matney  
John Robertson

#### December 15

Bob Fitzgerald  
Heather Gammon  
Caroline Koskinen  
Brock Livick  
Theresa Price

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### Happy Anniversary!

#### December 9

DeAnne & Cliff Shelton - 21 years

#### December 12

Jerri & Bob Grigsby - 52 years

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### Church Family Information

**AT HOME:** Mary Ellen Berry, Marian Brooks, Doris Curtis, Margaret Daniel, Doug Edwards, Sam Nixon, Jackson Savedge, David Sims Sr., Avery Small, 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

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Susan and Bob Halloran upon the death of her mother, and to Frank, Marty, Mary Alice, and Helen Halloran upon the death of their grandmother on December 1.

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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 10**

9:00 a.m.: Kitchen Work Day, Fellowship Hall Kitchen  
10:00 a.m.: Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

#### **Sunday, December 11**

9:00 a.m.: Family Handbell Choir, Bell Room; Inquirers' Class, Youth Area  
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  
5:00 p.m.: Youth Choir, Youth Choir Room  
5:45 p.m.: Youth Snack Supper, Fellowship Hall  
6:15 p.m.: Youth Music, Youth Area  
6:45 p.m.: Youth Program, Youth Area  
7:30 p.m.: Concert Series: *Messiah* Part 1, Sanctuary

#### **Monday, December 12**

5:45 p.m.: Yoga, Assembly Room

#### **Tuesday, December 13**

12:00 p.m.: The Comma Club, Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m.: Panama Mission Team, Reception Room  
7:00 p.m.: WMU Connectors, Home of Peggy Stevens

#### **Wednesday, December 14**

8:00 a.m.: Men's Group: The Huddle, Reception Room  
4:30 p.m.: Stephen Ministry, Parlor  
4:45 p.m.: River Road Camerata, Choir Room  
5:30 p.m.: Wednesday Night Dinner, Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m.: Children's Choirs  
6:30 p.m.: Wednesday Night Program, Sanctuary; Chancel Bell Choir, Bell Room  
6:45 p.m.: Voice for Life, Choir Room  
7:00 p.m.: Youth Choir Makeup Rehearsal, Choir Room  
7:30 p.m.: Finance Committee, Parlor

**Thursday, December 8**  
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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