

# Be the light. Follow Jesus Christ.

## THE LIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

*...Let There Be Light!*



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*December 2022*

*Church of Christ*

[I Heard the Bells](#) tells the background to the poem-turned-Christmas-carol "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. He until the day his world is shattered by tragedy. Henry puts down his pen, silenced by grief. But it's the sound of Christmas morning that reignites the poet's lost voice as he discovers the resounding hope of rekindled faith. Sight and Sound Films was established to tell the stories of those who changed the world, because Christ first changed them.

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Join us **Christmas Eve at 5:30 PM** for the  
←Youth Christmas Program. They will be reminding  
us of the Light coming into our world.

## CHORALAIRES



### **A Christmas Concert**

**Sunday, December 4, 2022**

**2:00 PM**

**Clarion United Methodist Church**



Ushering In The Holiday Season  
Celebrating The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Of  
The Choralaires First Christmas Concert



THU, DEC 01	7 PM Overcomers
FRI, DEC 02	
SAT, DEC 03	Bell Ringing in Mason City
SUN, DEC 04	9 AM Sunday School Middle-High School—Office Basement Adult—Church Basement 10 AM Worship
MON, DEC 05	Choralaires Concert 2 PM UMC
TUE, DEC 06	6 PM House of Grace study “Jude”
WED, DEC 07	6 AM IronMen
THU, DEC 08	10 AM Women’s Prayer Time  3:30 Youth Program Practice
FRI, DEC 09	8 PM IronMen <sup>2</sup>
SAT, DEC 10	7 PM Overcomers
SUN, DEC 11	9 AM Sunday School Middle-High School—Office Basement Adult—Church Basement 10 AM Worship  CHICK’S Christmas Party at CGD High School. 5:30-7 meal/activates 7-8 PM worship.
MON, DEC 12	9:30 AM Coffee and Connection Ewing-Belmond  6 PM House of Grace study “Jude”
TUE, DEC 13	6 AM IronMen
WED, DEC 14	10 AM Women’s Prayer Time  3:30 Youth Program Practice
THU, DEC 15	8 PM IronMen <sup>2</sup>
FRI, DEC 16	7 PM Overcomers
SAT, DEC 17	

SUN, DEC 18	9 AM Sunday School Middle-High School—Office Basement Adult—Church Basement 10 AM Worship - <i>Christmas Sweater Sunday</i>
MON, DEC 19	6 PM House of Grace study “Jude” 7 PM Leadership Meeting
TUE, DEC 20	6 AM IronMen
WED, DEC 21	10 AM Women’s Prayer Time  3:30 Youth Program Practice
THU, DEC 22	8 PM IronMen <sup>2</sup>
FRI, DEC 23	7 PM Overcomers
SAT, DEC 24	5:30 PM Youth Christmas program during the Christmas Eve Service
SUN, DEC 25	10 AM Worship
MON, DEC 26	
TUE, DEC 27	6 AM IronMen
WED, DEC 28	10 AM Women’s Prayer Time
THU, DEC 29	7 PM Overcomers
FRI, DEC 30	
SAT, DEC 31	

Annual meeting will be held Sunday, January 15th in the sanctuary following the worship service.

Join a time of looking back at accomplishments, trials and loses, while we look forward to the new year and chose the leaders who will take an active role in church leaders for the next year(s) to come.

**December 2022**  
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Sunday	December 4th	December 11th	December 18th	December 25th
Praise Team	Mark & Judy	Warren & Margaret	Stacia & Judy	Dean & Judy
Sound	Keith Grandgeorge	Keith Grandgeorge	Keith Grandgeorge	Tiffany Cramer
Communion Meditation	Bob Dishman	Dean Kluss	Mike Redig	Chad Chapman



Starting in January, a Biblical / Christ Centered Marriage study will be meeting in the evenings. The day of the week has not been set yet. Talk to Paster Warren for details or to sign up.

Next mission/outreach meeting is set for Sunday, January 8 after worship at Pizza Ranch. This is our reorganizational meeting for 2023. If you are interested in joining the missions committee, or would just like to hear more about what is going on, join the group for Dutch treat lunch that day.

	Current
General	\$54,271.86
Building	\$1,645.59
New Building	\$4,400.00
Fuel	\$8,521.42
Memorial	\$23,653.94
Sunday School	\$1,145.89
Student Ministry	\$4,612.70
Benevolent	\$3,391.81

**Come on, ring those bells...**

Saturday, December 3 we will be bell ringing in Mason City for Salvation Army.

9:45—Leave the church.  
10:45—Arrive at Culver’s for lunch.

**Six doors of bellringing from noon – 2 p.m.**  
Goal is 2 teams per door  
(2 at Wal-Mart, 2 at west Hy-Vee, 1 at Fleet Farm, 1 at Hobby Lobby)

Join us!  
For more information contact Karen Weld.

*Remember in prayer the families of those who have recently died & those experiencing the first Christmas without their loved ones.*

Conner Wilson   Ella Gangestad   Linda Funte  
Dave Crozier   Janelle Oneal

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*  
—Matthew 5:4

**CLARION SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER  
OPEN HOUSE AT THE DEPOT  
DECEMBER 7TH, 8TH AND 9TH  
1-4 PM  
REGISTER FOR DOOR PRIZES!  
COME FOR COFFEE, COOKIES AND  
ACTIVATES.**



# December

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Berta Alberts

Jo Anne Duncalf

Judy Russell

Kathy Meyer

Makenna Van Wyk

Rob Schmidt

Tom Simmons

### Assisted Living & The Meadows

Mary Lou Roberts

LC (Lyman) Spencer

### *Continual Prayer needs*

Dianna Dishman

Gabby Hess

Sandy Stephenson

### Home:

Jay Hanning

Leon Betts

Les Southard

Raynard Southard

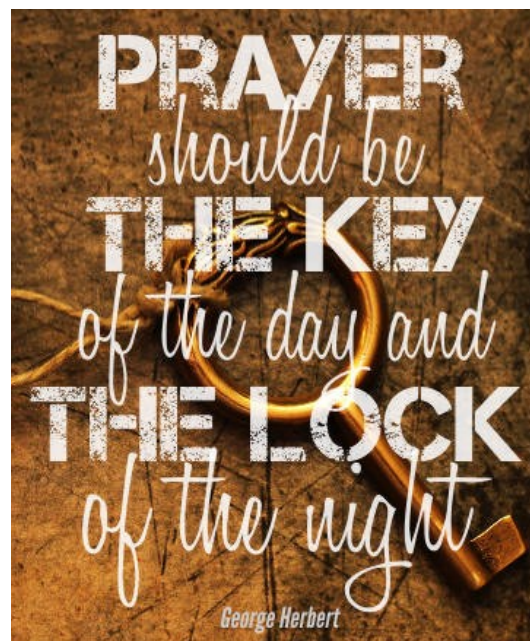
### Clarion Wellness Center:

Tom Blecker

Irene Keeling

### Kanawha:

Florence Redig





## Christmas 2022 activities

### ★ Nov 27th—The 1st Sunday of Advent

- ★ Dec 1st-4th—movie “I Heard the Bells” based on the writing of the hymn “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” will be showing in Ames and Mason City movie theaters. Produced by Sight and Sound.
- ★ Dec 3rd—Bell Ringing in Mason City from noon-2 PM. Talk to Karen Weld for details or to join in.

### ★ Dec 4th—The 2nd Sunday of Advent

- ★ Dec 4 @ 2 PM — The Choralaires are celebrating the 40th anniversary of their first Christmas Concert with a special concert! It will be at the Clarion First United Methodist Church.
  - ★ Dec 5 @ 7PM – High School Holiday Concert @ CGD High School
  - ★ Dec 6 @ 7PM – Middle School Holiday Concert @ CGD High School

### ★ Dec 11th—The 3rd Sunday of Advent

- ★ Dec 11th @5:30-8 PM — Chick’s family Christmas Party at CGD High School. Chili supper, family games and activities from 5:30 to 7. Christmas Worship Set from 7 to 8.
  - ★ Dec 12 @ 1 & 7PM – 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades CGD Holiday Concert
  - ★ Dec 13 @ 1 & 7PM – K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grades CGD Holiday Concert

### ★ Dec 18th—The 4th Sunday of Advent

- ★ Dec 18th—Christmas Sweater Sunday. Wear your favorite Christmas Sweater (ugly, silly, beautiful, fun...whatever you prefer) to worship
- ★ Dec 24th @ 5:30 PM — Youth Christmas Program, “The Light Before Christmas.”
- ★ Dec 25th—We will still have **worship** on Christmas Day at 10 AM. Sunday School will not meet beforehand. (New Years Day will also be a worship only Sunday)

Luke 2:

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup> (This was the first census that took place while<sup>[a]</sup> Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And everyone went to their own town to register.

<sup>4</sup> So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup> He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

As we prepare to celebrate Christ’s coming, remember to not let doing things **about/for Him** replace **time and relationship with Him**. Keep room in your heart for Jesus.



Thank you for Kaci Andrews and Chad Chapman for being the faces of Operation Christmas Child at our church this year. Our congregation packed 231 boxes this year. Thank you everyone who packed, donated, moved or promoted boxes. We will miss Kaci's leadership skills here next year, but hopes she enjoys the next phase of her life.



### Fall Into Flannel

Celebrating an extra hour of sleep by wearing extra comfy clothes to church. A fun mid-fall tradition for young and old.



Thank you to Edwardo Rivera for taking pictures on days I know I would not be around. Everyone is welcome to send photos of events the church family participates in to [clarioncoc@wmtel.net](mailto:clarioncoc@wmtel.net).





November 2nd KJYL (Kinship Christian Radio) held a “Soup & Sweet” fundraiser in our church basement, replacing the annual BBQ that was held at the local station in years past. Steve Ware was able to broadcast interviews from Clarion via his phone.



November 20<sup>th</sup> the youth organized a bake sale in conjunction with a potluck. \$456 was collected for the Middle / High School activities based out of the church. Thank you to everyone who brought food, bought bake sale items, set up, cleaned up, or joined in on the fun.

