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BULLETIN & *The CURRENT* INFORMATION DEADLINE

Thursday noon

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~FYI~

REMINDER: The office will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24-25, for the Christmas holiday.

For New Year's, the office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1.

In John 8:12, Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." The Christmas season is one of bright and colorful decorations. Strings of bold and blinking lights adorn our trees, our rooflines, our hanging wreaths, and fill the night's darkness with festivity. Candles are retrieved from storage to provide additional ambiance and cheer. Advent candles are lit to remind us of the hope, peace, joy, and love of God. Lights provide illumination and clarity. That is what entered this world with the birth and presence of Jesus. A new clarity of who God is. An illumination of truth within the grace, mercy, and love of God. The brightness we create can sometimes be extremely full and sometimes distracting. The light that entered this world is the light we should be focused upon. Let us live within and by the light of Jesus. Let us extend that light of love and kindness to others. May the light of Jesus Christ shine over us, around us, and through us during this Christmas season. He is the light that this world needs.

God's blessings to you and yours this Christmas season.

Our mission is to call and prepare everyone to be fully committed followers of Jesus Christ.

Yellow Creek Happenings . . .

Sunday, December 22

8:15-9 a.m.
Light Refreshments
In Fellowship Hall and Foyer

9:00 a.m.
Bible Memory (Room 113)

9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship
Christmas Program
The Light of Love

No Sunday School

5:30 p.m.
CLICK Club

Monday, December 23

8:00-8:30 a.m.
Morning Walking

6:30 p.m.
Pickleball

7:00 p.m.
Iron Sharpens Iron

Tuesday, December 24

6:30-7:30 a.m.
Men's Bible Study/Fellowship at
Angel's House of Pancakes,
Linway Plaza

OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, December 25

MERRY
CHRISTMAS!

OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, December 26

8:00-8:30 a.m.
Morning Walking

Friday, December 27

8:00-8:30 a.m.
Morning Walking

6:00 p.m.
MYF New Year's Party
Please be at the church by 6 p.m.

Sunday, December 29

9:00 a.m.
Bible Memory (Room 113)

9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - Kory
The Light as a Blessing for All

10:45 a.m.
Sunday School

Extended Calendar
(Activities at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

December
30 - Pickleball, 6:30 pm

January
1 - **Office Closed** for the New
Year Holiday
6 - Pickleball, 6:30 pm
6 - Iron Sharpens Iron
7 - Volleyball
8 - MYF, 6:45 pm
10-12 - MYF Ice Camp
12 - BP Checks, 9 am
12 - Board Game Night/Euchre,
5 pm

~ Bible in a Year 2025 ~

The church staff invites everyone to join us as we commit to read through the Bible in 2025. God's word is alive and true and is for us to experience and encounter today. There are different formats (including an audio option) and schedules available on the table in the foyer, including one for children and parents to work through together. Sign up over the next weeks and select your guide. If you have any questions, feel free to check with **Pastor Doug**.

~ Blood Drive ~

We are partnering with South Bend Medical Foundation to host a blood drive here on Tuesday, January 7, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. This will be a bloodmobile parked outside of the church office doors. Sign up here: https://donorportal.givebloodnow.com/donorportal/donate-blood?mobile_code=999833 or in the foyer starting next Sunday, December 22. If you have any questions, contact **Sheila Meinert** or **Pastor Doug**.

~ Ministry News ~

See the bulletin boards in the foyer for more Yellow Creek news.

~ Recreation Event ~

Mark your calendars now for an upcoming board game night Sunday, January 12, 6-8 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share, water will be provided. There will be an euchre tournament part of the evening.

~ Young Adult Gathering ~

For all relatively young adults (of all ages), there will be a Christmas holiday party at Wes Bontregers' on Sunday, December 29, 4 p.m. There will be food, games, more food and movie choices: *Christmas Story*, *Christmas Vacation*, *Elf* and more food. Bring any snack you would like to share, games and invite your friends. If you have any questions, contact **Pastor Wes**.

~ Worship ~

Sunday, January 12, 2025 will include a Service of Remembrance in our morning worship service in order to reflect on the lives of members who passed away in 2024 as well as those who lost loved ones who did not attend here. If you have a loved one whose name you would like printed in the bulletin, please contact the church office by January 5 or email to: gwen@yellowcreekmc.org.

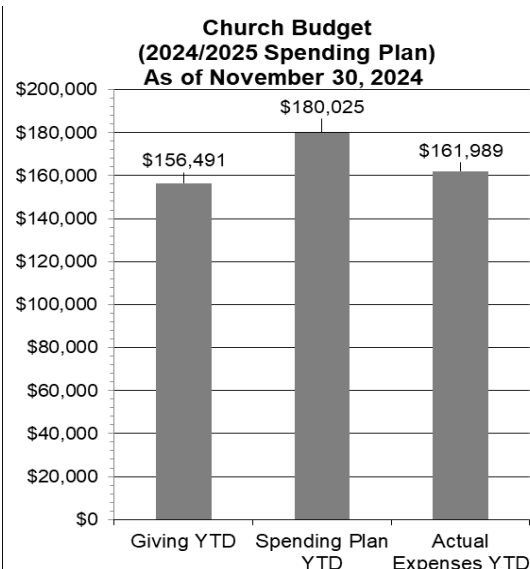
~ Women's Bible Study ~

Inviting women of all ages to join in a bible study starting Monday, January 13, 6:30 p.m. in rooms 33 & 34. We plan to meet every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. We will be studying the book of Ruth and Esther from the study "Knowing the Bible." Come for a time of diving into the Word and fellowshiping with other believers. If you have any questions, please contact **Deanna King** or **Lorae Smith**.

~ MCC Meat Canning ~

MEAT CANNING for relief will be in Goshen in January. The new schedule for churches is every other year. We are not scheduled this year. We would still encourage you to make a donation to the MCC Meat Canning to help with the costs they incur. Any questions contact **Deanna King**, 971.0405 or **Emily Reinhardt**, 260.243.2478.

~ Finance ~



Here is a graph of our YTD expenses vs. giving. We encourage your end of the year gifts in order to stay current on all our expenses, including Mission Ministry giving that is part of our Spending Plan. This includes LMC, EMM, Amigo Centre, WaNee Released Time, First Light Mission, MDS, Missional Church and Pastoral Development, MCC Relief Projects and others.



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shall be called



Wonderful
Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting
Father,
PRINCE
of Peace



Isaiah 9:6