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Worship Services

Three worship opportunities are offered on Sunday, each with its own special character.

8:00 a.m. McMurry Chapel

Informal worship with a personal touch. Hymns are by request; sharing prayer concerns is welcomed.

8:50 a.m. Sanctuary

Worship that includes a children's time. Agape Singers provide joyful music accompanied by musicians; children's and youth choirs furnish special music on occasion.

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

More formal worship with music from the Chancel Choir. Worship also includes a children's time.



Many MUMC friends and families came out for a wonderful afternoon of advent craft fun and fellowship on Sunday. Many thanks to all the hearts and hands who helped to make this craft festival such an enjoyable experience!

Interested in Membership?

The next New Member Class will be held during Wednesday Night Live this week, November 30th. Come early for the church-wide meal at 5:30pm in the Multipurpose Room, then stay for the New Member Class from 6:30-7:30pm in Room 301. Learn about United Methodist history, structure and beliefs, and know what it means to be a member of Missouri UMC. If you have questions, contact Sandy Ward at 443-3111 or by email at sandy.ward@moumc.org.

Living Windows

MUMC is participating in The District's "Living Windows Festival" this Friday evening, December 2nd. Come downtown between 6-8pm, and be a part of this holiday celebration. Join MUMC Choir members in singing Christmas carols, listen to Brass players and other music in the Sanctuary, decorate Christmas cookies, create a Christmas craft, and hear The House Guests as they play on the balcony at 7:30pm. Another great way to take Christmas "out of the box" and experience Advent fellowship this season!

Brass Holiday Concert

The 2nd annual Brass Holiday Concert will be presented this Saturday, December 3rd, at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Join the faculty and students of UMC's School of Music in a gala Christmas Musical Spectacular. Hear your favorite carols played in stunning brass arrangements enhanced by the wonderful acoustics of our sanctuary!

Charge Conference Set for Sunday, December 11th, at 7pm

All elected leaders of the church are voting members of the Charge Conference, the annual business meeting of the church. Others are invited to attend the meeting to be held on Sunday, December 11th, at 7pm in the Chapel. The purpose of the charge conference is to celebrate the year in ministry, set clergy salaries, elect new leaders for 2012 and endorse candidates for ministry.

OUTSIDE THE BOX

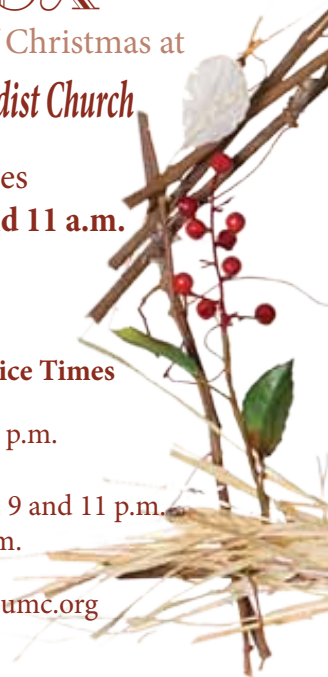
Unwrap the story of Christmas at
Missouri United Methodist Church

Advent Sermon Series
Sundays at 8, 8:50 and 11 a.m.
Nov. 27-Dec. 25

Special Christmas Service Times

Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 23 at Noon
Saturday, Dec. 24 at 5, 7, 9 and 11 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 25 at 11 a.m.

More details at www.moumc.org



The church has been transformed for the Advent season! Thanks to the many individuals and families who helped to deck the halls last week! Let us now enjoy the sights and sounds of the blessed season together!



The Pastor's Corner by Rev. Amy L. Gearhart

"What Gift Can We Bring?"

"What gift can we bring,
What present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
What song can we offer in honor and praise?"

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
Who planted and watered so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,
For mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,
For knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,
The Word is our promise always, forever;
We rest in God's keeping and live in God's love."

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Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, Cyber Monday...
When is "God's Goodness Day" or "Ministry Monday" or
"Tithe Tuesday" or "Thanks-Thursday"? Sound foolish,
don't they? That's because our scriptures, tradition and
worship practices teach us that giving back to God isn't
just a day of the week or a day of the year. We are called to
be a generous and thankful people in response to God's
faithfulness in the past, present and even tomorrow. The
giving and bringing of our gifts, even our financial gifts, is
an act of adoration and praise, not an act of consumption.

Even in these uncertain financial times, I'm strengthened
and encouraged by the witness of the 289 households

who have committed their gifts to the ministry of our
church for 2012. Of those households, 98 have increased
their pledge commitment and 18 new households have
committed their gifts. Thanks for the witness of those
who have made their commitments, inspiring us all in our
generosity.

In order to sustain and grow the momentum of
our ministries which inspire and touch lives in our
congregation, community and region, it will be important
to receive the additional 270 pledge commitments for
2012. As you consider your pledge commitment, join my
family in praying, "Lord, what gift can we bring? How can
our faith increase as we place our trust and treasures in
you? How can we thank you by offering our gifts that will
change our lives, and the lives of others for Christ?"

If you have any questions about growing in your
stewardship and making a gift commitment to your church,
please contact any of your pastors or the financial office
of the church.

What a joy it is to plant and water; to study and worship,
to rest in God's keeping and live in God's love. The gift
I want to bring this Advent is to Christ—it's his birthday
after all!

See you in church on Sunday!

Rev. Amy

News & Notes

In Memoriam

• Mary Palmatary, a member of MUMC since 1988, passed away on November 23rd. Our prayers and sympathy to her family, loved ones and friends.

UMW Meetings

Wednesday, December 7:

Executive Committee - 9am, Room 302
General Meeting - 10:30am, Parlor
Christmas Luncheon - Noon, Whittler Hall

Thursday, December 8:

Wesley Circle - 11:45am, Parlor
Val's Circle - 5:30-8:30pm, Parlor
We will be wrapping presents for adopted families. Please bring a snack!
Sophia Circle - 7pm, 3805 Deerfoot Way

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

5:30pm - All Church Supper - Multipurpose Room

- Adults - \$6, Elementary and Teen Age - \$4, Preschoolers - Free, Low/No income - \$4
- **Nov 30** - Chicken Parmesan, veggies, and brownies
- **Dec 7** - Pizza Night!

6:00pm - Children's Programming

- Serendipity Choir & Nursery (Birth-K) - Rooms 103/110
- Grace Notes Choir (1st-5th Grades) - Rooms 108/204

6:00pm - Youth Programs (6th-12th Grades) - CLC 103

- **Nov 30** - Advent Healing

6:15pm - Agape Singers Rehearsal - CLC 101

6:30pm - Adult Small Groups

- Advent Study with Rev. Elmer Revelle - Chapel
- Financial Peace University - CLC 104 (*begins at 6pm*)
- Parenting with Love & Logic: Teen Edition - CLC 111
- **Nov 30** - New Member Class - Room 301

6:30pm - Wednesday Night Workout - Whittler Hall

7:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CLC 101

Letters from Santa

Santa is working with the Children's Ministry of MUMC to send personalized letters to children—straight from North Pole, Alaska! Santa letters are \$5 each and are promised to arrive before Christmas as long as we receive the order by Dec 1st. All proceeds will benefit MUMC's Children's Ministry program. Order forms may be downloaded from the church website or picked up in the church office.

Holiday Bazaar

MUMC's Grace Circle will host its 3rd Annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 10th, from 9am-4pm in the Multipurpose Room. We are looking for local artists, crafters, home businesses, quality homemade items, holiday decor and more. The booth (free for UMW members and \$20 for MUMC members) includes one table and two chairs. If you need additional tables, you will need to provide your own. There is a \$5 discount if you donate an item to the cause— please contact us to find out more. The funds raised will go towards the local and international missions and charities that are supported by the United Methodist Women. If you would like to receive an application or have questions, please email mumcholidaybazaar@gmail.com.

Christmas Eve Acolyte Sign Up

Attention Parents of MUMC Youth: If your youth is in 6th-12th grade and would like to be an acolyte for one of the Christmas Eve candlelight services, they have until Sunday, December 11th, to sign up. Youth are **required** to attend the rehearsal for the service(s) for which they have signed up to acolyte (sorry, no exceptions). Sign up in the parlor kitchen on Sundays or e-mail david.jones@moumc.org. Please list name, grade, phone #'s (cell & home) & service time(s). Available services are 7pm, 9pm and 11pm (the 5pm is already full). Rehearsal times are listed below:

7pm Christmas Eve Service - Rehearsal on Thursday, December 22nd, 1:15-3pm in the Sanctuary

9pm Christmas Eve Service - Rehearsal on Thursday, December 22nd, 3:15-4:45pm in the Sanctuary

11pm Christmas Eve Service (with communion) - Rehearsal on Friday, December 23rd, 3-4:30pm in the Sanctuary

Outside the Box: Christmas at MUMC

This year Missouri UMC is thinking outside the box to offer a variety of worship experiences for Christmas. Choose the one that will be most meaningful to you and be sure to invite a friend!

Wednesday, December 21

- 7pm - Traveler's Christmas Service (*childcare available*)

No Wednesday Night Live on December 21

Friday, December 23

- Noon - Christmas for the City Service (*childcare available*)

This service with service will offer you the opportunity to serve the community by picking up cookies after worship to deliver to community workers who have to work through the holidays.

Saturday, December 24

- 5pm - Christmas Eve Service designed with children in mind— music and children's live nativity (*childcare available*)
- 7pm - Christmas Eve Service with carols & candlelight (*childcare available*)
- 9pm - Christmas Eve Service with carols & candlelight
- 11pm - Christmas Eve Service with carols, candlelight & Holy Communion

Sunday, December 25

- 11am - Merry Christmas Service (*childcare available*)

No 8:00 or 8:50 Worship on Christmas Day

Hospitality Needed for Advent!

There are a variety of opportunities to extend hospitality during this season. Contact Ann Merrifield at ann.merrifield@moumc.org or fill out your tear off in the bulletin if you can help greet or serve as an usher at any of the following events:

- Friday, Dec 2, Living Windows in the District, 6-8pm
- Wednesday, Dec 21, Traveler's Worship Service, 7pm
- Friday, Dec 23, Christmas for the City Service, noon
- Saturday, Dec 24, Services at 5pm, 7pm, 9pm & 11pm
- Sunday, Dec 25, Church Service at 11am

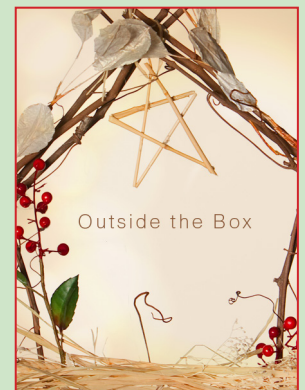
Shuttle Drivers Needed for Christmas

Shuttle Drivers are needed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please contact Ann Merrifield at ann.merrifield@moumc.org or fill out your tear off in the bulletin if you can drive the golf cart for any of the following services:

- Christmas Eve - 5pm, 7pm, 9pm and 11pm
(30 minutes before and 30 minutes after each service)
- Christmas Day (shuttle to run from 10-11am and from 12-12:30pm)

Nursery Workers Needed

Many of the nursery care providers are college students who will be home with their families during the Christmas break. If you are Safe Sanctuary certified and would be willing to volunteer in the Nursery over Christmas, please email our Nursery Coordinator Julie Davis at julie.davis@moumc.org.



Open Door Ministry

ODM will have a joint meeting with PFLAG this Thursday, December 1st, at 7pm at The Center Project (300 St. James St., Suite 104). Come and meet friends and allies of the GLBT community. Linda Hayes will be speaking about "How to Get Through the Holidays." There will also be a Holiday Cookie Party during the meeting, so bring your favorite holiday treats! Leftover treats will be given to the LGBT Student Center on the MU campus for students during finals week.

Advent at Wednesday Night Live

It's time to ready our hearts and minds for the wonderful season of Advent – a time of waiting and preparing for the coming of our Lord! Join us at Wednesday Night Live as we join together for a family meal (see menu and pricing below) at 5:30pm, followed by an adult Advent Study led by Rev. Elmer Revelle, Assistant to the Bishop of the Missouri Annual Conference, at 6:30pm. Rev. Revelle will be leading us through an exploration of the people who are central to this part of our faith story. Using scripture and song, we will study a different person each week (Joseph, Mary, Jesus, Angel Gabriel, Shepherds/Wise Men), ending on December 14th. Take a time-out from the hustle and bustle of the season and grow closer to God and one another during this holy season. *While adults are meeting, children and youth will continue in their WNL activities from 6-7:30pm.*

Wednesday Night Live Advent Meal Menu:

- Nov 30 - Chicken Parmesan, veggies, & brownies
- Dec 7 - Pizza Night!
- Dec 14 - BBQ Brisket/Pork Sandwiches

Pricing: Adults - \$6 Elementary & Teen - \$4
Preschoolers - FREE Low/No income - \$4

Dinner With "The Flame"

Wednesday, November 30th, at 5:30pm, college-age people will host a group from Kirksville for conversation and dinner at Wednesday Night Live. The college tables will be the ones decorated with balloons. Students from "The Flame" will share their experience in creating a college-age worship experience that has become quite popular at the Wesley house close to the campus of Truman State University. Rev. Shiela Swafford will accompany the group that is coming to talk to our leaders.

Road Trip to Kirksville

This Thursday, December 1st, all college-age people are invited to accompany Heather Morgan & Keith Vessell to Kirksville for supper at 6pm and a post-modern worship service called "FOCUS" at 7pm. Students of the United Methodist Campus Ministry "The Flame" will be our hosts, along with their pastor, Rev. Sheila Swafford. To go, meet in the Connector at 4:15pm to ride in the church van; the group will return to Columbia about 9:30 or 10pm. To RSVP, email heather.mccainmorgan@moumc.org.

House Guests Playing on Balcony

This Friday evening, December 2nd, from 7:30-8pm, the House Guests, a college-age band from MU, will play on the balcony of the church across from Shakespeare's. This Christmas concert is part of our congregation's participation in Columbia's Living Windows Festival. Please tell all the college-age people you know that this is happening, and encourage them to stroll by and listen! After the concert, the House Guests will be rehearsing in CLC 105, the room which has recently been designated as the new home for the Koinonia college-age ministry at MUMC.

SERRV Sale

This year's final SERRV Fair Trade sale will be held on Sunday, December 4th, from 8:30am-12:30pm in the Connector. SERRV is a nonprofit organization with a mission to eradicate poverty wherever it resides by providing opportunity and support to artisans and farmers worldwide.

The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem

This Advent season, join Rev. Molly as she leads us through Adam Hamilton's advent study, *The Journey*. We will travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem, following in the footsteps of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and others, as we gain insight to our own journey with Christ. Join us on Thursday mornings through December 22nd at 10am in CLC 111 for a time of learning and personal reflections. Books are available in the church office for \$11.50. *Unable to join us on Thursdays? The Faithful Friends Sunday school class will also be using this study Sunday mornings at 10am in CLC 110.*

Last Jam Session of the Semester

This Sunday, December 4th, from 7-8pm, the students who have been gathering this fall with Bruce Jackson, to play hymns in the chapel, will reconvene for one last rehearsal this semester. All college-age persons are welcome to attend. Bring your instruments and your voices, and be prepared to call out your favorite hymn.

Register Now for College-Age Mission Trip

Would you like to help rebuild Joplin with United Methodist college-age persons from around the state? The trip will begin at dinner time on Tuesday, January 3rd, with a return on Saturday, January 7th; work days will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Housing will be provided by First United Methodist Church in Joplin. The cost is \$60 per person, with scholarship help available if needed. To join the MUMC group, please contact Heather Morgan at 443-3111 or heather.mccainmorgan@moumc.org by Sunday, December 11th. To register, please go online to <http://www.moumethodist.org/events/detail/2449> and click on "register now."

Mentors for College Students

Keith Vessell and Heather Morgan are seeking mature adults who are interested in building relationships with college students. Mentors will share their walk in Christian life while learning from college students. The mentors will be available to listen, provide encouragement, share life experiences and develop friendship. They will accompany the students as they grow in their education, faith and life. Students will be assigned by ministry staff, who will offer mentor training in mid- to late-January. The time commitment for this program will be one semester (the Spring of 2012), with the number of Mentor/Mentee meetings to be flexible and determined by each pair individually. If interested, please contact heather.mccainmorgan@moumc.org.

Missions Outreach

Alternate Christmas Gift

The Heifer Project provides an alternate Christmas gift opportunity. There will be a table in the Connector on December 4th and 11th for you to purchase a goat, water buffalo, or many other animals for a family in a Third World Country. A family will receive this food production source, and, when offspring are available, they are passed onto another family. If you have questions, please call Roger Mitchell at 875-4049.

Angel Tree

If you would like the opportunity to make Christmas come alive for 60 children (120 gifts) of men and women incarcerated in Missouri prisons, see Dora & Greg Thackery in the Connector this Sunday, December 4th. Please help us to fulfill the true meaning of Christmas for these children.

An Alternative Ludhiana Christmas



Give the gift of a week, month or year of nursing school this Christmas season. Anita is a second year nursing student at the Ludhiana Christian College of Nursing in India. She and her sister were orphaned as children and raised in an orphanage in Mussoorie, India. Anita's prayer is that she can complete her nursing school and serve the Lord by caring for the poor who are sick. She will make a wonderful Christian witness. She is a student that we at MUMC are hoping to support through graduation. Send your gift to the church or place it in the offering plate Sunday morning designating the check for "Anita-Nursing Student." Support her for a week (\$20), month (\$85) or year (\$1000). The Missouri Conference is seeking support for 10 other nursing students at the Ludhiana Christian Medical College and Hospital. If you wish to make an alternative Christmas gift, we will provide a letter from Anita as well as a Christmas card and video greetings from Anita herself. If you have questions, contact Max Marble, convener of the MUMC Ludhiana Task Force at 474-7155 or marble@umocm.com.

Items Needed for Partner in Education

Teachers at Jefferson Junior High have some specific requests. If you are able to contribute any of these items, please bring them to Ann Merrifield in the Connector on Sunday mornings, or drop them by the church office during the week. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to serve as a barista (see #4), email ann.merrifield@moumc.org or keith.vessell@moumc.org. 1) Liquid hand soap; 2) 5 dozen arrows for new archery unit (NASP Curriculum) - \$49.95/doz. or \$260.95 total; 3) Baking supplies - by Dec 5 (Sugar, Brown sugar, Powdered sugar, Flour, Chocolate chips, Mini-marshmallows, Walnuts or pecans, Cookie, brownie & cake mixes; 4) Reading class needs - by Dec 21 (Gently used magazines of interest to teens, Hot chocolate, cups, donuts/cookies, Volunteers to serve as "baristas" - 2 at a time from 8-3:15. *Note: they are having a "coffee house" and students will be putting to use their many text feature lessons. They would like this to be a learning and pleasant experience.*) 5) Dollar donations to purchase books for English classroom

Children's Ministry

Live B.I.G. December 4

B.I.G. Theme - The Story of Bethlehem

B.I.G. Idea - We believe that the story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem shows us that Jesus is the promised Messiah.

B.I.G. Verse - "He will be born in Bethlehem" (Matthew 2:5)

Bible Lesson - The Prophecies (Micah 5:2-5a)

Sunday School 10am

Tiny Tots	Rm 107
Terrific Twos	Rm 110
Preschool	Rm 101
Pre-K	Rm 105
Kindergarten	Rm 104
1st Grade	Rm 401
2nd Grade	Rm 403
3rd Grade	Rm 405
4th Grade	Rm 404
5th Grade	Rm 411

MISSOURI UNITED METHODIST YOUTH

Wednesday, November 30

5:30pm - Meal (\$4 per youth) - MPR

Menu: Chicken Parmesan, veggies, and brownies

6-6:30pm - Youth Choir Rehearsal (Chapel)

6:30-7:30p - Games, music video & devotion

Advent Healing

Sunday, December 4

10am - Sunday School

6th Grade - CLC 102 7th Grade - CLC 104

8th Grade - CLC 111 9th-12th Grades - CLC 103

6-8pm - SNL - Advent Journey prayer stations

Wednesday, December 7

5:30pm - Meal (\$4 per youth) - MPR

Menu: Pizza Night!

6-6:30pm - Youth Choir Rehearsal (Chapel)

6:30-7:30p - Games, music video & devotion

Advent Priority

Upcoming Events

- **Sign up for WOW now!** WOW is a statewide gathering of Methodist youth in Springfield, MO for a weekend of worship with amazing entertainment and inspirational messages. See youth bulletin board, emails and/or the office for more info.

- **MUMY Mission:** Summer 2012 Mission to Joplin, MO, July 29-August 3, rebuilding area devastated by tornadoes.

Please join us for Wednesday Night Workouts!

Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Whittler Hall

Both genders, all ages and fitness levels welcome!!

Questions? Email ringdahle@health.missouri.edu



MEN'S BASKETBALL

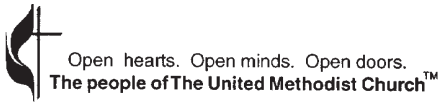
Thursdays from 6-7:30pm
in the Multipurpose Room



All ages are welcome! Questions? Call Greg Flaker 443-3501

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Worship Attendance on Sunday, November 27 - 629
We invite you to join us for Worship: Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m. in McMurry Chapel;
8:50 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Sunday School for All Ages - 10:00 a.m.

Military Prayer List

*Please remember those among us who are deployed for military service.
Please email donoho@mchsi.com to add names to the military prayer list.*

- CW3 Stephen Hudson at Fort Belvoir. VA - son of Tom & Nancy Hudson
- Lt. Commander Tom Statler at Great Lakes, IL - son of Rev. Jerry Statler
- PFC Evangeline Smock, Chaplains' Asst., Ft. Leonard Wood, MO - daughter of Jed & Cindy Smock
- Sgt. Aaron Headley, US Army, Ft. Polk, LA - son of Ingrid & Mark Headley
- Sgt. Gerrad W. Bard, Special Forces, Afghanistan - son of Gene Bard
- Lt. Col. Gary Ridenhour, commanding the 51st Expeditionary Signal Battalion at Ft. Lewis, WA - son of Dr. Gene Ridenhour
- Lt. J.G. Patrick Brooks, serving on the submarine, USS Ohio - son of Pat Brooks
- Sgt. Jeremy Kabler, Richards-Gebaur AFB, Belton, MO - grandson of Rev. Jim Kabler
- LCpl. Daniel Lozano, USMC, received head and back injuries in Afghanistan, now at Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego - grandson of Bev Huckaba
- Pfc. John M. Lozano, USMC, Camp Lejeune, NC - grandson of Bev Huckaba
- Dr. Courtney Schapira, Major, USAF, Afghanistan, Dental Corps - daughter of Dan and Ginger Schapira

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December 2Cynthia Arendt, William Chann, Bill Coen, Sondra Garton, Becky Gerdes, Monica Gullicks, Mildred Hourigan, Wilma Latta, Jonas Likos, Ryan Sears, Alex Sept **3**Nathan Blount, Charlotte Dean, Richard Garton, Steve Green, Spencer Mills **4**Dan Fowler, Kerry White **5**Blake Buchert, Carter Datz, Nathan Drymalski, Carla Hansel, Luke Heim, Leroy Sharp, Winston Stewart, Julie Williamson **6**Ryan Coughenour, Patrick Market, Jacki Putnam, Ron Turner, Kathryn Walker **7**Andy Babel, Joan Blackmore, Wilma Campbell, Anne Flaker, K. C. Flaker, Debra Futrell, Christine Morgan, Parker Murphy, Anne Orazio, Nathan Roberts, Robert Rowe, George Tegerdine **8**Ann Echelmeier, Janice Gaston, Ira Hubbell, George McKee, Tyler Page **9**Madelynn Heits, Kyle St. John **10**Tom Baker, David K. Jones, Edward Latta, Laura Page, Mary Shearer, Lola Southall, Kevin Summers, Spencer Turner, Keaton Yost **11**Taylor Dillard, Courtney Gaunt, Blythe Heits, Quinn Spear, Kenneth Unklesbay **12**Dawn Browning, Paige Laurie, Charles Lockwood, Melodi Sampson **13**Kim Alexander, Karen McNeely, Jeff Warren, Sophia White **14**Brian Adams, Patrick Clemens, Bob Davis, Debbie Poese, Noah Wells **15**Lynn Hostetter, Margaret Niemeyer, Lauren Sandifer, Linda Walker, Camryn White

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