

**DECEMBER 14 & 15**



**Live Nativity**  
The Story of Jesus' Birth

**December 14 & 15**  
**5 - 7pm | Both Nights**  
**Inside and outside activities for all ages!**

Live Animals	Drive through Nativity	
Free Dinner	Cookie Decorating	Family Activities
Various Crafts	Puzzle Room	Movie Room

**WHY CHURCH?**

**By Pastor Steve Scott**

My mom and mother-in-law had the same best friend 40 years apart, but they never knew it.

Carolyn and my mom, Marianna, were college classmates in Evanston, IL, in the 1950s.

Decades later, Carolyn and my mother-in-law, Nancy, were fast friends who met through their nearby UMC churches in Waukesha County.

Only after my mother's death did I come across correspondence that made the connection.

As did my mom and mother-in-law, their mutual friend Carolyn Boyden has dedicated much of her life to the United Methodist Church.

Last month Carolyn wrote on Facebook about "why do

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**FREE Community Event**

**SCAN TO VOLUNTEER**



Website Facebook



2000 Wesley Avenue | Janesville, WI  
West Parking Lot | Enter from Wesley Ave.  
608-752-0548 | [cargillumc.org](http://cargillumc.org)



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**Profiles at [www.cargillumc.org/  
about/leadership-staff](http://www.cargillumc.org/about/leadership-staff)**

## MOVING FORWARD WITH MCCI



The Next Generation team, one of Cargill's six MCCI teams, met with ministry coach Michelle Shiparski in November. MCCI is the Missional Church Consultation Initiative, which involves dozens of Cargill members prayerfully revitalizing ministries for the benefit of the church and the wider community.

Pray for each of our MCCI teams:

- 1) Dynamite Prayer
- 2) Next Generation Ministry
- 3) Decide: Steps of Faith
- 4) First Friends
- 5) Befriending Our Neighbors
- 6) Growing Generous Givers

## WHY DO I STILL GO TO CHURCH?

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I still go to church?"

I want to share some of her words because I found them hopeful and true:

"Why do I still go to church in a world where fewer people choose to do the same? It is not out of habit. It is not because I want to be seen as 'holier than thou.' My reason is simple.

"In a world where we value our freedom, our privacy, and our independence, I don't want to be alone. I choose to be connected to a family of imperfect people who believe in the existence of a loving God, a people who face the darkness of the world honestly, but choose to keep their eyes on the light.

"These are people who want that light to shine in the lives of others. My church, for me, is where this happens. We may be at different places in our journey, but all are welcomed, and encouraged to go on, serving others as we can.

"Where ever you stand, whatever you believe, I urge you to find a place and community where you will not feel alone. If, deep in your heart, you sense that there is something, I don't know, a connective force, a source that calls us together, find a family. Find a church ... a community where you are welcomed and encouraged to help one another. That is why I go to church in a world where fewer people choose to do the same.

"Hope to see you on Sunday."

## ADVENT STUDY

When **PROPHETS**  
dream of **CHRISTMAS**  
**A PASTOR LED ADVENT STUDY**

**Dec. 4 | Dec. 11 | Dec. 18**

2 - 3pm **OR** 6:30 - 7:30pm | Fellowship Hall

**ALL ARE WELCOME | COME AS YOU ARE**  
**EACH CLASS STANDS ALONE**

Registration appreciated, but not required - Scan QR Code



## A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE

**Blue** CHRISTMAS  
A Service of Hope and Healing

**Monday, December 23**  
**6:30 - 7:30pm | Chapel**

Through prayer, music, and scripture, the service creates a supportive environment where all are welcome to find peace and healing.

Questions? Contact Pastor Amy Powell - [amy@cargillumc.org](mailto:amy@cargillumc.org)

# SENIORS

*Come Together for*  
**SENIOR MEALS**  
**DECEMBER 5 ONLY**

**December 5**

Baked Ham,  
Cranberry Sauce,  
Green Beans,  
Rolls and Dessert

ONLY ONE IN DEC.

in the Fellowship Hall at 12 o'clock (noon)

Reserve your spot by the Tuesday  
before on the Senior bulletin board  
or call 608-752-0548

Anyone 50 or over is welcome!

**\$8 PER MEAL**

## Commons Scams & Fraud

presented by Ben Merens  
Outreach Specialist

Presented  
by: LookingUp

# Thursday, Dec. 5

1-3 pm | Chapel | Following Senior Meals

REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED, BUT APPRECIATED  
Register at the Welcome Center or scan QR code



## Blood Pressure Screenings EVERY THIRD WEEKEND



Following 5pm Service | Saturday  
Between Services 10am | Sunday

Both times in Library | Room 111

# ANGEL TREE

Cargill United Methodist Church is sponsoring three families this Christmas through ECHO Adopt-a-Family program.

Help us make someone's Christmas extra special by showing them what the love of God looks like!

Please consider choosing one or more ornaments, purchase the gift(s), wrap them, tape the ornament to the gift and return under the tree by no later than Sunday December 15.



# COOKIE WALK

United Women of Faith

## Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 7 beginning at 9am  
In Fellowship Hall

*All proceeds go to missions*

## POTLUCK INVITE



**CHRISTMAS**  
**POTLUCK GATHERING**  
HOSTED BY RUTH CIRCLE

**Tuesday, December 10**  
11:30am - 1pm | Fellowship Hall

BRING A DISH TO PASS & YOUR OWN DISHES  
UWF WILL HAVE HOT CHICKEN SANDWICHES

THIS IS A CHURCH WIDE INVITATION  
THERE WILL BE A CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

## CALLIGRAPHY CLASS

# Hand Lettered GIFT TAGS

Thursday, Dec. 5  
5 - 7 pm  
Room 108  
\$10 per person

*Important Information*  
- \$10 per person  
- Fee is due at registration  
- Deadline is November 1  
- Ages 13 and older  
- Sign up at Welcome Center



## END OF THE YEAR GIVING & CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE

Whether you are graciously making early contributions toward your 2025 pledge or are continuing to make contributions toward your 2024 pledge, please clearly label them for the year toward which you would like them applied. Also, if you would like to deduct your 2024 financial contributions, they must be postmarked by December 31 or placed in the offering plate, church office, or gold mailbox in the office hallway by Sunday, December 29. As always, please clearly label all contributions with the intended designation. Thank you to all who have supported the many ministries of Cargill UMC throughout 2024!

Cargill's church office will be closed December 24 through January 1. Please plan accordingly, including if you would like to make a last minute contribution.

## GIFTS THRIFT STORE

### COME AND SERVE



**THRIFT STORE**  
Shop. Donate. Volunteer.

PROFITS FROM THE STORE ARE CRITICAL IN SUPPORTING THE GIFTS MEN'S SHELTER

**2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY EVERY MONTH**

**DECEMBER 14 | 10:30AM**  
SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP → 

## BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS



2000 Wesley Ave., Janesville  
(608) 752-0548



**FREE COMMUNITY MEAL**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**SAT. DEC. 21 | 4 PM**

Ham, Cranberries, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans and Rolls

# CARGILL

*gives* | Your year-end guide  
to generosity

Your financial giving before year's end will support:

- INSPIRING MESSAGES OF HOPE • WEEKLY WORSHIP IN PERSON & ONLINE •
- MUSICAL EXCELLENCE • MINISTRY WITH FAMILIES •
- WELCOMING & HOSPITALITY TO GUESTS • SMALL-GROUP STUDIES •
- CARING MINISTRIES FOR THOSE IN NEED • HEALTH & WELLNESS •
- ACTS OF MERCY • WORKS OF JUSTICE • MEDIA OUTREACH •
- MAINTAINING CARGILL UMC AS A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE

Giving to be recognized for 2024 must be received in person  
by December 29 or postmarked by December 31

Will you grow in your pledge for 2025, or  
make a first-time pledge if you haven't before?

WATCH FOR PLEDGE CARDS IN THE MAIL

You may pledge weekly, monthly, quarterly, or yearly

GIVE ONLINE AT

[www.CargillUMC.org/giveonline/](http://www.CargillUMC.org/giveonline/)

Or in worship services or by mail  
to 2000 Wesley Ave., Janesville, WI 53545

**MAKE A PLEDGE  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

I / WE ARE COMMITTED TO GIVE

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly  Monthly  
 Quarterly  Yearly

TO THE GENERAL FUND

For an annual total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  Check if  
this is a one-time  
pledge

Envelope number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

**CARGILL UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
Generosity & Gratitude 2025

To submit your pledge, please send:  
• Your card in Sanctuary or Chapel offering  
at Cargill UMC  
• Mail card to 2000 Wesley Ave., Janesville,  
WI 53545  
• Drop off at Church Mt. To 8:30a-4:30p

# DECEMBER 2024

## MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM CARGILL UMC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Adult Bible Study 9:00 am – 10:00 am Sunday Worship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30 am Ukulele Gathering 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	2 Goshen Quilters 8:30 am – 11:00 am Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm UWF Missions Meeting 6:30 pm	3 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am	4 Advent Bible Study 2 - 3pm or 6:30 - 7:30pm Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Upper Room Study 9:00 am	5 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am – 12:00 pm Senior Meals 12:00 pm Common Scams & Frauds 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Cookie Walk Setup 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	6 Men's Bible Study 6:00 am – 7:00 am Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am	7 Cookie Walk 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Saturday Worship 5:00 pm
8 Adult Bible Study 9:00 am – 10:00 am Sunday Worship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30 am Janesville Choral Union 2:00 pm	9 Goshen Quilters 8:30 am – 11:00 am Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	10 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Ruth Circle Potluck 11:30 am – 1:00 pm	11 Advent Bible Study 2 - 3pm or 6:30 - 7:30pm Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Upper Room Study 9:00 am	12 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am – 12:00 pm	13 Men's Bible Study 6:00 am – 7:00 am Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am	14 GIFTS Thrift Store 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Saturday Worship 5:00 pm Live Nativity 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
15 Adult Bible Study 9:00 am – 10:00 am Sunday Worship 9:00 am Blood Pressure 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Sunday School 10:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30 am Ukulele Gathering 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm Live Nativity 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	16 Goshen Quilters 8:30 am – 11:00 am Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Adult Fellowship & Craft Night 5:00 pm	17 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am	18 Advent Bible Study 2 - 3pm or 6:30 - 7:30pm Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Upper Room Study 9:00 am	19 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am – 12:00 pm	20 Men's Bible Study 6:00 am – 7:00 am Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am	21 Bountiful Blessings 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Saturday Worship 5:00 pm Blood Pressure 6:00 pm
22 Adult Bible Study 9:00 am – 10:00 am Sunday Worship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30 am	23 Goshen Quilters 8:30 am – 11:00 am Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Blue Christmas 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	24 Family Christmas Eve Service 4:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Communion Christmas Eve Service 11:00 pm	25 Church Office Closed	26 Church Office Closed	27 Church Office Closed	28 Church Office Closed Saturday Worship 5:00 pm
29 Church Office Closed Adult Bible Study 9:00 am – 10:00 am Sunday Worship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30 am	30 Church Office Closed	31 Church Office Closed	<h1>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</h1> <p>For the most up to date calendar, future months or to learn about a specific event scan the QR Code.</p> 			



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**ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED**

Non-Profit  
Organization  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Janesville, WI  
Permit No. 206

# Christmas Services

*Blue* CHRISTMAS  
A Service of Hope and Healing  
**Monday, December 23**  
6:30 - 7:30pm | Chapel



2000 Wesley Ave., Janesville, WI

**Tuesday, December 24**  
4pm, 7pm & 11pm

**Come, Let Us Adore Him**

Children's Program	4pm
Free Child Care	4 & 7pm
Livestream	4 & 7pm
Holy Communion	11pm

**Livestream can be viewed at [www.cargillumc.org](http://www.cargillumc.org)**