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## Worship Schedule

### January 1

8:00 a.m. Media Worship Service with Holy Communion  
 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

### January 8

8:00 a.m. Media Worship Service  
 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

### January 15

8:00 a.m. Media Worship Service  
 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

### January 22

8:00 a.m. Media Worship Service  
 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service  
 10:40 a.m. Open Forum

### January 29

8:00 a.m. Media Worship Service  
 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service  
Annual Meeting to immediately follow

### February 5

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship Service with Holy Communion

### Special Points of Interest:

- Sunday, January 1  
New Years Day
- Friday, January 6  
Annual Report Deadline
- Thursday, January 12  
Women's Fellowship Potluck  
11:00 am at Church
- Saturday, January 14  
Confirmation Field Trip to St. Joseph's RCC 4:00 pm
- Sunday, January 15  
Last Day to Contribute to Heifer International Ark Campaign  
Game Night Potluck 5-7 pm
- Sunday, January 22  
Heifer Ark Celebration with Food Pantry Sale with Noah's Ark Theme Following both Worship Services  
Open Forum 10:40 am
- Sunday, January 29  
Annual Meeting Immediately Following the 9:30 Service

### Mission Spotlight

#### **Mission Opportunities in Jan:**

- Last Day to Contribute to Heifer International Ark Campaign  
Sunday, January 15
- Heifer Ark Celebration  
Sunday, January 22
- Food Pantry Food Sale w/ Noah's Ark Theme  
Sunday, January 22 following both services food items will be sold *two by two* (in pairs)

**Mission Board Meeting:**  
 Tuesday, Jan. 10, 6:30 p.m.

## Mission Statement

*Love God's Creation-  
 Share in Fellowship-  
 Live Christ's Example*



## The Spiritual Corner



**From Your Pastor's Pen:** Happy New Year! (he writes weeks prior to the celebration of Christmas). May all your days be blest and life full of true friends and true experiences of God.

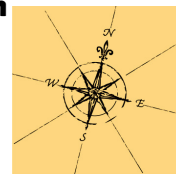
A recent guest speaker at our Northeast Association's Annual Meeting was the Reverend John Kruger, the retired but very active Indian-Kentucky Conference Minister. He shared many of the trends and related challenges facing churches everywhere in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. His main point was that churches generally have been living in a sort of insulated cocoon, largely oblivious to radical cultural shifts and changes taking place, especially regarding religion. Churches have simply not adapted to the shifts. What I took away that was most helpful was his contrasting of old and new ways people become committed church members—how it was done is no longer and how it now happens.

He identified the "**Old Pattern**" (what we're very familiar with—the way it was) that went this way: **Believing, Behaving, Belonging**. People were believers first; then, blessed with a faith community they had opportunity to put their faith into actions (behaving) Church thereby quickly became their home (belonging).

But in today's world the steps toward a vital Church goes like this. "**New Pattern**": **Belonging, Behaving, Believing** (just the opposite of the Old Pattern). People walk in the door mostly as non-believers (they've been called "seekers"); they often become members before they are real believers. Then, (if they stick around long enough, and the church adequately nourishes them) they learn how to practice their faith (behaving) and in the process of "doing faith" they become believers.

I recognize a great deal of truth in these patterns, which is of course why I'm sharing them with you! As we begin a New Year together I challenge every Board, every Committee, every officer, every group, every member to embrace the New Pattern as our road map going forward. At it's simplest it means this: **Getting involved and staying involved!** Together we are to move together from greater behaving to greater believing. Behaving as a faith community produces a greater faith in each one of us. As faith flourishes, worship flourishes, community flourishes, individuals flourish, Church flourishes. God-related busyness is the key to opening the door on all we hope for and dream of here at U-CC!

**Get involved! Stay involved! God will lead you to amazing places!**  
**Staying involved with you, knowing you're involved with me, - Pastor Mark**



**Thought to Ponder:** A possible New Year's Resolution:  
**Think Before You Speak.**

A story told of the great Danish physicist, Niels Bohr, who enters a pet store to buy a parrot, goes like this. He is shown a very colorful bird and told that it speaks 10 different words and costs \$500. Then he is shown a more colorful bird, with a vocabulary of over 100 words, with a price of \$5000. Then he notices a scruffy beast in the corner and asks how much that bird is. He is told \$100,000.

Flabbergasted, "Why?!" he asks, "That bird is unattractive and doesn't speak. The bird that is beautiful and speaks 10 words is \$500, and the one even more beautiful that speaks 100+ words is \$5000. So how can you justify \$100,000. for that scurfy little bird over there, who doesn't speak?"

The clerk smiled and responded,  
**"That bird thinks."**



**Heavenly Humor:**

When little Kelli said her bedtime prayers she would always say a blessing for every member of her family. She would conclude her prayer by saying "And all girls." Her father thought this was curious and eventually asked her why she always added the part about all the girls. Kelli responded, "Because everybody always finishes their prayer by saying 'All Men!'"



Program News



**Annual Report Deadline**  
**Friday January 6, 2012**

**NEW YEAR'S PRAYER:**  
God, help me to live from day to day  
In such a self-forgetful way  
That even when I kneel and pray  
My prayers shall be for others  
Others, Lord; yes others  
Let this my motto be  
Let me live for others  
That I may truly live for Thee.



**Treasurer's Report:** Thanks so much for the generous giving to the Building Maintenance account! I am happy to report that we are out of the red.....way out! Check out the beautiful doors that have been installed in the front of the church. Without your donations this would have never happened. Just a reminder that in February the Youth group will be going on a retreat. If you would like to give to this great experience for our Youth please donate to the Youth Fund. Happy New Year to all!



**Women's Fellowship** Bible Study, food and fun fellowship is scheduled for January 12 at 11 am. We will be meeting at Church. Bring a dish to pass. If you're unable to bring a dish to pass, please come, there will be plenty!



**Annual Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 29, 2012**  
**immediately following**  
**the 9:30 am**  
**worship service.**

**Game Night/Potluck**

After the hustle and bustle of the holiday season lets make a New Year's Resolution to spending some quality fellowship time with our church family!

Please join us Sunday Jan. 15th from 5 - 7 pm for a fun game night with potluck. All ages are welcome. Bring a dish to pass and a game if you like, and lets spend some time together.



**Book Club** Book club is open to all women who enjoy reading. We meet the 4th Tues. of each month, at 7 pm. This month's book discussion is "The Pillars of the Earth" by Ken Follet. Location to be determined. Watch bulletin announcements for more info or contact Sandra Champion at 324-8500.



**Cookie Walk Thank You!** The Mission Board would like to thank all of our generous cookie walk bakers and shoppers! We had a great selection of festive cookies this year! The sharing of your time, talents, and treasures again made our Cookie Walk a huge success, raising \$860 for Missions.



**Heifer Ark Celebration** Sunday, January 22 will be Heifer Ark Celebration Day! There will be a food pantry sale following both services with a Noah's Ark theme. Food items will be sold two by two. This is your last chance to contribute to the Heifer International Ark Campaign.



## Christian Ed Corner & January Birthdays



**Change Can Be Good** For those of you who were able to join in the celebration of the Hanging of the Greens, you know what I mean when I say “different, but the same”. The children still decorated the church with the familiar symbols and stories of Christmas although with some new parts. They still blessed us all with beautiful music, although with new songs and instruments. They still told the story of Jesus’ birth, although this time with a “town crier” and a “few innkeepers” along the way.

I heard so many people talking about how much they enjoyed the program and how they loved the new changes. For this, many thanks go out to Tabitha Bossenbroek who wrote the new script. Change can be hard, but it can be good!

To the children, you all worked very hard both in your decorations and your practices. Thank you and we look forward to what you will bless us with next year!

A special thank you also goes out to the choir for their beautiful songs and who took on extra parts this year, the parents of the Sunday school children for baking goodies to serve after the program, the Stewardship Committee for serving us the goodies, and the Sunday school teachers and Christian Education Committee for working with the children and helping with the program.

Although Christmas has come and went, let us remember that Christ is always near. We are surrounded by his glory and love.  
God Bless-Heather



**Important Confirmation Dates:** Field Trip to St. Joseph's RCC. All Confirmands will be attending Mass with Pastor Mark and their mentors on Saturday, January 14th. We will meet at U-CC at 4pm. Just a reminder, that the confirmation retreat is February 3-5. It will be held at The Pilgrim Center in Green Lake. More info will be handed out in your January meeting. Also, please keep working on your binders. If you have any questions on your requirements, please contact your mentor.










### Happy Birthday!

01/01 Susan McCullough, Betty Dvorak, Michael Wagner	01/11 Debbie Scheller, Kameron Krentz	01/22 Trudy Holtan, Robert Brown
01/02 Angie Kast, Hailey Mischler, Mallory Blankenberg, Lorna Pluim	01/12 Eric Loomans, Mary Lemmenes	01/23 Lana Meyer, Mei Champion, Noah Gerritson
01/03 Donna Kahl, Addison Bradley	01/13 Dillion Wallendal, Reagan Groenewold	01/24 Phyllis Wagner
01/04 Nick Kuzulka, Chris Hubbard, Jake Mecklenberg	01/15 Melissa Brown, Rheanna Schiniger-Krentz, Brent Johnson	01/25 Linda Bresser, Kallyn Krohn, Hunter Riter, Judy Mecklenberg
01/05 Jennifer Brewer	01/16 Terri Hupf, John Nickel, Tucker Lemmenes	01/27 Linda Nickel
01/06 Ryan Tebeest, Brian Cosgrove	01/18 Keith Wojahn, Eric Krueger	01/28 Georgiann Vande Zande, William Balgie
01/07 Julie Weyer	01/19 Tabitha Bossenbroek, Jacob Vanderkin, Mckayla Tjepkema, Marilyn Whiting, Steven Krueger	01/29 Donald Vanderkin, Jason Murray
01/08 Douglas Whiting	01/20 Jacy Deboer, Linda Harmsen	01/30 Erin Bradley, Hailey Searvogel
01/09 Ava Koerner	01/21 Randy Hupf, Adam Loomans	01/31 Jean Mckim
01/10 Clifford Teletzke, James Butler		



# Calendar and Volunteers for January



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1 <u>New Year's Day</u></b> Media Service with Holy Communion 8:00 am Sunday School &amp; Fellowship Hour 8:30 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion 9:30 am</p> 	<p><b>2</b> Christian Ed 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>3</b> Media 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> Annual Report Deadline</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8</b> Media Service 8:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class &amp; Fellowship Hour 8:30 am Traditional Service 9:30 am</p>	<p><b>9</b> Trustees 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>10</b> Diaconate 6:00 pm Missions 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> Women's Fellowship 11:00 am Potluck at Church</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> Confirmation Field Trip to St. Josephs RCC 4 pm</p>
<p><b>15</b> Media Service 8:00 am Sunday School &amp; Fellowship Hour 8:30 am Traditional Service 9:30 am Last day to Contribute to Heifer International Ark Campaign Game Night Potluck 5-7 pm</p> 	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> Council 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22 <u>Heifer Ark Celebration</u></b> Media Service 8:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class &amp; Fellowship Hour 8:30 am Traditional Service 9:30 am Food Pantry Sale following both Services with Noah's Ark Theme Open Forum 10:40 am</p> 	<p><b>23</b> Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p><b>24</b> Book Club 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> SHARE 8:30 am</p>
<p><b>29</b> Media Service 8:00 am Sunday School &amp; Fellowship Hour 8:30 am Traditional Service 9:30 am Annual Meeting 10:30 am</p> 	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>				



*"Freely you have received, freely give." - Matthew 10:8*



	<u>Deacon on Duty</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
<b>January 2</b>	Wayne Buteyn	To be Determined	Julie Bronkhorst	To be Determined
<b>January 9</b>	Jim Smith	To be Determined	Ed Firlus	To be Determined
<b>January 16</b>	Sue Wiggins	To be Determined	AJ Kahl	To be Determined
<b>January 23</b>	Don Cook	To be Determined	Paul Reynolds	To be Determined
<b>January 30</b>	Ted Sullivan	To be Determined	Chris Van Buren	To be Determined



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**Spring  
into the  
New Year  
with  
hope.**

***"There is surely a future hope for you, and  
your hope will not be cut off."***

*Proverbs 23:18*

**One Service Sunday:** Beginning the first Sunday in February and every following first Sunday of each month, your U-CC will be uniting in body and Spirit to worship as one at 9:30 am. This will be a "blended" type service—media/contemporary & traditional elements. Holy Communion will be shared. Children/families strongly encouraged to attend.




**Services Online** We know you can't always make it to church and so to feed your soul for the week, services are available online, under the worship tab of our website, [www.uccwaupun.net](http://www.uccwaupun.net), or on a CD. CD's are also available in the fellowship hall.



**Support Your Church Online** U-CC is pleased to offer congregation friends and members the convenient option of making donations right on the church's website at: [www.uccwaupun.net](http://www.uccwaupun.net). All info provided online is kept strictly confidential.

**Sound Board Training Offered** Do you seek to serve your Church in this way? Please contact either Pastor Mark or Nick Kuzulka (324-5210). Nick will then schedule a time with you to share his technical expertise. You then will have the necessary skills to operate the sound board and media equipment at 1 of our 2 services.



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