

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Joint Church Service at 10:00 a.m. in Blue Rapids	3	4	5 Advent Bible Study at Noon at Marysville Church And Blue Rapids Trustee's mtg at 7	6	7	8 Frankfort Christmas Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
9 Marysville Children's Christmas Program &OTPM Christmas Party 2pm-4pm	10 Washington Session meeting at Noon	11	12 Advent Bible Study at Noon at Marysville Church	13 Blue Rapids Session meeting at Noon	14	15
16 WS & B.R. Christmas Program & Blue Valley Nursing Home Carols&Communion	17	18	19 Advent Bible Study at Noon at Marysville Church	20	21	22
23	24 Frankfort 5:30 pm Washington 6 pm Marysville 7 pm Blue Rapids 7:30pm	25 Christmas Day 	26 Washington Food Bank	27	28	29
30 Pastor's Open House 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	31					

Worship Notes for December 2018

2 1st Sunday of Advent

Joint Church Service at Blue Rapids at 10:00 a.m. for Confirmation Service. Potluck meal to follow the service.

9 2nd Sunday of Advent

Frankfort: Rev. Shannon Borgman

Marysville: Rev. Shannon Borgman (Christmas program)

Blue Rapids: CLP Gary Phillips

Washington: CLP Gary Phillips

16 3rd Sunday of Advent

Frankfort: CLP Gary Phillips

Marysville: CLP Gary Phillips

Blue Rapids: Rev. Shannon Borgman (Christmas program)

Washington: **No services** – Trinity Lutheran will have Sunday School Christmas Program at their church at 11:00 a.m.

23 4th Sunday of Advent

Frankfort: CLP Gary Phillips

Marysville: CLP Gary Phillips

Blue Rapids: Rev. Shannon Borgman

Washington: Rev. Shannon Borgman

24 Christmas Eve Services

Washington 6:00 p.m. (Rev. Shannon Borgman)

Blue Rapids 7:30 p.m. (Rev. Shannon Borgman)

Frankfort 5:30 p.m. (CLP Gary Phillips)

Marysville 7:00 p.m. (CLP Gary Phillips)

30 1st Sunday after Christmas Day

Frankfort: Rev. Shannon Borgman

Marysville: Rev. Shannon Borgman

Blue Rapids: CLP Gary Phillips

Washington: CLP Gary Phillips

Birthdays/Anniversaries for December

1 Larry & Carol Claycamp	17 Quincie Keesecker
3 Harrison Townsend	19 Lyle & Diane Thompson
4 Parker Price	20 Melissa Fernandes
7 Layla Tholstrup	22 Nick Wullschleger
9 Marjorie Laflen	22 Aubrey Wullschleger
10 Suzanne Whitesell	22 Gary Phillips
10 Chuck McLeod	22 Gina Seematter
12 Mike Rencin	27 Mike & Gina Rencin
12 Kevin Honeycutt	31 Joel Naaf



May God grant you joy and blessings on your special day!



Joys and Concerns

- Prayers for Parker Price as he continues his battle with cancer.
- Prayers for Suzanne Whitesell for health concerns.
- Prayers for Libby Price-Obley for health concerns.
- Prayers for Dorothy Joy Smith as she continues to recover and move to Country Place Living in Marysville.
- Prayers and Joys to the 7 young adults being Confirmed into our churches.
- JOY of new member, Alicia Wilcox to the Blue Rapids church
- JOY of Baptisms of Macy, Sage & Brock Wilcox.
- Traveling prayers for your families over the Holidays.

WORSHIP HOURS
Blue Rapids 9 a.m.
Frankfort 9 a.m.
Marysville 10:30 a.m.
Washington 11:00 a.m.

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December 2

December 9

December 16

December 23

December 30

Blue Rapids

Marysville

Chuck Wullschlegler

Frankfort

Washington

Mick & Michele Walter

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Trinity Lutheran Program, **no Services**

Susan Keesecker

Christy Metz

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Frankfort, December 24

Marysville, December 24 Jana Allen

Blue Rapids, December 24 Karen Claycamp & Connie Edwards

Washington, December 24

Be sure to check out the new

OTPM website:

<https://www.oregontrailmin.org>

Blue Rapids Session meeting notes from November 7th

- Maecyn Gunn, Delana Murk, Kadin Claycamp and Trayton Claycamp met with the Session to be accepted into the church. Alicia Wilcox met with the Session to be accepted as a new member. Macy Wilcox met with the Session on November 11th to be accepted into the church.
- Pastor Shannon proposed an Advent Sunday School on December 9th, 16th and 23rd. Connie, Karen and Alicia volunteered to help with this
- Pastor Shannon discussed Advent Bible classes to be held at the Marysville church each Wednesday at noon starting November 28th thru December 19th.
- Annual congregational meeting will be held on January 20th.
- Reviewed 2019 budget, will review again in December when more information is available.
- Pastor Shannon reported on the new OTPM website.
- Christmas Eve service will be at 7:30 p.m. and the offering will go to the Food Pantry.

Confirmation Sunday: OTMP is excited to celebrate with seven new confirmands as they affirm their baptismal promise and claim their faith as their own. On December 2nd at 10am we will be hosting a joint Confirmation Worship Service. After worship you are invited to stay for a community potluck celebration. What better way to welcome our youth than with potluck dishes baked with love. **Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share.**

OTPM Christmas Party! Christmas is coming and plans are being made to host a special afternoon of food and fellowship on December 16th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Blue Rapids church. **Bring snacks to share and join us for games and fellowship.**

First Presbyterian Church in Frankfort

December 8th at 5:30 p.m. is a special Christmas Koinonia meal at Frankfort Presbyterian. Contact Dennis Ahlvers at 785-564-0523 or ahlvers@ksu.edu.

First United Presbyterian Church in Washington

December 16th is the Sunday School Christmas Program.
Gather at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church.
NO SERVICE at our First United Presbyterian Church.

United Presbyterian in Blue Rapids

Coffee Hour, every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. in Faith Hall.
December 16th is the Children's Christmas Program.

Memorial Presbyterian in Marysville

Advent Bible Study: Wednesday's at noon
Christmas is my favorite season in the church. The decorations, the lights and the classic holiday cheer. It's also a very busy season and at times it can be hard to find time to breath. You are invited to breath during this season with a special Advent Bible Study. Starting November 28th Marysville Memorial Presbyterian Church will host an Advent Bible study with Pastor Shannon. Every Wednesday at noon you are invited to bring your lunch and spend time in God's word. This Bible study is open to everyone. December 9th is the Children's Christmas Program.

Open House at the Manse

In gratitude for the warm welcome to our new church family Adam and Pastor Shannon would like to invite you to an open house at the Manse. December 30th from 3pm-6pm you are invited to drop in for conversation and cookies.

Notes from Pastor Shannon: I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. Ephesians 1:17-19

For the last few months I've been taking time to get to know you. As I've gathered with sessions, shared from the pulpit and sat across the table one thing is very clear. We each of us has a special heart drop. The beauty of our relationship as four congregations is that no single congregation is left to take care of "all" the ministry of the church. Instead we can each live into our own unique heart drops.

Think about the way a heart beats. A healthy heart usually beats between 60-100 beats per minute. Exercise, health conditions, and other factors can affect that number but for the most part there is a range that is considered good. It's a range though. For most of us our resting beat is somewhere on the scale, unique to who we are.

This is what it is like in the life of our churches. There is a range of heart beats per minute that we can live in but each of us have a specific heart drop. There are ministries that touch our hearts and move us to act more quickly than others. These are heart drops. For some of us ministry to the meek is where our heart drops, for others it's ministry with children. Each ministry has a place in God's heart, and has been put in our path to pay attention to. God has a heart drop for us to live into, a place of hope to which he has called us. In that heart drop we find ourselves. It's in that heart drop that the energy of ministry fills us and we know we are in God's power.

A common misunderstanding in God's church is that some heart drops matter more than others. But to God all ministry has purpose and value. Shared ministry with other congregations, ministry to children and youth, community engagement, communion to the sick, are all ways that God engages us in His work. Our role isn't to try to live into every heart drop, but to figure out our own unique beat.

This season of Advent we spend our time reflecting on God's own heart drop for us. It's in a manger, with shepherds and farm animals that we hear God's heart drop for us. As we reflect on this truth I invite you to listen for your own heart drop. I invite you to begin to listen to where your heart speeds with excitement and where your church dances with hope. That is where your heart drops for God's call.