



# CROSSING POINT

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The Christmas Offering supports Regional Ministries. In 33 regions across the U.S. and Canada, ministers are nurtured and congregations are provided opportunities for work and worship.

Often recognized for the ministries of camps and conferences, regions also play a critical role in the preparation and authorization of ministerial ordination. Both are key to church leadership and development. Regions partner with congregations to support the work

required to call a new minister.

We will receive the Christmas Offering on December 11 and 18.

This information was taken from the Disciples' Mission Fund web site.

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## *Dawn's Ditties*

It's that time of the year that we either love or we dread. Some of us are already in the throes of the Holiday magic and some of us are still bah humbugging away. I admit I love the holidays but I don't get into the full Christmas spirit until the day after Thanksgiving. I walked into a store at the beginning of November and they already were playing Christmas music and my jaw admittedly clamped tight in frustration. My fear is that with the commercialism of the holidays that we lose focus on the true meaning of Christmas. The true meaning of Christmas is that God gave his son to Mary and Joseph to be raised as a human child and that little babe would grow up to save mankind. In the song by Chris Rice titled, *Welcome to Our World*, the lyrics are so poignant and moving:

Hope that you don't mind our manger  
How I wish we would have known  
But long-awaited Holy Stranger  
Make Yourself at home  
Please make Yourself at home  
Bring Your peace into our violence  
Bid our hungry souls be filled  
Word now breaking Heaven's silence  
Welcome to our world  
Welcome to our world

This, my friends is the meaning of Christmas. Remembering and celebrating Christ's birth, welcoming him into our world. This year we have a unique opportunity to worship together on Christmas Day. I know some will not come to worship due to family obligations and traditions, but I encourage you to bring your family to worship that day, experience this day. A Christmas Sunday is a rare and meaningful time. I also encourage you to come out for Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion. Please in all you do during these Advent season put Christ as the reason for the season.

*Blessings,  
Pastor Dawn Marie*

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Worship  
with us!

The Bowling Green First Christian Church and New Harmony Christian Church will celebrate the beginning of Advent with a Hanging of the Greens service on **Sunday, November 27**. Come and renew your spiritual journey as we enter the Advent season and look forward to celebrating the birth of Christ.



New Harmony Christian Church service begins at 9:00 a.m.  
Bowling Green First Christian Church service begins at 10:45 a.m.

Bowling Green will continue the celebration with a carry in lunch following the service. Lasagna, drinks, and bread will be provided. All are welcome to attend.



If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, we invite you to please do so. Please let Ramona know whom you are giving the poinsettia in memory of and to which church. These names will be placed in our Christmas Day bulletin.

We will have our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service** at 6:00 p.m. at New Harmony Christian Church. We invite all of you out for this very special and moving service where we share the scriptures, message, songs and communion together.



# DECEMBER

BG Men's Breakfast Group will meet **Sunday, December 4** at 7:30 a.m.

## NH CWF Christmas Program

New Harmony CWF will meet on **Sunday, December 4** at 1:30 p.m. for a Christmas program with refreshments to follow. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.

## BG Concert

BG will host a Christmas Concert featuring Michael Gaines and Pat Kerns on **Sunday, December 4** at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are available from church members or by calling the church office. A reception will follow the concert.



**Wednesday, December 7** will be New Harmony's monthly fundraiser at Crystal's. Bowling Green's fundraiser will be on **Wednesday, December 28**.

## BG Ladies' Breakfast Club Brunch and Christmas Party

The ladies will meet at the church on **Saturday, December 10** at 9:00 a.m. for a brunch and Christmas Party. Food is provided. Please bring a \$10.00 gift if you wish to participate in the gift exchange. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.

## "Journey to Bethlehem" Trip

On **Saturday, December 10** at 2:30 p.m., we will meet at the BG First Christian Church and travel to Harvester Christian Church in St. Charles to tour the "Journey to Bethlehem" event. Travel back in time and experience the people, places and circumstances surrounding the birth of Jesus. This is a live re-enactment that is held outdoors, and there is no charge. There is a sign up sheet at both churches.

## Board Meetings

New Harmony will have a board meeting on **Sunday, December 11** at 8:00 a.m. Bowling Green will have a board meeting on **Sunday, December 11** following worship service.

## Holiday Hope Project

Bowling Green will host Holiday Hope on **Saturday, December 17** from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please watch the bulletin for work days to help set up for this event.





There will be a Bridal Shower at the church on **Saturday, December 17** from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for Malinka Berlin.

### NH Christmas Program

New Harmony Christian Church will have a Christmas program on **Sunday, December 18** at 4:00 p.m. We will have a short play by the youth and children and also are inviting anyone (adult, youth, or child) that would like to share a talent. Let Pastor Dawn Marie know by December 11. Following the program we will have a time of refreshments with a visit from a special guest.



Wedding  
Invitation



*Malinka Lauran Berlin  
and  
Harlan Elgin Jennings*

*Together with Their Parents  
Request the Pleasure of Your Company  
At Their Marriage Ceremony  
On Saturday, the 31<sup>st</sup> of December, 2011  
At Two O'clock in the Afternoon  
First Christian Church  
15 North High Street  
Bowling Green, MO 63334*

*Cake and Punch Reception  
Following Ceremony in  
Church Fellowship Hall*

*Dance and Celebration  
Starting at Eight O'clock in the Evening  
Ashley Community Center*

## The Twelve Days of Christmas

When Oliver Cromwell came to power in England, Catholics were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Tradition holds that Catholic parents developed "The Twelve Days of Christmas" to teach children their beliefs.

**The partridge in a pear tree:** represents Jesus (the partridge will sacrifice its life to save its young).

**Two turtle doves:** The Old and New Testaments

**Three French hens:** Faith, hope, and charity, or the three gifts of the Wise Men

**Four calling birds:** The four Evangelists--Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

**Five golden rings:** The first five books of the Old Testament

**Six geese a-laying:** The six days of creation described in Genesis

**Seven swans a-swimming:** The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord)

**Eight maids a-milking:** The eight Beatitudes

**Nine ladies dancing:** The nine choirs of angels (Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominions, Virtues, Powers, Principalities, Archangels, and regular angels); or the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit (love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, patience, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control).

**Ten lords a-leaping:** The Ten Commandments

**Eleven pipers piping:** The eleven faithful Apostles

**Twelve drummers drumming:** The twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed

"They Shall Name Him



Which Means,  
God Is With Us."

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Lorna Adam Gatson, Tanner Ahart, Bob Baskett, Melba Benn, Philip Bibb, Julie Bittle, Terrace Boudinier, Alta May Boyd, Tim Brehm, Joe Branstetter, Jeff Brown, Michael Bushman, Chris Clark, Ryan Collins, Henry Cox, Lisa Crow, Betty Daffron, John Deters, Nina Dillion, Zandra Dowell, Maxine Ele, Scott Epperson, Doug Eschelman, Brenda Eskew, Laura Fletcher, Alisha Foss, Ethel Fry, Don Fulsom, Edith Gates, Betty Gay, Pam Glaspie, Harold Hamm, Michael Hatfield, Kevin Henry, Mabel Holman, Amanda Huddleson, Taylor Kelsey, Ronnie Kimbrel, Janette Kobe, Emily Lane, Charlene Lawson, Ray Lawson, Chris Lenorad, Joe Lewis, Carly Lovell, Harriet Litchfield, Abbi Lucas, Bertha Marshall, Linda McBride, Richard McPike, Matthew Medlock, Cindy Mehler, Marilyn Millan, Diana Moore, Erwin & Betty Moore, Ansel Niemeyer, Rose Ann Niemeyer, Roy Owens, Jonathon Penn, Julie Picton, Dana Reading, Betty Scherder, Nancy Schildmeier, Frank Scott, Lindell Scott, Darlene Sealy, Lucille Sellers, Sam Sherwood, Dea Strand, Gloria Swon, Michael Tedrow, Dillion Thomas, Bill Traynor, Gene Traynor, Mary Margaret Vogel, Don Watts, and Chad Wendel

Remember the Middle East, all the Washington Park Area, the earthquake victims in Japan, and the tornado victims in Joplin, and the people of Libya

Also remember our members who are traveling and the men and women of the armed forces. (Brian Long, serving in the Middle East, and Levi Dorris serving onboard ship, unknown location)

Remember our loved ones who can no longer be here to worship with us: Richard Branstetter, Donna Pearl Butler, Dora Mae Clifton, Ruby Freeman, Betty Moore, Erwin Moore, and Josephine Worthington



to: the families of Matthew Balentine, Nellie Branstetter, Fay Cox, Leanne Spengler, and Abigale Sue Tipton

DECEMBER



**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- 2 Lillian Wallace
- 9 Dave Black
- 10 Jessica Richard
- 11 Tom Richard
- 13 Lily Foutes
- 14 Josee Kraft  
Sarah Smith
- 19 Dan Peters
- 26 Jacob Calvin  
Dustin Kuntz
- 29 Deborah Kraft  
Greg McCollum
- 30 Courtney Kraft  
Greg Luebrecht
- 11 Ron & Pastor Dawn Marie  
Turner
- 20 Lyndell & Ima Jean Scott
- 27 Dale & Phyllis Noel

Please let the office know if there are any corrections or additions to this list. Thank you!

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<b>Bowling Green</b> <b>Worship: 10:45 a.m.</b> <b>Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>New Harmony</b> <b>Worship: 9:00 a.m.</b> <b>Sunday school: 10:15 a.m.</b>				
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<b>Greeters</b> Cheryl Hopke & Doris Lindsay <b>Homebound Communion</b> Betty Jamieson & Ed Lawson	<b>Homebound Communion</b> Marie Fisher				
<b>BG Pianist/Organist</b> 12/04 Carol Fanning    12/11 Carol Fanning 12/18 Michael Gaines    12/25 Mary Millan	<b>NH Pianist/Organist</b> Deborah Kraft				
<b>Song Leader</b> Rebecca Glenn	<b>Song Leader</b> Marion Branstetter				