

Delivered 97 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to St. Matthew's Methodist Church

Working with the Evangelical Association for the ordination of Bill Saverling. All of his paperwork is in. On Dec. 13th, starting at 10:00 am, the Ecclesiastical Council will meet to examine Bill. As of now 9 Pastors will be in attendance: Rev. Dawson Miller, Rev. John Roberts, Rev. Jim Barnes, Rev. David Fitzgerald, Pastor Gary Franke, Rev. Mark Friz, Pastor Dean Klossner, Rev. Rick Mortimer, and Rev. Jeffrey Willey. Plus 4 Council members: Charlotte Mehrtens, Annette Hund, Barb Scharf, and Betty Keller Timmer.

Upon approval of the Ecclesiastical Council, we will set a date, tentatively the afternoon of Sunday, January 14th, for an Ordination service for Bill. Note, Bill will begin his interim ministry on Sunday, January 21st at St. Paul Cooper Hill in Bland, MO and St. James in Charlotte, MO.

All the plans for the Christmas season are now set. See below:

Tuesday, Nov. 28, Hanging of the Greens. In the morning, the Z-Team will bring decorations up from storage in the basement. At 10:00 a.m. retirees (both women and men) and anyone else free to help will decorate the sanctuary except for the tree. We can put the tree base (big box) in place, move the piano, hang garland, etc. And on Wednesday evening (7:00 p.m.), we will put up the tree.

Thursday, Dec. 7, starting at noon, the Women's Fellowship Christmas Luncheon.

Sunday, Dec. 10, 5:00-8:00 p.m., Sunday School Christmas Party (for, children, youth, teachers and families) at Pastor Darrell & Marjie Weber's home (137 Benham Dr., Millstadt, IL 62260). Bring a \$5 gift to be exchanged, a snack to share, and your friends. We will also go Christmas caroling at 5:20 pm, so bring a coat and gloves.

Friday, Dec. 15, at 11:45 a.m., the Zion Staff Christmas Party at Joe Boccardi's Ristorante in Columbia, IL.

Sunday, Dec. 17, at 10:15 a.m., the Children's Christmas program via recordings.

Sunday, Dec. 17, at 7:00 p.m., the musical "*Sounds of our Village – Christmas Concert.*"

Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Millstadt VFW, the Z-Team Christmas Party.

Sunday, Dec. 24, at 6:00 p.m., our Christmas Eve & Candlelight Service.

I attempted to get our young families involved with the Advent Candle lighting. I called: Ronnie & Abbie Bates, Christopher & Stephanie French, Stephen & Jordyn French, Cody Funk & Mallory Allgire, and Zachary & Mallory Timmermann, but didn't receive any replies. The following families involved:

Advent Candles in 2023

Dec. 3 rd	2023	Ryan & Mallory, Brock	Kochmann
Dec. 10 th	2023	Alex & Paige	Pellmann
Dec. 17 th	2017	Michael & Jodi	Notter
Dec. 24 th	2017	Phil & Heather	Kish
Dec. 24 th	2017	Mark & Kelly	Riemann

SPECIAL SERVICES

Garden Place	Made 4 of 4 Bible Studies (Tuesdays at 1:00 pm) – <i>Marianne Baltz, Marilyn Beil, Diane Mehrmann, Dottie Rickard</i>
Garden Place	Made the Worship / Communion Service (2 nd Tuesday of the month at 2:00 pm)
Baptisms	none
Weddings	5/04/24 – Cody Funk & Mallory Allgire * 9/14/24 – Jvon Morris* & Hannah Seidlitz
Funeral	none

OTHER INVOLVEMENTS

11/08/23 – EA Regional Pastors Meeting @ the Galleria Food Court in St. Louis, MO
11/16/23 – EA Interview of Pastor Bryan Taylor – Bethel Church, Edwardsport, IN.

OTHER ITEMS

1. 4/13/24 - EA Regional Church Meeting at the Femme-Osage Church (4364 Cappeln Osage Rd., Augusta, MO 63332), from 9:30 am – 2:30 pm. About 75 minute drive.
2. 9/20-21/24 – EA National Meeting at Eden Church (John Roberts Church) (903 N. Second St., Edwardsville, IL 62025). About 40 minute drive.
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VACATIONS

Su, 2/4/24- Su, 2/11/24 – Caribbean Cruise

- 1. Opening Prayer (7:00 pm) Pastor Darrell Weber
- 2. Treasurer's Report Office Administrator – Amanda Frierdich
- 3. BCE Report Pastor Darrell Weber
- 4. Minutes Secretary – **Charlotte Mehrtens**
- 5. Pastor Report Pastor Darrell Weber
- 6. Renewing Zion Church

7. Committee Reports

- Audit & Budget Betty Keller-Timmer

- Long Range Ministry **Charlotte Mehrtens**

- Mission & Outreach **Mary Lou Peter**

- Staff / Parish Relations Darren Doerr

- Property **Rich Hoffelmeyer**

- Volunteer Ministries Sherry Wynn

- Worship & Music Annette Hund

- Cemetery Board (*as is needed*) Kurt Pellmann

8. Old Business

- A.) Custodian
- B.)
- C.)
- D.)

9. New Business

- A.)
- B.)
- C.)

10. Executive Committee Meeting (if needed)

11. List of Council Action Items and Who Will Do Them

12. Closing Prayer

Pastor Darrell Weber

President – Kurt Pellmann

Vice Pres – Barb Scharf

Secretary – **Charlotte Mehrtens**

Assistant Treasurer – **Rich Hoffelmeyer**

Names in Red or outgoing Council Members

Council will be installed on January 7th, 2024 during the Worship Service. Afterwards will meet to elect officers for the 2024 year.