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Christian Church

The Milford Messenger

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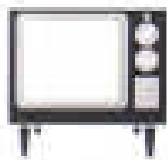
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December 2017

SERMONS- *THE SHEPHERDS' CHANNEL*

CHANNEL LINEUP:



CHANNEL 3
WATCHING
SHEPHERDS
- LUKE 2:8-12

CHANNEL 10
WHY SHEPHERDS?
LUKE 2:8 - 14

CHANNEL 17
WITNESSING SHEPHERDS
LUKE 2:15-18

CHANNEL 24
WAKING SHEPHERDS
LUKE 2:8-20





Thank You!

A special thank you to those of you who donated money or items for Operation Christmas Child. We were able to fill and ship 19 boxes! Thank you for helping bless others at Christmas time.

One Service

On Sunday, December 24th and Sunday, December 31st we will have ONE morning service only beginning at 9:30 am. We hope that you will join us as we celebrate the birth of the King!

Faith Promise –2018

We are praising God for His faithfulness and the faith of His church as we look forward to missions for 2018. Our total promised will be announced soon. Thank you to all who support our Mission ministry and to *Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.*

King's Club Love Shop

We will again be having Love Shop this year, a time when kids can shop for their families. Nothing is priced over \$5.00 and wrapping is free. All proceeds will go to next year's Harvest of Talents. We would like to invite everyone to participate by bringing in items to be sold. We need new or like new items (especially items for men). You may bring them to the church anytime between now and December 5th. We could use LOTS of help with the setup on Tuesday, December 5th at 6:00 pm. Help is also needed with wrapping and shopping with the kids on Wednesday, December 6th at 3:15. Please let Cassandra or Darla Carlson know if you are willing to help. Thank you for your generosity!

Harvest of Talents –2018
Saturday, September 22

Adult Choir

The Adult choir will present– "O Little Town of Bethlehem" on Sunday, December 10 at 6:30 pm. Harvest of Talents team will have a time of fellowship following the performance. Please bring a snack food to share.

Blue Christmas Service

Milford Christian Church will again host a Blue Christmas service on Sunday, December 17th at 6:30 pm. This is a worship service for those living with loss, depression and struggle during the Advent season. You may be lonely, mourning, or feeling alienated. This service of comfort and hope is for you. Please join us for this time of song, prayer and scripture meditation.



Blood Pressure Checks

Blood pressure checks will be available on Sunday, December 3rd during the Sunday School hour. These will take place in the last classroom on the right side..next to men's restroom.

Essential Oils Class

Essential oils are a natural plant based way to promote and maintain health. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 9th and plan to come and learn more.

The Staff of MCC wishes each of you a Very Merry Christmas!!

Notes from Gary

Behavior plan! By behavior plan I mean our behavior in not consistent with God's plan it is because at some point we have lost a sense of who we are. In fact, I've noticed that most of the record of the Bible is about God's perfect plan for His people which were altered by man and adapted for man's own convenience. Ultimately, those adaptations go very wrong. Therefore, most of the Bible is about God's correction and restitution. God has to place us in a place where we can finally hear and meditate on His ways; which are always way beyond our ability to understand.

When Jesus taught His disciples about obedience it was so they could behave in faith through circumstances they did not understand. It is the same for us today. Do any of us fully understand God's ways and plans for our lives?

That is why good behavior in God's sight is when His people trust Him to lead them to the perfect place God is taking them for their own good. On those occasions when we do walk in faith it is most likely when we are most aware of God's leading, and our relation to Him. When we forget that God really does care for us we feel like we are alone in our struggles and we most often behave poorly.

In the seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas, it is most important to remember who we are. For it is in those seasons that God give us His best message of who we are in His heart.

When we feast at Thanksgiving, He displays His abundant love for us. When we celebrate Christmas God show us how far He goes for us to truly know us.

I would encourage you to spend time reflecting upon who you are in God's plan in your life throughout the Holiday season. When you do, your behavior will reflect His plan. In that harmony you will find the joy, peace, and fellowship you were planned to enjoy.

God bless you as you enter into the Holidays!

In Christ,
Gary



Christmas Eve Service

Join us on Christmas Eve for a great time of Worship-Sunday, December 24th for a candlelight service from 6:00 to 6:30 pm The church will be open from 6:30 to 10:00 pm for walk in candlelight communion.

Open House

An Open House in honor of Gary & Jo Milton will be held on Sunday, December 31 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Gary recently announced his retirement from full-time ministry at Milford Christian Church effective at the end of 2017. Gary will preach his last sermon as Associate minister during a special service on that morning. There will be one service only that morning at 9:30 am.

Gary and Jo have served faithfully the past 17 years and their presence will be greatly missed. As Paul wrote in Philemon, "we thank God upon every remembrance of you". We pray God's richest blessings upon the Milton's as they move to their new home in Rossville and look forward to seeing them back in Milford many times in the future.

Gary will assume the duties as Manager of Prairie States Christian Service Camp on January 1, 2018. We know that God will work through Jo and Gary in a powerful way as they serve Him in this new capacity.

The Open House is open to the community-please let others know. We hope you can join us that day.

WHERE YOU SERVE IN DECEMBER

COMMUNION PREPARATION: Cindy Arseneau

WEE WORSHIP TEACHER: Jamie Gossett

JUNIOR WORSHIP: Ed Highfill

SERVERS: 1st Service – Gary Hoy, Tim Bohlmann,
John Carlson, Larry Pate

2nd Service – Jay Carlson, Nick Henning,
Richard Hancock, Clayton Alexander

BACK SERVERS: 1st Service – Marvin Andris, Ken Tatro,
Ed Wattles, Harlan Ziebart

2nd Service – Darrin Fischer, Ken Lucht,
Schuyler Boyden, John Rosenberger

SECTION GREETERS: 1st Service- Rick & Char Highfill
Ed Copher

2nd Service- Jay & Darla Carlson
Clayton & Tammy Alexander

VISITOR TABLE GREETERS: 1st Service- Harlan Ziebart

2nd Service- Carol Highfill

December 3- SHUT-IN COMMUNION: Marvin Andris

COMMUNION MEDITATION: Gilbert Rutledge

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER: 8:25- Sue Fox

10:35 – Larry Callahan

GREETERS: 8:25 – Jon & Tracy Mowrey

10:35 – Clayton & Tammy Alexander

NURSERY: 8:25- Amanda Tatro

10:35 – Julie Fischer & Brittany Hesterberg

December 10- SHUT-IN COMMUNION: Dan Worthey

COMMUNION MEDITATION: Garrett Beebe

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER: 8:25- Ed Copher

10:35 – Mike Siemers

GREETERS: 8:25 – Cheryl Gillins

10:35 – Ryan & Kristel Sattler

NURSERY: 8:25- Tami Harwood

10:35 – Sarah Rosenberger & Tammy Alexander

December 17- SHUT-IN COMMUNION: Carol Highfill

COMMUNION MEDITATION: Roger Francis

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER: 8:25- Harlan Ziebart

10:35 – Ryan Sattler

GREETERS: 8:25 – Gilbert & Marilyn Rutledge

10:35 – Roger & Jo Francis

NURSERY: 8:25- Char Highfill

10:35 – Jessica & Emma Mann

December 24- SHUT-IN COMMUNION: Ed Copher

COMMUNION MEDITATION: Larry Callahan

GREETERS: Cindy Arseneau & Marie Burgett

NURSERY:

December 31- SHUT-IN COMMUNION: Larry Callahan

COMMUNION MEDITATION: David Fox

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER: Cassandra Villegas

GREETERS: Jackie Morefield

NURSERY: Tricia & Lauren Huff

December Birthdays

- 1. Marci Lowe
- Samantha Davey
- 9. Terri Fanning
- Lisa McCann
- 11. Lucy Boyden
- 12. Josh Killion
- 14. Gary Hoy
- 15. Laurie Pampel
- 17. Jackie Worthey
- Andrea Wichman
- 19. Robert Ponder
- 21. Sharon Torbet
- Carter Dailey
- 22. Sid Allen
- Bill Langellier
- 23. William Ailey
- 24. Darrell Reinhart
- 25. Jesus Christ
- Cora Lesage
- Betty Dawson
- 27. Jon Mowrey
- 28. Kena Clark
- Jacob Archie
- Bailey Henneike
- 29. Bruce Ziebart
- 31. Sara Scherf

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5 Griefshare 7:00 pm Love Shop Set up 6:00 pm	6 King's Club Love Shop 3:30 Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	7 Mission Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	8	9
10 Adult Cantata 6:30 pm	11	12	13 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	14	15	16
17 Blue Christmas Service 6:30 pm	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 One Morning Service 9:30am Christmas Eve Service 8:00 pm Open Communion until 10:00 pm	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28	29	30
31 One Morning Service 9:30am Open House Honoring Gary & Jo Milton 2:00 - 4:00 pm						



Please Pray

Larry Callahan, Dick Lesage, JR Clifton, Bruce Lehman, Joe Harris, Melanie & Trevor Cross, Bob & Cindy White, Kayla Siemers, Betty Meier, Joann Decker, Ann Marie Harris, Lois Howe, Jackie Morefield, Eve Lazarov, Kay & Norman Norder, Michelle Atwood, Caleb Siemers, Don Jording, Adam Gordon, Kay Harper, Kathy Riley, Ken Hanford, Larry Orris, Shelby & Zaiden Martin, Connie & Larry Hart, Barbara Wood, Margaret Clark, Clayton Alexander, Carol Lehman, Nathan Andris, Bob Ponder, Nicholas St.Peter, Dawn Kennedy, Charles Mann, Dan Schroeder, Larry Hattabaugh, Phyllis Garfield, Crystal Stumpe, Steve Cross, Neil Larimore, Jim Crouch, Dave King, Jack Hancock, Betty Dawson, Tom Craighead, Lyle Warren, Lucy Green, Marvin Tincher, Betty Huntington, Sharon Sutton, Richard Queen, Brad Damery, Jack Mann, Bates Brown, Jeanie Jones, Bev Foster, Terry Clark, Terry Cordes, Howard Sheffield, Nicole Bennett, Wes Crouch, Julie Burd, Susan Rambo, Ronnda Allen, Rich Crawford, Karen Kulp-Anderson, Darlene Larimore, Bob Crawford, Chuck Mann, Naoma Ahlden, Pearl Stinebring, Jerrie Craighead, Jim Rogers, Ken Leonard, Timothy Talley, Pat Shide, David Spahn, Bianca Martinez, Cindy Lafond, Billy Morris, Janice Strawser, Terry Strawser, Chuck Torbet, Billy Wayne Huff, Robert Danner, Debbie Snyder, Deloris Newman, Donna Mibbs, Jackie Shrimplin, Loretta Noe, Jim Kruse, Darrell Niswander, Ruthann Kusman, Cindy Arseneau, Donna Price, Colin Calhoun, Anita Holaday, Jean Price, Wendy Salm, Lavera Bowen, Maggie Griswold, Freddy Yorsch, Doug Boudreau, Jane Warren, Gina Worthey, James Roberts, Paul Beall, Jeanie Johnson, Christine McTaggart, Rick Highfill, Keisha, Isaiah, Shauna, Maliki, Wanetta Waltz, Anna McEwen, Mykale Coffman

Military Personnel

Ensign Jacob Crouch, Logan Romine, Charles Mann Jr., Steven Peralta, LTC. Colonel Mike Bruens, Brian Brown, Caleb Skipper, Roy Espinoza Jr., Chris Bickers, Jordan Bishopp, Jacob Huckleby, Adam Frye, David Johnson, Josh Newman (Iraq), Heather Romine, Shane Carter, Sgt. Erik Sheppard, Alec (AC) McClellan U.S. Navy, Richard Kelenhofer, Shawn Bowden, Tyler Allison, John Gretencord, Benjamin Little, Nash Arseneau, Rori Sorensen, Chelsie Davenport, Parry Jones, Jeff Ward, Caleb Mann, Anthony Kiefer, Matt Cole, Ryley Ward, William Ailey, Alec Stocking, Timothy Talley, Jacob Crouch, Anthony Stebbins, Sam Crouch, Ian Little, Molly Smith, Kyle Evans, Bryce Kinnard, Rob Smith, Nick Grant and all military personnel.

Shut-ins

Lucy Green, Jeannie Johnson and Lavera Bowen

Nursing Home

Evelyn Piggush, Patricia Balanoff, Wilma Cooley and Harold Smock

Deaths

Please pray for the family and friends of:

Lisa Wood & Harold Dejaynes