

SUNDAY, December 23, 2018

11:00 am Christmas Musical "Good News From Home"

MONDAY, December 24, 2018

6:30 pm Christmas Eve Service

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Mon., Dec. 24 9:30 am – 1 pm	Tues., Dec. 25 Closed	Wed., Dec. 26 9:30 am – 1 pm	Thurs., Dec. 27 9:30 am – 1 pm
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How Do I Join Upper Seneca Baptist Church

- **By Salvation** ~ By professing faith in Jesus Christ and following Him in believer's baptism.
- **By Transfer of Letter** ~ By transferring your membership from another Baptist Church.
- **By Statement of Faith** ~ By statement of **faith in Jesus Christ.**

If you have not been baptized by immersion since your conversion, you will need to follow the Lord in believer's baptism.

When Do I Join?

At the close of every worship service as we sing the "Invitation Hymn", the pastor stands facing the congregation. Walk to him and tell him you want to join the church or make some other decision.

Upper Seneca Baptist Church



**To Re-Present Jesus Christ
In Our Community
And Beyond**

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Weather Policy

If the church cancels any service or activity due to inclement weather or wintery conditions, a message will be placed on the church's voice recorder to inform you of such changes or cancellations. If you are in doubt if a particular service or activity is canceled, please call the church before you travel to the event. If no message is stated notifying you of any changes, this means the service or activity remains as scheduled. We will only post a cancellation message if a service or activity is canceled or postponed.

Upper Seneca Baptist Church

11:00 am Sunday Worship
December 23, 2018

*Hymn #183 *“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”* Congregation

Prayer/Welcome *Pastor Dennis*

*Hymn #197 *“Sing Me Now of Christmas”* Congregation

Offertory

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Children’s Play *Just a Little Christmas*
Written by: *Adele Stokes*

Mack Boswell (Narrator)
Leila Rickoff (Narrator)
Mark Martin (Joseph & speaker of Empire)
Emri Hostetter (Mary)
Laney Felder (Angel)
Lilianna Rickoff (Angel)
Sofia Rickoff (Angel)
Timmy Smith (Sheep)

Christmas Worship Video

Good News From Home *Choir*
Good News from Home Medley
Cherish That Name
Make Room for Jesus
Christ Is Born Medley
Manger Medley
O Holy Night!
O Night Divine
Tell the Good News Medley

*Hymn of Commitment #216 *Congregation*
“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

*Closing Hymn *Congregation*
“We Wish You a Merry Christmas”

*Denotes Congregation standing
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Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, December 30, Take Down Christmas Decorations
Tuesday, January 8, Forever Young @ “Golden Corral”
Sunday, January 13, Special Business Meeting to vote on Budget

Cancellations



During the Christmas season, there are important cancellations that you need to be aware of. All Wednesday Night Activities will be canceled on **December 26**. Also, the church office will be closed on **December 25** and **January 1** to celebrate the holiday season.

Help Needed

Help us take down Christmas Decorations on Saturday, December 30 immediately following the worship service. For more information contact the office.



Year End



If you would like to make a year-end charitable tax contribution to **USBC**, please make sure that your financial gift is received by the church, no later than **December 31, 2018**.

Christmas Eve Service



On **December 24** at 6:30 p.m., we invite you to attend our *Christmas Eve Service*. During this special service, we will honor the birth of Christ through song, Scripture reading, and prayer. The service will conclude with a beautiful ceremony of everyone lighting a candle. The lit candles will symbolize the Light coming into the world who is Jesus Christ.

Christmas Memorial Tree

Christmas is considered to be a joyous time of year. However, for some who had a loved that has died, it can be a time of loneliness and grief. So, to help keep their wonderful memory alive during the Christmas season, we will have a *Christmas Memorial Tree* in the church foyer. If you have a loved one who has passed, we invite you to place a Christmas ball on the *Christmas Memorial Tree* to remember them.



When you walk into the church's foyer the *Christmas Memorial Tree* will be standing in place. Beside the tree will be colorful Christmas balls. If you would like to honor or remember your loved one(s), take one of the Christmas balls and write their name(s) on it with markers provided. Then hang it on the *Christmas Memorial Tree*.

Today, following our worship service, we will gather in the foyer for a special remembrance prayer. Then on Sunday, **December 30**, we ask that you take home your Remembrance Christmas Ball and place them in safe keeping.

Christmas Cards



If you would like to give *Christmas Cards* to members of your church family, we invite you to bring them to church for distribution and collection. Church directories will be available at church so that you can label your cards appropriately.

Christmas Cheer!



This Christmas season, **USBC** will be launching a very special outreach ministry entitled, *Christmas Cheer!* *Christmas Cheer* involves financial donations, gift cards, and the distribution of the *Christmas Cheer* packet.

Below is how Christmas Cheer works:

- During the month of December, the church will be collecting financial donations. These donations will be used to purchase \$10 gift cards from Safeway.
- These gift cards will be placed in a package like our *Share Packets*, but with a Christmas emphasis.
- Then you are invited to take a *Christmas Cheer Packet* and give it to someone else. This person can be a family member, a friend, or a total stranger. The purpose of the *Christmas Cheer Packet* is to share the true meaning of Christmas with others.

In participating in the *Christmas Cheer*, you will accomplish two very important things. First, you will experience a blessing spreading a little Christmas Cheer. Second, you will bless someone else with the Good News along with a gift card that can be used. Your participate in the *Christmas Cheer* will produce a lasting impression in your life and in the life of the person who receives it.

Once you give the *Christmas Cheer Packet* to someone, please come back to the church and share your story of spreading a little *Christmas Cheer!*



Pastor's Christmas Love Offering

It has been USBC's custom to give our pastor a Christmas love offering. As a special thanks for all of the work and sacrifice given by them and their families as they minister to us in our times of need and times of joy. This gives each person an opportunity to give from their own hearts and share their love in a very personal and meaningful way and our means to remember Pastor Dennis, and his wife, Lana, their son Lucas and daughter Lanny for all the love they share with us.



If you wish to contribute to this special offering, please make sure to identify the purpose of your gift on your envelope or check. You may place it in the offering plate on Sunday or send it in the mail to the church. If you need an envelope for a cash gift, please see one of the ushers. Please try to have your gift in place by Sunday, **December 31**.



Forever Young



The Super Seniors are beginning the New Year with lunch at the Golden Corral in Frederick, MD, on Tuesday, **January 8** at 12:30 pm. Since the Senior Lunch discount begins at 12:30 p.m., we will meet at the *Golden Corral* at 12:30 p.m. See you there!

Proposed 2018 Church Budget

The church will be voting to approve the **2019** Church Budget on **January 13**, immediately following our worship service. Copies of the proposed budget will be available in the church's main lobby **January 6**.



Poinsettia's Given by the Following:



Connie Harding, in honor of my new Great-grandsons.

Carol Mullinix, in memory of loved ones.

Dick & Sandy Rogers, in memory & honor of our parents Paul & Hazel Woodfield, Dick Sr. & Grace Rogers.

Les Yeatts, in memory of his Father