



TOWER

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FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

The thought that keeps coming to my head as I write this article is how busy a time of year we have coming up. In my last article I talked about all of the great activities we have going on at CUCC. We have even more coming up around the holiday season and kicking off 2020. While I am very happy that our church has so many activities and so many people involved, I think as the strong Christian community that we are, it is our responsibility even more to remember and honor the true reason for the season. Christmas time is always a tremendous celebration and we all need to take time to truly value and recognize the birth of Jesus and that he was sent to us to save us from our sins. I hope above everything else that over the next couple of months we can all deepen our appreciation for the miracle of the birth of Jesus.

I am sure throughout this Tower you will see the many activities and festivities we have coming up over the next couple of months. As I have said many times, I encourage everyone to get involved, volunteer, and "work" at these events. It is very rewarding to experience the fellowship, teamwork and caring that exists among our congregation and our community. Getting started is the hardest part, but I guarantee you will be glad you did if you get involved. We all need strong Christian fellowship to help strengthen our faith.

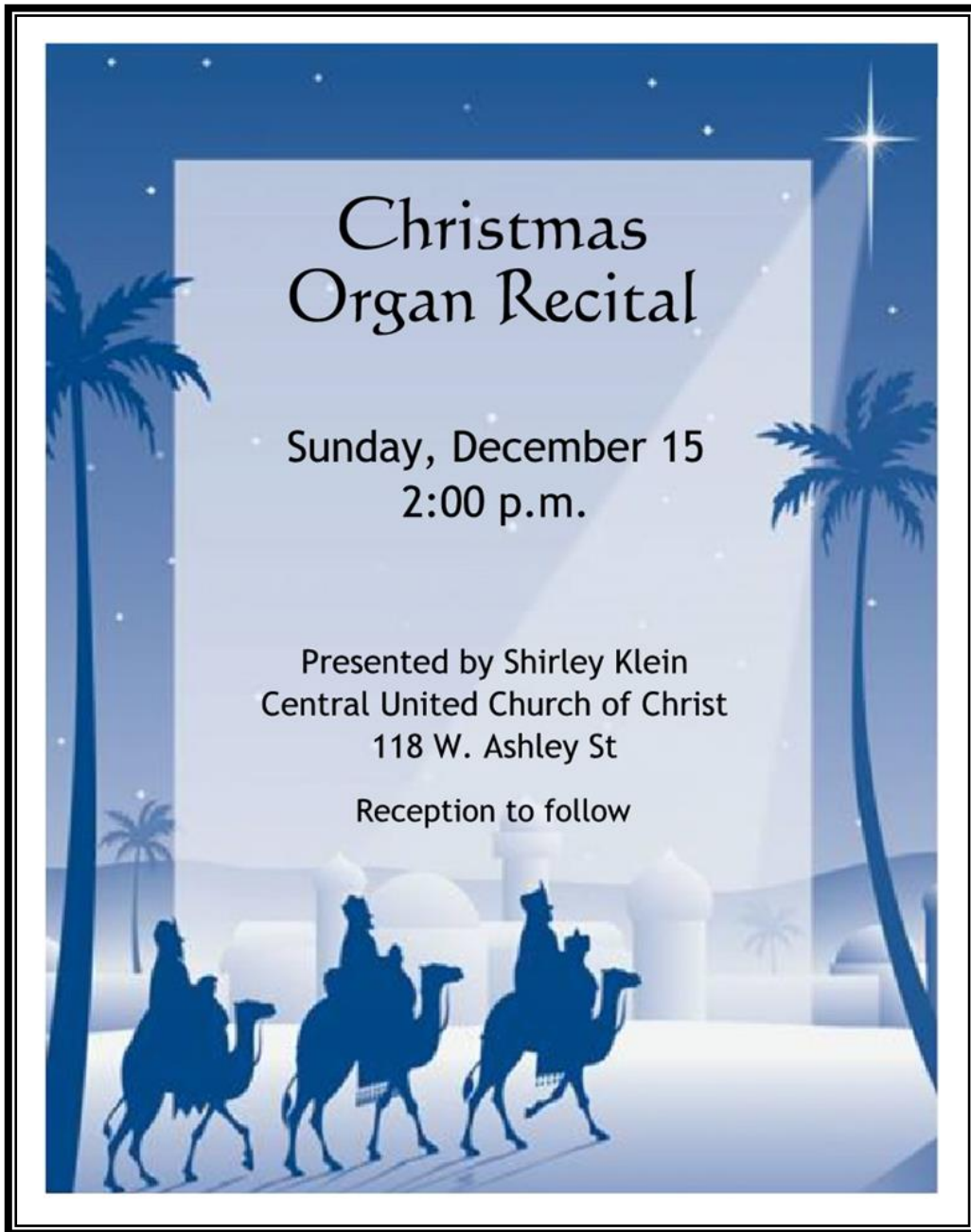
By the time you read this we should have an approved budget for 2020 and new Council members selected. We should look forward to their installation in January and to our Annual Meeting on the last Sunday in January. It is every member's responsibility to be actively involved in the direction of our church.

Our Search and Call Committee continues to meet and pursue different avenues to find a pastoral candidate for CUCC. Some recent feedback we received is that we may need to better define what our expectations are and who we are as a church. If we don't find good candidates in the next month or so, we may have more discussions with the congregation after the holidays to help us clarify our profile document.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to bring them to my attention or one of the Council members.

Thanks,

Warren Witt
Council President



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR ON THE TROLLEY



There are a couple of seats still available for the Christmas Lights Tour taking place on Tuesday, December 10. If anyone would like to go, let Susan Poettgen know. If you've already booked your seats, please pay Susan before December 10. We will meet in the gym a little before 5:30 p.m. to be ready to load the trolley. Cookies, hot cider and hot chocolate will be served in the church library following the trolley tour. If you have any questions, please contact Susan at 573-298-4515, or email susan.poettgen@gmail.com.

FAITH IN ACTION

DECEMBER BENEVOLENCE “Rape and Abuse Crisis Service”

Jefferson City’s Rape and Abuse Crisis Service center is a comforting secret place tucked out of harm’s way, providing shelter to abuse victims and their children, when their homes are no longer safe. At the RACS center, those temporary residents get counseling and shelter until they can return to a safer, happier world. A tutoring program developed with Jefferson City School District for after-school help with children’s homework is in place. A pet care program developed with a local veterinarian and a foster care organization helps residents cope. Your contribution to RACS will help fund many of the supply expenses that are needed by the center’s families for daily living.

JANUARY BENEVOLENCE “Have-A-Heart”

The Have-A-Heart offering supports members of Central’s congregation that have a one-time need for a helping hand. This was designed to help those church members who are going through a rough patch because of a family emergency, health crisis or something of that nature. Your contribution to “Have-A-Heart” shows you have a heart for those in our church who may need a helping hand. (The school partnership has been dropped at this time.)

FESTIVAL OF SHARING—JANUARY CSW Hygiene Kits

The Mission and Outreach Ministry will be collecting items for the CWS Hygiene Kit during January. Please place your items in our box in the narthex. Donated items must be exactly as shown below:

- 1 nail clippers (remove packaging)*
- 1 toothbrush in original package*
- 1 hand towel*
- 1 bath size bar of soap in package*
- 1 washcloth*
- 1 wide tooth comb (remove packaging)*
- 10 standard size Band-Aids*

Affordable wide-tooth combs can be found at discount suppliers such as sallybeauty.com. Search for “wide-tooth pastel comb” to see an example of combs that meet the kit requirements. All items need to fit inside a one-gallon Ziploc type bag. Remove excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each hygiene kit just prior to its journey. People who have to go to shelters because of floods, fires and tornadoes really appreciate receiving these kits.

POINSETTIAS

Central is selling poinsettias in 6” pots from Trenklein Greenhouses which you can purchase in memory or honor of someone. Cost is \$10 per poinsettia; checks should be made payable to Central UCC. **Reminder: The completed form along with your payment must be turned in to the church office by December 4, 2019.** (Form is in November “Tower” & weekly bulletin.) Poinsettias will be displayed in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 22 through Tuesday, December 24. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Wippermann at mlwipper@embarqmail.com or 573-636-3685.

OUR SHARED LIFE



90+ BIRTHDAYS

(To our knowledge, there are no 90+ birthdays in December.)

Jane Stumpe, 1/17

1110 Major Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Bertie Spalding, 1/18

1809 Devonshire Circle, #A
Holts Summit, MO 65043

Ruth Popp, 1/25

3122 Rock Ridge Road
Jefferson City, MO 65109

BROTHERHOOD HIGHLIGHTS

November 5, 2019

- ♦ A delicious meal was served by the WIGS Circle and enjoyed by sixteen men.
- ♦ Treasurer reported a balance of \$12,503.09.
- ♦ Money was approved for the following:
RACS-\$500; New Tribes Mission-\$500; Boy Scouts Troop 5-\$500; Boys and Girls Club-\$500; Healing House-\$500; Samaritan Center-\$2,000; California Brotherhood-\$1,000; Central's Air Conditioning Fund-\$4,500.
- ♦ Discussed removing a tree at Sander's Farm on December 7, and replacing the floor on the dock before next summer.

Carl Ernst, Secretary

PRIME TIME CLUB

The Prime Time Club will meet at Primrose Retirement Community on Tuesday, December 17 around 11:30 a.m. to enjoy a luncheon of cream of potato soup, sandwich, cookie and drink — all for \$5.00. After lunch, Bill Stine will lead us in singing Christmas Carols. Afterwards, we'll deliver carnations to our shut-ins. The January meeting will be a carry-in luncheon on Tuesday, January 26. The speaker is Kay Rackers Scott who lost a daughter to suicide. She will speak to us about suicide and its impact on loved ones.

THANK YOU

The Mission and Outreach Ministry would like to thank everyone who helped with the Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Event. We had one of our largest turn-outs this year!

What a blessing you are to the Samaritan Center. Your hard work of collecting 82 pounds of food has benefitted our Food Pantry more than you can imagine. After the tornado hit, our food storeroom was hit hard by the needs of many people. You all are terrific! And thank you for your generous monetary donation of \$410.00. God bless all you do.

Marylyn DeFeo, Volunteer Ex. Director

Thank you for acting against hunger with your gift of \$465.00 for The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri. Of everything we bring in, 97% goes directly into the acquisition and distribution of food. Hunger is a problem for one in six adults and one in five children in our service area. Thank you for being a part of the solution.

Lindsay Young Lopez, President/CEO

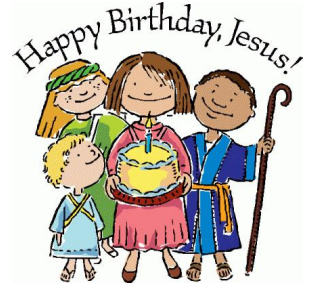
YOUNG YOUTH

Wednesday After-School Program — Do you know someone in K-5th grades? Encourage them to come see what our “Wednesday After School-Program” is about. We share a 20-30 minute Bible lesson or faith-building activity, enjoy playtime, build friendships, and share dinner together. Supervision begins at 2:45 p.m. and we end at 6:00 p.m., so come whenever your school lets out.

PLEASE NOTE: No Wednesday after school activities on December 25 or January 1.

“HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS” PARTY **Saturday, December 21, 1:00–2:30 p.m.**

It’s a very special birthday party! There will be games and activities, cake and ice cream, and cookie decorating. No gifts are necessary — He wants our presence, not our presents. Bring a friend and come join us. At 2:00 p.m. we’ll have our No Rehearsal Christmas Pageant. Invite your family to come see our pageant.



Rene Miserez, Young Youth Director
573-695-6022; bellsic@aol.com



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE **December 24, 6:00 p.m.**

Central’s Christmas Eve Service which takes place on **Tuesday, December 24 at 6:00 p.m.**, will be a beautiful, candlelight service of scriptures and carols. (*Please note start time.*) Mark your calendars, spread the word, invite family and friends, and plan to attend as together we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

SOUTHSIDE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

The Southside Philharmonic Orchestra joins with Dancers' Alley and a local children's choir to present a holiday showcase featuring a full performance of Prokofiev's classic symphonic fairy tale "Peter and the Wolf", Meyerbeer's ballet "Les Patineurs" (The Skaters), and Leroy Anderson's holiday standards "Sleigh Ride" and "Christmas Festival." Performances will be at Miller Performing Arts Center on **Friday, Dec. 13 at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m.** Tickets for the performances are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students. Please contact Dancers' Alley (573) 635-6610 to purchase tickets. Beautiful live music, singing, dancing, costumes, sets, special effects will create a festive and enchanting evening for all ages. We hope that you will join with these local musicians, dancers, and singers as they joyously celebrate this holiday season. Thank you as always for your support of the Southside Philharmonic Orchestra and all of the arts programs in this community.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED— 2020 SALVATION ARMY MEALS

If those who have helped serve Salvation Army Meals this year, would consider taking the same month for the 2020 year, it would be a tremendous help as we work to complete and fill this schedule. It would be set-up similar to what we do for Meals on Wheels where folks take the same month as the previous year. Below is the 2019 schedule — please let Susan Poettgen know if you will help in this way by volunteering for your same month for the 2020 schedule. Susan's contact information:

573-298-4515; susan.poettgen@gmail.com

January — Rene Miserez
February — Parlor Class
March — Mission and Outreach Ministry
April — Patti Schmutzler
May — WIGS
June — Mission and Outreach Ministry
July — Patti Schmutzler
August — Nelda Lay
September — Connie Pack
October — Nelda Lay
November — Rene Miserez
December — Volunteer Needed

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED— 2020 COMMUNION PREPARATION

It's time to sign up for preparing the communion elements and cleaning up afterwards for the 2020 year. If you are interested but have never done it, you can be paired with someone who has. It's usually set-up on Sunday morning before worship but could also be prepared on Saturday before the communion Sunday, if that works better for you. It doesn't take a lot of time. To volunteer, contact Mary Ann Wippermann at 573-636-3685, or email mlwipper@embarqmail.com. Available 2020 dates are: (all Sundays unless otherwise indicated)

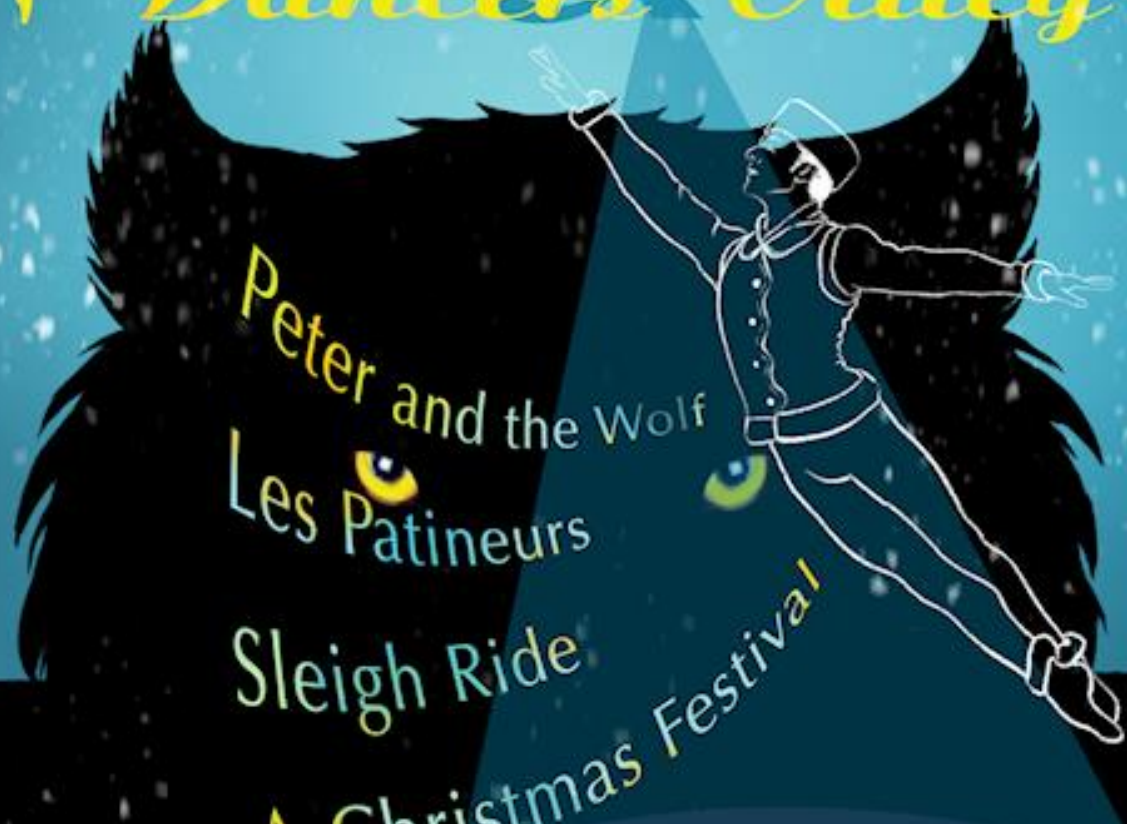
February 2
February 26 (Ash Wednesday)
March 1
April 5
April 12 (Easter; only one service)
May 3
May 31 (Pentecost)
June 7
July 5
August 2
September 6
October 4 (World Communion Sunday)
November 1
December 6

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SOUTHSIDE
PHILHARMONIC
ORCHESTRA
Directed by PATRICK CLARK



Dancers' Alley



Peter and the Wolf

Les Patineurs

Sleigh Ride

A Christmas Festival

Friday, Dec. 13 | 7:00p

Saturday, Dec. 14 | 6:30p

For ticket information:
Dancers' Alley Studio
(573) 635-6610

Miller Performing Arts Center

501 Madison St
Jefferson City

SouthsidePhilharmonic.org

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE DECEMBER 2019

WORSHIP USHERS

2019 Team Schedule:

January & July — (formerly Dick Kettenbrink)
February & August — Mary Ann Wippermann
March & September — Gary Woodward
April & October — Carl Ernst
May & November — Monty Schmutzler
June & December — Russell Rottmann

December:

Team Captain — Russell Rottmann
Bill Graves Harry Kujath
Duane Muck Walter Rottmann (Honorary)

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sunday, Dec. 1 — Patti Schmutzler

SALVATION ARMY MEAL

Thursday, Dec. 12 — Susan Poettgen & friends

MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, Dec. 18 — Women's Fellowship

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS October 17, 2019

- ♦ Search and Call committee is still recruiting applicants for the pastoral position.
- ♦ On November 17 a Congregational meeting will be held to adopt a budget and elect Council members for 2020.
- ♦ Hanging of the Greens will be November 24 with lunch being served.
- ♦ Christkindlmarkt will be on November 30. Breakfast will be served along with vendors, a bake sale and church tours.
- ♦ Central Church Council members made the recommendation for David Kohler to be a Member in Discernment in the UCC.


Respectfully submitted,
Freda Maness
Council Secretary



CHRISTKINDLMARKT Saturday, November 30; 8:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

Christmas markets are a German tradition and we are sharing our German heritage with the community with a trio of activities: craft show market, baked goods sale, and breakfast bonanza. Walter Schroeder has graciously agreed to offer tours of our sanctuary which will be decorated for Christmas, and will be signing copies of his book, *Buddy's Stories* (watch bulletins for times). A LOT of interest has been generated for Christkindlmarkt – we are expecting A CROWD and need your help. We can use more baked items for the bake sale like your special favorite Christmas and/or German cookies, candy, breads, and other pastries. Baked items can be brought to the gym Friday, November 29, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., or to the church library Wednesday, November 27, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Volunteers will be packaging your goodies so bring them in one big container. Our Craft Show Market will feature over 20 booths of handcrafted items with a great variety like Christmas decor and gifts, wreaths and arrangements, stockings, ornaments, paintings, books, paper crafts, greeting cards, glass art, wood signs, specialty jewelry, and more, even special items for your canine friends. Our Breakfast Bonanza will run 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon and will feature our famous homemade biscuits, gravy, pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee, milk, and juice. **PLEASE NOTE: With the expected crowd, we want to save nearby parking for our customers. We are looking at offering shuttle service for our workers.**

DECEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 First Sunday of Advent 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship Service 10:15am Children's SS 11:15am Adult Bible Study	2 7:00pm Scouts	3 5:30pm Brotherhood	4 9:00am Quilting 1:00pm Dominoes/Fellowship 3:00pm Young Youth 6:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal	5	6	7
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January:

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Marian Eskijian Freda Maness
Rene Miserez Norma Rice
Mary Sundermeyer Gwen Vieth

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sunday, Jan. 5 — Mary Ann Wippermann

SALVATION ARMY MEAL

Thursday, Jan. 9 — Rene Miserez

MEALS ON WHEELS

Wednesday, Jan. 15 — Brotherhood

“TOWER” DEADLINE

TOWER articles are always due no later than the 15th of each month. ***Deadline for the February 2020 issue is January 15, 2020.*** Please be sure to email your articles to office@centralucc.com before or on the deadline. And don't forget to include pictures!

IMPORTANT DATES


Breakfast Bonanza — The last Breakfast Bonanza for 2019 will take place Saturday, **December 14** from 7:00 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. in the Central Church gym. Help is needed as we prepare and serve (all-you-can-eat): scrambled eggs, made-from-scratch biscuits and gravy, pancakes, sausage, bacon, coffee and juice. Cost: adults \$10, kids ages 5-9 — \$6, kids under 5 eat free. Proceeds benefit General Fund.

2020 Offering Envelopes — Boxes with your offering envelopes for 2020 will be available for pickup in the narthex around mid-December. Please do not use these envelopes until 2020, beginning with Sunday, January 5th. At that time, be sure to discard any remaining 2019 envelopes as the system renumbers your envelope each year. If you would like for someone to deliver your offering box, please contact the church office.

Annual Report — If you are responsible for submitting information about your group's 2019 activities for the Annual Report, please do so **by December 31, 2019**. If you would like your report to be included, be sure to turn in all of your information by the end of the year. Reports should be emailed to: office@centralucc.com. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 573-635-1041.

Taking Down Decorations — Sunday, **January 12, 2020**, is the date that help will be needed to take down and put away Christmas trees and other decorations that have adorned the sanctuary during Advent. We'll do this right after the worship service. The more hands there are, the quicker this task will be completed. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Wippermann at 573-636-3685 or mlwipper@embarqmail.com.

JANUARY 2020

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OUR MISSION

To be a Christ-centered community of faithful disciples
who are called to grow in faith, and share God's love
as we reach out to each other,
to our community, and to our world.

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118 W. Ashley Street
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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:

8:30am Adult Sunday School
9:00am Coffee Hour
9:30am Children's Sunday School
10:00am Worship Service

Ministers..... Every Member
Pulpit Supply Minister..... Rev. Dr. Judith Scott
Director of Music..... Dr. Patrick Clark
Young Youth Director Rene Miserez
Organist Shirley Klein
Bell Choir Director Rene Miserez

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