



# The Wellspring

News and Encouragement for the RSUMC Family

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**Sunday**

Sunday School	10:00am
Worship	11:00am
Choir	5:30pm
Liturgical Dance	5:30pm
Youth	6:30pm

**Wednesdays**

Children's Practice	5:30pm
Choir Practice	6:00pm
Youth	6:30pm
Adult Bible Study	7:00pm

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Youth Minister: Mark Adcox

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**Christmas Eve Worship Service - 11:00 pm**  
**Christmas Day Worship Service - 10:00 am**



Children's Ministry	\$5,000.00
Youth Ministry	\$15,000.00
Food Pantry	\$15,000.00
Music Ministry	\$2,000.00
VBS	\$2,000.00
Sunday School	\$3,000.00
Needs of the poor	\$5,000.00
Audio/Visual Equipment	\$25,000.00
Staff Salaries	\$30,000.00
Maintaining the Church	\$40,000.00
Building Improvement w/Handicap Accessibility	\$100,000.00

*Give a gift that is an investment in  
God's Kingdom*

\* All monies given during the Christmas Offering will support the whole ministry of Rock Springs United Methodist Church

**The Children's Christmas Program**  
**Friday December 16th at 6:00 pm**

The children at Rock Springs UMC will be performing a program called "The Symbols of Christmas" in the sanctuary. The play will include several songs and feature some amazing soloists. After the program, please join us for covered-dish appetizers and sweets in the fellowship hall. We are expecting a special visit from Santa. Please bring guests and do not miss this family event!

**A Note**  **from our  
Choir Director**


**Come, Let Us Adore!**

This Christmas, we return to the scene of a humble manger where the great Light of the world was born. We join with the shepherds and angels — in awe of God's love come to earth. Amidst the noise and distractions, we still our hearts as we bow before Him and worship the one true King. This Christmas musical is filled with songs to draw the heart closer to the true hope and joy of the season. The blend of new seasonal anthems and traditional carols will awaken different perspectives of the Christmas story. As we join together and lift up choruses of worship and relive the miraculous story of Christ's birth, it is our prayer that all will be filled with hope that only comes through Christ!

The musical features songs from Chris Tomlin's Christmas album Adore including "Noel" and "A King Like This". Other songs are:

- *It's Christmas (Opener) with Away in a Manger,*
- *Do You Hear What I Hear?,*
- *Midnight Clear (Love Song) with It Came Upon a Midnight Clear,*
- *Close to Christmas,*
- *Adore,*
- *A Christmas Alleluia,*
- *Noel,*
- *A King Like This,*
- *It's Christmas (Finale) with Away in a Manger and Go Tell It on the Mountain.*



 **Shelby**



Kid's Choir will continue to sing songs of Joy! We encourage you to come and join us on Wednesdays @ 5:30. We will sing each month during Sunday morning service.

## Open Church Meeting Summary

November 19, 2016

Twenty-two members of RSUMC family were present in the Sanctuary. we discussed:

- **Lights for the parking lot:**  
Jeff Kost, Trustee Chairman reviewed information obtained last year from Precision Electric. In short, the quote we received was approximately \$15,000 to install 2 light poles with 4 light fixtures.  
NEW information was obtained by Kathi Kost...In short, she called Appalachian Power and found that they will do the installation of poles and lights for a nominal monthly fee, and zero cost for installation. We're still in the planning stages, but very soon we will see a great improvement in the lighting of our parking lot.
- **IMPROVEMENTS CAMPAIGN:**  
Condition of church steps and handicap ramp required for public buildings. Based on a computer model designed by Aaron Grills last year at an

estimated cost of \$30,000 - \$40,000. Since these improvements will be expensive, the Finance Committee will be asked to recommend a way to start an Improvement Fund, and the Trustees will continue their study and make an improvement proposal.

- **CHURCH ATTENDANCE**  
It was pointed out that church attendance and giving was down considerably through September, when the church had spent approximately \$10,000 more than it had received. Funds had to be withdrawn from savings to cover immediate needs.
- **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**  
The Worship Committee will be asked to modify the Sunday morning worship format and perhaps consider including an occasional "contemporary" service, with music that may be more appealing to younger families..
- **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**  
Attendance at committee meetings has been down, and was a concern.
- **VISITATION COMMITTEE**  
Pastor Buddy expressed a desire to establish a "Visitation Committee" that

would work with him to visit Shut-Ins, make hospital visits, and visit guests and visitors...including families in new surrounding communities of Rock Springs.

- **MEDICAL EQUIPMENT PROGRAM:**  
The possibility of starting a medical equipment program for church members who might have temporary need of walkers, wheel chairs, etc. was mentioned.
- **SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP / SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS**  
Pastor Buddy described the objectives of the Sunday Evening Worship service to provide a deeper and more meaningful teaching of the Sunday morning Sermon...followed by small group discussions.
- **OPEN CHURCH MEETINGS**  
An open church meeting might be beneficial on a quarterly basis.
- **IDEAS**  
Many other ideas / suggestions were brought forward.

Respectfully submitted by  
Marijane Nichols



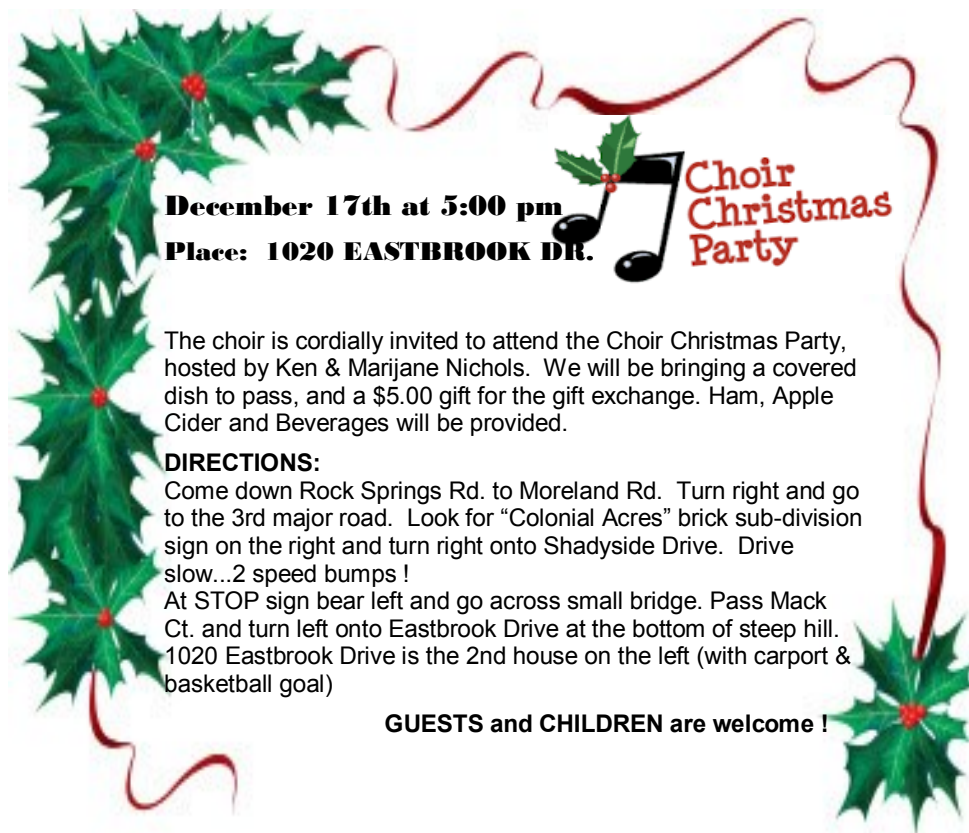
Thanks to all the participated in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox campaign. We collected 30 boxes, which means 30 children will have a Christmas and a chance to know Jesus.

Remember to bring your unwrapped gifts to donate to the Niswonger Children's Hospital by December 18. Remember children from infants to teens are served at Niswonger and they all need something to make them smile. Rattles, coloring books (child and adult), crafts, card games, puzzle books, etc. If it were your child what would make them smile? For more ideas visit [www.niswongerchildrens.org/wish-list](http://www.niswongerchildrens.org/wish-list)

**FOOD**  
pantry

**Shopping**  
Friday, 12/15  
at 1:00pm

**Distribution**  
Tuesday, 12/19  
from 5-7 pm



**December 17th at 5:00 pm**  
**Place: 1020 EASTBROOK DR.**

**Choir  
Christmas  
Party**

The choir is cordially invited to attend the Choir Christmas Party, hosted by Ken & Marijane Nichols. We will be bringing a covered dish to pass, and a \$5.00 gift for the gift exchange. Ham, Apple Cider and Beverages will be provided.

### **DIRECTIONS:**

Come down Rock Springs Rd. to Moreland Rd. Turn right and go to the 3rd major road. Look for "Colonial Acres" brick sub-division sign on the right and turn right onto Shadyside Drive. Drive slow...2 speed bumps !  
At STOP sign bear left and go across small bridge. Pass Mack Ct. and turn left onto Eastbrook Drive at the bottom of steep hill. 1020 Eastbrook Drive is the 2nd house on the left (with carport & basketball goal)

**GUESTS and CHILDREN are welcome !**

# RSUMC Calendar

An up-to-the-minute calendar can be found on our website [www.RockSpringsUMC.com](http://www.RockSpringsUMC.com)

- December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 1st Day of Advent 10 Sunday School 11 Worship Service 5:30p Choir Practice 6:30p Youth Activities	28 6p Worship Design Te 7:30p Young Adult Bit	29	30 5:30p Children's Musi 6p Choir Practice 6:30p Youth Activities 7p Bible Study	Dec 1	2	3
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18 10 Sunday School 11 Christmas Musical 6:30p Youth Activities	19 6p Worship Design Te 7:30p Young Adult Bit	20	21 5:30p Children's Musi 6p Choir Practice 6:30p Youth Activities 7p Bible Study	22	23	24 Christmas Eve 11p Christmas Eve Wors
25 Private Party Christmas Day 10 Worship Service	26 Christmas Day observ	27	28 5:30p Children's Musi 6p Choir Practice 6:30p Youth Activities 7p Bible Study	29	30	31 New Year's Eve



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