

December 25, 2016

Merry Christmas!

Today Pastor Charlie will be bringing the “Christmas Message” this morning.

Next Sunday We will have one service at 10:30am on New Year’s Day.

Missionaries of the Week: Ron & Wanda Sommers, Moldova.

MINISTRIES

Young Adults Ministry at The Barn

- ❖ Today, The Barn attendees will worship with their brothers and sisters in the main sanctuary for Christmas Day.

ET Youth Ministry

- ❖ Parents wanting to be on the ETY monthly newsletter distribution list may email youth@etchurch.org and put **NEWSLETTER** in the subject line.

ET Kids Ministry

- ❖ Today all kids K through 5th grade will join their families in the 10:30am Christmas Day/Family Sunday service.

Developmental Learning Center

- ❖ DLC Students will be enjoying their Winter Break through Monday, January 2, 2017. Classes resume on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Year-end Giving and Holiday Office Hours Please be mindful that 2016 contributions must be in the office by 4:30pm on Friday, December 30th or postmarked by midnight on Saturday, December 31st, to meet the 2016 deadline for tax credit. The church office will be closed Monday, December 26th and Tuesday, December 27th. The office will be open Wednesday through Friday, December 28th-30th, from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Online giving is also available at www.etchurch.org. Thank you for your faithfulness!

2016 Giving Statements Our accountant will be mailing 2016 giving statements out in January, 2017. If you have had a change of address this year, please contact the church office to verify that we have your correct contact information. The office phone number is 417-883-0676 and the email address is office@etchurch.org. Thanks!

Proposed Budgeted Weekly Income: \$22,438 **Last Week’s Giving:** \$14,569
Proposed Budgeted YTD: \$1,144,338 **Giving Received YTD:** \$1,196,291
Capital Campaign Total: \$994,858

NO Wednesday Fellowship Meal and NO Wednesday evening meetings or classes This Week!

2017 Giving Envelopes Made to Order If you would like to receive numbered envelopes, please call the church office at 417-883-0676 or email the office at office@etchurch.org and give us your name and current envelope number. We will print whatever you need for the giving year, so please let us know when you contact us how many envelopes you would like. Thanks!

NOW HIRING! We are currently hiring for nursery/preschool paid staff positions to work an average of two Sundays and one or two Wednesday evenings per month. If you are interested or would like more information, please stop by the nursery or email Amy Sutton at amy@etchurch.org. We would love to talk to you about joining our team!

A Special Thank You Thank you, Evangel Temple, for your kindness to me during this Christmas season. I wish you all a blessed New Year.

--Shirley Voelker

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The annual church business meeting will be Sunday, February 5, 2017, at 2:00pm. All members are asked to attend this important meeting. Anyone interested in learning more about the business end of ET is also welcome to attend.

Monthly Prayer Meeting Please join us for the monthly prayer meeting next Sunday, January 1st, at 6:00pm in The Barn. Prayer changes things. Come and start your year off in corporate prayer for the needs of our ET family and for the needs of the world!

UN-DECK THE HALLS! It’s time to take down, box up, and put away our lobby and sanctuary Christmas decorations. If you can give an hour of your time on Tuesday or Wednesday, January 3rd or 4th, please contact Pastor Jonathan (jonathan@etchurch.org; 417-883-6786) to let him know. This process goes much faster than the setup. Thank you to all who helped make Christmas 2016 so beautiful.

From the Pastoral Staff Thank you ET Family for your kind Christmas offering. We are greatly blessed by your generosity and want to wish you a merry Christmas day and a wonderful 2017!

...“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

--Luke 2:10-12 (ESV)