



Classical Bells Christmas Show



Save the date!
Saturday, Dec. 15 at 7 pm!

We have loved the Classical Bells in the past, and they are returning!

The Core Youth Group is serving a pasta dinner before the concert at 5:00, so it will be a wonderful evening!

Donations will be accepted for both events for the Core Youth Group.

OUR WEB PRESENCE

Don't forget that you can also learn more about our church, its ministry, and upcoming events online. Find us on our website (laingsburgumc.org), "Like" us on Facebook, and "Follow" us on Twitter (@LaingsburgUMC).

BULLETIN/NEWSLETTER

DEADLINES

Please submit all info to church office by: **Wednesday** am for Sunday Bulletin and **15th** of the month for the Newsletter. Thanks!

If you know of someone who'd like a visit, phone calls, and/or cards, please inform the Church office by phone or email so we can promptly reply to this matter. Please also inform the "Care Group" (Jean Austin 651-5705)

Office Hours: M, T, W, TH: 9:30am - 1:30pm, closed Fridays

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Pastor's email: pastorbrianwest@gmail.com

CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAMS:

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

- Pastor: Rev. Brian G. West
- Audio/Visual: Clint Hawks
- Choir Director: Jan Holyfield
- Faith Ringers Hand Bell Choir Director: Jerry Wagner
- Family Bells Director:
- Pianist: Chong Zheng
- Lay Leader: John Peck

CHURCH STAFF

- Pastor: Rev. Brian G. West
- Admin. Assistant: Karolyn Dawley
- Custodian: Linda Craig
- Worship Pianist: Chong Zheng
- Missionary to PUMC:
Diana Carpenter

Laingsburg United Methodist Church



ADVENTure:

"First Steps"

We, like Mary, are called to be a part of God's great work in this world. A great adventure!

How do we respond?

Rev. Brian G. West . December 2, 2018 • 10am

Welcome to Laingsburg United Methodist Church

We are happy that you're here!

MINISTRY PLUG-INS

GREETING ~ Passing of the Peace (*Stand as able*)

PRELUDE ~ Lighting of the altar candles

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ADVENT WREATH

Jaylei Kramer & Family
"Light the Advent Candle"
(Verse 1) TFWS 2090

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

"Where Children Belong" TFWS 2233
All children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary for a brief lesson with the pastor. Afterward, they will return to their seats with you.

ANTHEM

Faith Ringers

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP AND GENEROSITY

The Offertory

The Doxology (UMH 95) (*Stand as able*)

The Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Silent Meditation

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE STORY

Luke 1:26-38

Pew Bible pg. 723

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Star-Child"

TFWS 2095

SERMON

ADVENTure
"First Steps"

Pastor Brian

HOLY COMMUNION

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear" UMH 218
While Holy Communion is being served, the congregation will sing this hymn together, remembering the miracle of God's invitation to take the first steps of faith.

BLESSING

All children are welcome to come to the front of the sanctuary to help the pastor give a closing blessing to the congregation.

UMH = "United Methodist Hymnal"

TFWS = "The Faith We Sing"

The Laingsburg United Methodist Church is an accepting Christian community seeking to make disciples of Jesus Christ by building heartfelt, nurturing, and supportive relationships with its members, its community, and all of God's people.

Please join us for fellowship & coffee following worship

During our Worship Service, the nursery room is available for children through their 4th birthday. Please know that ALL children are welcome in worship.

REQUESTING OR NEEDING PRAYER?

PRAYER CHAIN leader Pat Hibbard will receive prayer chain requests at hibbardlph@aol.com, 989 834-2119, or contact the church office.

THE PRAYER TEAM is always available to pray with you after service.

KEEP IN PRAYER: Missy Ginther, Lori Hart, Betty Starkweather, Wilma Stichler, Thelma Smith, Heather Teelander, Michael Chubb, Edul Hunt-Walsh, Norma Parker, Beverly Rouse, Ed Parker, Kate Plont, Helen Novak, the family of Gloria Vanderhoof, the family of Larry Sparkes.

HOME BOUND: Marilyn Baumgras

Potluck Dinner Theater

Calling all musicians, singers, actors, comedians, dancers and bell ringers! We are looking for everyone to share their talents for our First Annual **Christmas Potluck Dinner Theater** at Laingsburg UMC on **Saturday, December 8** at 5pm. If interested in participating, sign up on the clipboard. There will be a potluck during the show, so don't forget to bring a dish to pass!



Christmas Gift from Pastor Brian & Stephanie

Pastor Brian & Stephanie invite you to come to a **Christmas Open House** here at the church **this afternoon** from 4-6 pm.

Dinner will be provided: **Baked ham, au gratin potatoes, tossed salad, green beans, rolls & beverage.**

Come and share a time of fellowship with Pastor Brian & Stephanie and Matthew & Micah.

The Longest Night Service

Wednesday, Dec. 19
at 6:00 pm

Come to a service where, together, we'll find hope in life's moments of darkness.

Trim the Trees

Please plan to stay today after worship and help us trim the trees. We will have live trees to decorate our building for Advent & Christmas. Let's create a warm, inviting space for us and our visitors for this wonderful season.



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

- Worship 10:00 am
- Trim the trees after worship
- Pastor Brian & Stephanie's Open House in the Fellowship Hall from 4-6 pm

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

- Bible Study 9:30 am
- Food Bank 1-3 pm
- Care Group 1:00 pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

- Pastor's Tuesday at Twilliger's
- Tuesday Tutoring 3:15-4:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

- Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 pm
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Women) 7:30 pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

- Food Bank 6-8 pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

- Office Closed

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

- Christmas Potluck Dinner Theater 5:00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

- Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am
- Worship 10:00 am
- Trustees 11:00 am
- Youth Group 5:30 pm

Upcoming

12/2: Trim the trees after worship
12/8: Potluck Dinner Theater
5:00 pm
12/10: Finance Meeting 7:00 pm
12/10: Church Council 8:00 pm
12/15: Youth Group Pasta Dinner
5:30 pm
12/15: Classical Bells 7:00 pm

Birthdays and Anniversaries Dec 2-9

12/4: Lloyd & Kate Plont
12/4: Lois Hartwick
12/6: Taylor Brewer

We are preparing the Coffee Hour schedule for 2019. If you are not currently taking a turn for that and would be willing to help, please call or email the church office. We have a few open dates. This only means helping 2 or 3 times a year! Thanks for all those who help with this important fellowship ministry!

HEAD USHER:

December: Roger Curtis

COFFEE HOUR:

12/2: Roger & Sybil Curtis 12/9: Jeff & Jan Holyfield

NURSERY:

12/2: Lauren Gonyea 12/9: Glenna Ginther/Donna Wolfrom