

Thursday, December 11, 2025

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Holy Moments: Small Is Mighty | Sunday Service 12/14/2025



We enter the middle of December. The Christmas season fully engulfs our thoughts and actions. There are presents to buy, parties to attend, and end of the year reports that must be completed before the Christmas break. And in the middle of all of that stands a store clerk, suffering all day with unhappy people. Perhaps the store either didn't have what they wanted, or the size was wrong. Or maybe they waited too long to shop and now are desperate. Whatever

the reason for their unhappiness, this poor store clerk became their punching bag.

You stand patiently in line. You see the saddened look on the clerk's face. You know this person endured the slings and arrows of a full day's work and still several hours remain on their shift. You could be tense and anxious because you waited so long in the line. But this would only add to the clerk's frustration. So, you choose to make a small but sincere gesture to brighten the clerk's day. You smile, say hello, ask how he or she is doing. Perhaps you even offer to buy the clerk a drink or snack. All seemingly small attempts at offering a Holy Moment to someone in need.

A Holy Moment does not need to be a grand gesture, but a simple, small slice of hope and joy. It could make all the difference in that person's life that day.

You Are Always Welcome Here! Check Out Our Resources!



We welcome everyone and that includes both the Hard-of-Hearing and Deaf. Sign language interpretation during our Sunday service is available upon request. Please let the office know by the Thursday prior to your attendance and we will have arrangements made.



We have bulletins available in Spanish. We ask that you only take one if needed so those who are in need can have plenty available.



Gain access to a digital bulletin, give from your phone, and get updates by searching "South Harborcreek **United Methodist** Church" in your app store.



There's a group here that fits vour needs no matter who you are or where you're at in life. You belong here!

Want to Get Involved? Here's How!



We will be hosting an impromptu Administrative Council Meeting on December 14 immediately after worship. This meeting will be to vote on and approve an expense of \$7,300.00 for office upgrades. The meeting is open for all members who would like to attend. If you have any questions, please direct them to Pastor Tim.



Skills USA is collecting shoes to send to Haiti. They are looking for clean, lightly used shoes. Slippers and plastic cleats are allowed. No roller baldes and roller skates. They will be collectin shoes until December 15, 2026. Please email or text Scott Askins for more details (814-823-3655).



We will be doing a Christmas Card Shower for Carol & Ken Slocum. Their address is as follows: The Gardens of Statesville, 2147 Davie Ave., Statesville, NC 28625. If you have any questions, please see Sue Tiegs.



Are you affected by someone else's addiction? Nar-Anon offers hope! A new Nar-Anon Family Group, "Together We Heal" will meet at Faith Lutheran Church, 5414 East Lake Road on Thursdays from 1-2pm, beginning on January 22, 2026, Nar-Anon is a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. As a twelve-step program, they offer confidential help by sharing experience, strength, and hope. For more information, please contact lakeerie23456@gmail.com or call (814)-897-5900.



Once again we are sponsoring our annual caring tree. There will be a small tree in the Narthex decorated with names, ages and gift suggestions on it from the Ella Cochran food pantry. If you are so led to help those people in our community who are struggling please take a tag, purchase and wrap a \$20 gift. Then return it to the tree anytime before December 14. Remember to attach the tree tag to your gift so we know who to give it to. Any questions, please see Mary Kobylinski. As always, thank you all so much for your continus support of the food pantry.



The Women of Worship are doing a Cookie Exchange this Saturday, December 13 at 10am. If you haven't signed up to participate and would like to, contact Kris Loeffler or Diane Senger. They also have information on the WCTL Rejoice, Refresh, Renew, Women's Conference. Early bird sign-ups are open now!



Our missionary team is headed back to the Dominican Republic in January! In order to raise the necessary funds, they are currently hosting a T-Shirt sale. We have sizes S-3Xl available. The shirt features a logo on the pocket as well as the verse 1 John 4:19 on the back which reads "We love because He first loved us". If you would like to order one of these custom made T-Shirts, please find Sue Tiegs or Victoria Brady. Your purchase will make an impact felt around the world. We thank you for prayerfully considering supporting us financially. We also ask that you continue to pray for our missionaries as we gear up for this trip. Thank you.

Pre-K Thru 12th Grade Ministr les



This Sunday's Pre-k through 4th grade lesson, titled "God With Us", we will learn that Jesus' birth means that God is with us. We will focus on Matthew 1:18-25.



Our Jr. High is meeting on Thursdays and Sr. High on Tuesdays, both 6:30–8:30pm at Sue Tiegs house, for dinner and a Bible Study. In December our Sr. High will meet on 12/2, 12/9 and 12/16. Our Jr. High will meet on 12/4, 12/11 and 12/18.



If your student participates in a winter sport/activity please send their schedule to the office or Pastor Tim so we can come and support them!



You better watch out, you better not cry, you better now pout, I'm telling you why - Santa Clause is coming... to our annual SHUMY Christmas Party on December 21! And you should too! Join us here in the multi-purpose room on 12/21 from 6-8pm for some festive fun. We are asking everyone to bring a snack to share. And invite a friend too! If you have any questions, please speak with Sue Tiegs.



There are 2 upcoming His Shining Lights events coming up in the month of December. On 12/10 they will be at Parkside at the Elmwood Nursing Home. And on 12/16 they will be at Walnut Creek Nursing Home. If you would like to participate, please call Phil Askins (814-823-3655). They are in need of singer/musical instruments players. They will be singing holiday songs and presenting gifts and pictures to residents. The events start at 6:30pm, please arrive by 6pm.



Our young adults will be hosting a Worship & Prayer Night here at the church on December 29 at 6:30pm. This service is being planned and executed by our college aged members. If you are interested in attending, please do! This event is meant for all ages and stages of life. Come and experience Jesus with us. If you have any questions about this event please speak with Sue Fuller or Victoria Brady.

DUSTIN'S DRIVE



SHUMY is going to be reaching out with a toy drive for EUMA families at the Refuge this Christmas. We will be joining Dustin's Drive, an annual toy drive started 13 years ago by our very own Dustin Sutter. We are collecting new, unwrapped toys for any child from baby-teens. The toys will be donated to the Refuge, unwrapped and the unhoused families that are staying there will pick out toys and wrap them for their children. It is a wonderful chance for all of us who have SO much to give back this holiday to families that don't have anything. We will have a box to collect toys in the Narthex. You can leave them anytime starting this Sunday, November 23-December 15. Please feel free to pass the news of this toy drive to your friends at work, school and anywhere. Thanks!

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