



## CONTRIBUTIONS

All contributions must be received in the office by 10:00 AM, on December 30, 2016 to be counted as a 2016 contribution. All contributions received after that date will be counted as a 2017 contribution. Grace is not responsible to count your contribution for 2016 if it is lost in the mail.

## COORDINATOR NEEDED

A new coordinator for the January hospitality teams is needed. Please speak to Jean Graning if you are interested in this ministry.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES



Offering envelopes for 2017 are available on the table in the Narthex. If you would like envelopes and do not find a box with your name, please take a box and write your name next to the number on the sheet. Remember to discard your 2016 envelopes on January 1st. If you have any questions, please call the office.

## WHAT'S SO AMAZING ABOUT CHRISTMAS?

Consider this: God loved the world so much that he came visiting. God slipped into the world as a helpless baby, without fanfare or heraldry.

Think of it: The baby, born of humble parents, the man a carpenter, the woman still in her teens, scholars say. Jesus was born in a backwater town called Bethlehem, in a stable reeking with animal smells.

It took years before people fully comprehended God's self-revelation. Even John the Baptist, sitting in Herod's prison, sent a message to Jesus asking, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" (Matthew 11:3, NRSV). Jesus then explained that he was working miracles and bringing good news to the poor.

That became even more clear when Peter concluded that Jesus was "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16, NRSV).

What's amazing about Christmas is that it began in a manger. And today more than 2 billion people around the world celebrate Jesus' birth.

Events for the week of **December 25, 2016 - January 1, 2017**

### Sunday, December 25, 2016—Christmas Day

**9:00 am** No Adult Sunday School

**10:00 am** Worship

**10:15 am** No Children's Sunday School  
Fellowship—Education

### Monday, December 26, 2016

**1:00 pm** NO Early Learning Readiness

### Tuesday, December 27, 2016

### Wednesday, December 28, 2016

**1:00 pm** No Early Learning Readiness

**6:00 pm** No Youth Group

**6:15 pm** No Hand Bell Choir

**7:15 pm** No Choir

### Thursday, December 29, 2016

**9:00 am** Bulletin Deadline

### Friday, December 30, 2016

### Saturday, December 31, 2016

### Sunday, January 1, 2017—Epiphany Sunday/New Years Day

**9:00 am** No Adult Sunday School

**10:00 am** Worship

**10:15 am** No Children's Sunday School  
Fellowship—Churches United for the Homeless

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