

SOUTH BLOOMFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

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4 pm to 7 pm
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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

By Pastor Floyd



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One of my all-time favorite Christmas movies is "Scrooge." It was taken from the book by Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol," written in 1843. Actually, this book saved Mr. Dickens from financial ruin. It became wildly popular for generations. In fact, approximately 20 movies about Scrooge have been made with different people playing the leading role.

My favorite is the 1951 British production starring Alastair Sim. I find his portrayal of the curmudgeon, Ebenezer Scrooge, to be the most believable. If you know the story, it is all about living a life for a purpose that one would find most valuable. In the beginning of the story, Ebenezer's focus is all about accumulating money and not spending one cent if avoidable (we all have at least one of those in our family). Mr. Scrooge is so focused on monetary gain that, when asked for support for the poor and destitute, his reply was, "Are there no prisons? Are there no workhouses? If I could work my will, every idiot who goes about with "Merry Christmas" on his lips should be boiled in his own pudding and buried with a stake in his heart. HUMBUG!" Even the loss of his partner in business did not faze his cold, hardened heart.

As you may already know, Ebenezer was visited by three spirits, past, present, and future. These spirits show Mr. Scrooge the truth about the way he lived and the results of where he would end his life if something didn't change. It was a truly frightful, surreal, and life-changing experience for him. Ultimately, Ebenezer's heart truly changed, and he became a champion of those who are in need. Although the book and the movie did not mention God as the inspiration of the life change Scrooge experienced, you can see the evidence of a divine hand in the script. I wonder...how many of us need to read the story of the "Christmas Carol" once again? You remember, of course, that the word Christmas actually means "Christ Mass," don't you?

So, as we journey to the cradle in Bethlehem, let us all reflect on the eternal meaning of our past, present, and mostly future lives in relationship with the Christ Child. Let us pray to be genuinely transformed from our old Scrooge into the new, redeemed creation God intends for us to be. Let's pray that this Christmas is the very best as we offer our lives as a gift to the risen Christ.

Merry Christmas,

Pastor Floyd

MUSIC NOTES

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BIBLE STUDIES

Friends in Faith

Join Ken and Paula each Sunday following worship at 10:30 in the family room. This Bible study group meets in a Sunday school-type setting. They discuss the day's scripture and the sermon.

CHOIR

This choir practices each Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. The choir sings for worship services, special services on Christmas and Easter, and a couple of concerts each year. Come and bring your voice. Everyone is welcome.

YOUTH CHOIR

This choir sings on special occasions during the year. The youth choir is under the direction of Kathleen Woodard, Peggy Hubbell, and Scott Brown. If your child would like to join, contact one of the directors.

RUBY BELL CHOIR

The Ruby Bell Choir is for children age 4 and up. It performs at special services and is under the direction of Peggy Hubbell.

YOUTH NOTES

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

If you have youth, please take note: On Saturday, December 7th, and Saturday, December 14th, there will be practices for the Christmas program at 10:00 am.

The Christmas program will take place on Sunday, December 22nd, during the worship service.

Ladies Bible Study and Prayer

This group is temporarily on break. They will meet again on January 10th, 2025. SEE YOU THEN!

Les Feldick Bible Study

This group meets on Wednesdays in the family room at 3:00 pm and is led by Dean. This Bible study uses a video curriculum. Les's teaching is in a classroom setting. They are currently studying the Book of Romans. Everyone is welcome!

Prayer Group

PLEASE NOTE: There is no prayer meeting on the day after Christmas, December 26th.

Each Thursday morning at 8:00 am the men gather to pray. This group, typically composed of men, welcomes anyone who would like to spend time in prayer, asking for God's continued hand on our church and its people. This is a very informal gathering. Please feel free to join us.



Men's Prayer and Bible Study

PLEASE NOTE: There is NO meeting on December 24th or December 31st.

A prayer and Bible study group for men takes place at Berger Hospital in Circleville. This group meets at 9 am each Tuesday morning.

**COMING EVENTS!
MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY



Come on the first three Thursday's in December, in the afternoon at 3 pm, and join Pastor Keith for Bible Study. If you would like to experience an Advent study, the dates in December are the 5th, 12th, and 19th. All are welcome.

FESTIVAL OF THE CAROLS

Ministry and Performing Arts Center
1476 Lancaster Pike, Circleville



Saturday, December 7

Doors open at 5 pm—Concert begins at 6 pm

Sunday, December 8

Doors open at 2:00 - Concert begins at 3 pm

Reserve Tickets at:

OHIOCHRISTIAN.EDU/CHRISTMAS

Tickets are free but needed for admittance. See the flyer on the church bulletin board in the entryway for more information.

LADIES LUNCHEON

The next ladies luncheon will be held at the Olive Garden in Grove City on Tuesday, December 17th, 2024 at 11:30 am.



If you will be attending or need a ride, please let Pat know as soon as possible by email or text at 614-309-2384 or pat3duncan@yahoo.com. You may also tell her on Sunday. If you need a ride, be in the family room parking lot by 11am.

HOLIDAY NEWS
Great Fun Is Coming!

Family Christmas

December 8th, 2024

See the last page of the newsletter.

Family Caroling

December 15th, 2024

See the last page of the newsletter.

In the event of inclement weather, we will carol in the church sanctuary and go to the family room for a light meal.

Sponsored by Music Ministry and the Social Activity Committee



**Join us for our
Christmas Eve Service at 7 pm
Tuesday, December 24th, 2024.**

CHRISTMAS CARD BAGS

It is a holiday tradition at our church to set out Christmas card bags for each of our church families. Instead of spending the postage to send greeting cards, you may put the cards in the bags. The bags are in the basement and are placed in alphabetical order. Please have your cards delivered by December 22nd and picked up by January 1st. This is totally optional.

If you cannot use the stairs to go down to the basement, leave them in the church office and they will be distributed for you.

Questions? See Pat Acord. There are approximately 84 families on the list.



POINSETTIA PAYMENTS

If you need to pay for your poinsettia, please put your check or cash in an envelope with your name and mark the envelope "Poinsettia." You may place it in the offering plate. Please have all payments in by December 15th. Thank you.



DECEMBER MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

The Administrative Board **will NOT** meet in December. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 14th, at 6:30 pm.**

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

This group is for those touched by Parkinson's and/or their families. They meet the 3rd Monday of the month at SBMC in the family room at 11 am. The next meeting date is:

Monday, December 16th, 2024, at 11 am

Prior notification is not required, but contacts for this group are Teresa Riffle (740-412-1030) and Peggy Hubbell (614-620-3366).

FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

Every year we partner with the Ashville Food Pantry to donate a specific item for the holidays. This year for . . .

***CHRISTMAS:** We will need 220 boxes of cake mix and 220 tubs of icing.



LADIES LUNCHEON

Be sure to let Pat know you would like to go to the Olive Garden in Grove City on **Tuesday, December 17th, at 11:30.** (See coming events.)

MAKING SLEEP MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

Come and join us on **Thursday, December 19th, at 10:30.** There is a job for all ages, and you can even learn to crochet if you wish.

HAVE FOR YOU

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
* BELT SANDER Craftsman workbench	kdeel@frontier.com
* WHEELCHAIR Barely used	peeb26@outlook.com

If you have items you can no longer use, you might want to donate them to someone else. You can list them here. Examples: baby items, children's clothes, craft items, a piece of furniture, appliances, etc. All items must be in good shape and working order.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Would you like to sponsor altar flowers as a remembrance or special occasion for someone on one of the Sundays during the year? It's as easy as signing up on the list that is on the bulletin board in the entryway. You may purchase your own at your favorite florist. There is a second option. Our own Becky Yates does a beautiful job of floral arranging. Just look around the church! She will be glad to do it for you. You may contact her at msbeckylb@yahoo.com and make arrangements for a consult or see her in church.



FAMILY JOYS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS

Congratulations to Abby Perdew, Izzy Wheeler, and Reilly Horvath. They were inducted into the National Honor Society.

Have you or someone in your family received a special award? Has someone gone on a special trip? Do you have a family member that has achieved a special goal? What about a group you belong to outside the church that is raising funds to help others in need? We are ready to help! Any news or information is welcome!

Please send this information to
peeb26@outlook.com.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT LIVE CAMS?

Did you know you can watch all kinds of things on the internet live, like the ocean, trains, planes, eagles nesting, and so many others? Go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for live cams for your area of interest. You will be surprised at what you will find on whatever you are interested in. The following are a very few.

Ice Skating at Bryant Park, New York
If you watch early enough, you might see ice skating lessons, professionals practicing their routines, and ice skaters polishing their skills.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VVBU63T23j8>

San Diego Military
Watch warships come back from deployment and go out on maneuvers. There are military ships of all kinds.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=edz0ux7JCIE>

Ships Coming Through the Canal in Duluth
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPS48TMMnag>

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES

1. The third quarter budget was reviewed.
2. We will sponsor a Christmas family from South Bloomfield Elementary. This is done each year, and the school will choose the recipient.
3. Pastor Floyd was approached about putting a new roof on the garage.
4. The Christmas card bags list was reviewed.
5. Scioto Chapel and the Global Methodist Church, Commercial Point, are hosting a progressive dinner in February. They would like SBMC to participate. There is a limited number of seats available. More details to follow.
6. A discussion was held about toilet replacement in the church.
7. There is no meeting in December. The first meeting will be on January 14, 2025, weather permitting, and anyone can attend. If you have questions and concerns, you are encouraged to come to the meetings. They are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

THE BLACK BOX IS NOT JUST FOR AIRPLANES!

Did you know we have a black box? It sits right outside the church office in the entryway. What is it for? Glad you asked! Pastor Floyd brought it with him many years ago. It is to be used for sharing private information, such as questions or concerns, etc., for him only. It is locked, and he is the only one with a key.

PRAYER LIST

Roy Bently	Palma Mills
Nate Bethel	Charlie Moody
The Border Patrol	JoRita Morrow
Gerry Daniels	Vivian Neal
Dean Darst family	Randy O'Connor
Dodds family	Buddy Puckett
Stan Echelbarger	Kensie Richard
Norma Egan	Bobbie Rickrich
Howard Emry	Pat Riley
Dannie Fouts	Sandra Ruh
Madeline Fox	Dave Schiff
Virginia Greathouse	Tami Singleton
George Gregory	Joyce Speakman family
Cathy Groves	Jeanette Teeters
Mike Havens	Allen Thomas
Scarlet Grey Hedrick	Don Tibbs
Doris Jones	Sarah Tipton
Debbie Knapp	Mona Toole
Don Lee	Jeff Vance
Harold Lee	Pat Von Ins
Kari Lynch	Rosemary Wilt
Jenny Mathes	Carole Witryk
Delores Messick	Roman Witryk



Our sincere condolences go to Lisa Holloway and the family and friends of our Art Colombini.

SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Jared Conner	Logan Karshner
Thomas McPeek	Trevor Watkins
Tanner Woodard-Doty	Tyler Blain
Justin Vance	



ANNIVERSARIES

1 Chuck and Charlene Malone
 19 Bob and Debbie Forquer
 23 Roger and Susan Campbell
 23 Roman and Carole Witryk
 24 Jim and Terrie McDaniels



BIRTHDAYS

3 Jan Zeimer
 4 Roman Witryk
 6 Noah Sharp
 Melanie Willeford
 7 Ken Greene
 10 Kelly Spencer
 11 Gary Rawlins
 Joyce Speakman
 Ron Huffman
 12 Rosie Roese
 14 Kendra Sherman
 15 Pastor Floyd Hubbell
 16 Heather Groves
 20 Amy Peters
 Scott Brown
 25 Karalyn Kelley
 Avery Thomas
 27 Harold Lee



SCRIPTURE

“Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others”.
Colossians 3:13 (NLT)

OUR MISSIONS

ASHVILLE FOOD PANTRY

20 Church St., Ashville, OH
Open: 10 to 1 pm on the 2nd and 4th
Thursdays of the month.

Donations may be taken to the food pantry or placed in the church hallway on the shelf in front of the window.

If you know someone in need, please feel free to give them these numbers:

Food Pantry 614-687-2442
Thecala Acord 740-497-0552

WEEKEND PACKS

This mission is to give school children food for their weekend.

Packing is caught up for December.
Be watching for the January dates.

SLEEP MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

This group crochets sleep mats, pillows, and straps for the homeless. There is no experience required. It is very easy!

There is a job for all ages, and you can even learn to crochet if you wish.

We meet the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:30. The next date is Thursday, December 19th, at 10:30. You may come and go as you wish. We also need people to do this in their home after a little training. This is a very rewarding mission project.

And we have snacks! If you want to see what we do, come for fellowship and snacks.

For questions, email peeb26@outlook.com.

TO DONATE TO OUR MISSIONS

If you feel led to make a monetary donation to any of our missions, please see the following.

ASHVILLE FOOD PANTRY

To give a gift to support the food pantry, please make your check payable to "Ashville Food Pantry" and place it in the offering plate, or mark your cash donation for the "Ashville Food Pantry."

WEEKEND PACKS

Please make your check payable to "SBMC Women Who Care" and place it in the offering plate, or mark your cash donation for "Weekend Packs."

SLEEP MAT MISSION FOR THE HOMELESS

To make a donation for this ministry, please make your check payable to "South Bloomfield MC" and write "Homeless Mission" in the memo or mark your cash donation for the "Homeless Mission."

All donations are very much appreciated!

FOOD BOX CUPBOARD

This cupboard, outside of the family room, is sponsored by the Circleville host ministry. It helps to provide food and toiletries to anyone in need. Simply open the door and take your immediate needs.

If you would like to donate non-perishable food (canned and boxed items) and toiletries, you may place items directly into the cupboards. Please, no glass items.

FOOD AND TOILETRIES ONLY, PLEASE!



HELPFUL INFORMATION

CHURCH DIRECTORY

There is no charge for the app or to be listed in this directory.

Are you in the church directory? Do you know how to access the church directory?

1. On your computer, go to members.instantchurchdirectory.com/ or go to the app store and download the app to your phone. Look for the green square and the little white church in the center. Then follow their instructions.
2. For directory access. You must have an email. They will send you a code and password. You can change the password once you access the directory.
3. To be included in the directory send all submissions, changes, and updates to Pam Moody at pammoody2@icloud.com.
4. Your options: a portrait, name, address, email address, phone number, birthday, etc.
5. You must at least have an email in the directory to have access.

Help keep this directory up-to-date.

WORDS OF WISDOM OR LIFE LESSON

“ We celebrate the First Advent to whet our appetites for the Second. We long for the next coming.” - Max Lucado

“ It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you.” - Mother Teresa

Submitted by Tony Mosley

Do you have Words of Wisdom or a Life Lesson you would like to share. Send it to peeb26@outlook.com.

**ANY CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS?
PLEASE NOTIFY
THE APPROPRIATE PERSON
HELP KEEP THESE LISTS UP TO DATE!**

Church Directory

Contact Pam Moody at pammoody2@icloud.com

Church Information Changes

Contact Jennifer at southbloomfieldgmc@gmail.com

Anniversary List or Birthday List

Contact Jennifer at southbloomfieldgmc@gmail.com

Prayer List **PLEASE NOTE**

Contact Jennifer at southbloomfieldgmc@gmail.com

If a name has been on the prayer list for 3 months and no contact has been made to keep it on the list, it will then be removed.

Kroger Rewards Fundraiser for the Church

Go to www.Kroger.com. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click “community.” Scroll down to community rewards – click “sign up.”

If you need help,

contact Scott Brown at southbloomfieldmusic@gmail.com, cmboriginals@gmail.com, or text at 740-604-4772.

DAIRY QUEEN FUNDRAISER

Do you go to DQ? Buy your coupons from Terry Roese while raising money for our church. The cost is \$3 for each coupon. They are worth \$3 and raise \$1.50 each time you buy one.

They are good in these five locations: South Bloomfield, Circleville, New Lexington, Lancaster, and Baltimore.

If you would like to purchase these coupons, see Terry, or you can email the church at southbloomfieldgmc@gmail.com. Checks may be made payable to South Bloomfield MC. Thank you for your continued support!

TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER

Just email peeb26@outlook.com.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT FRUITCAKE

written by Jerry, Foundation Shelter

Acrostic: Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, King,
Great Father God, Spirit-Counselor

Mix nine fruits of:

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness,
Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and
Self-Control.

Churn with the milk of Human kindness,
Knead with the Bread of Life.
Sweeten with Praise and Worship.
Warm thoroughly in Fellowship.
Taste and see if good.
Serves Multitudes.
Expiration date is Eternal.

-written by Jerry, Foundation Shelter



NEWSLETTER

The deadline for articles to be placed in the January issue of the newsletter is

Wednesday, December 25th

Please email your articles, information, and calendar dates to: peeb26@outlook.com.
(Information received after the deadline will be held for the next newsletter.)

EXTRA CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PAPER?

There is a mission that can use your extra, unused Christmas wrapping. If you have any left over you may put it on the shelf in the hallway to the right of the entry way. Thanks for your help!



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

† 9 am Worship Service

† **Sunday School - Children attend worship through Children's Moment and then go to their class.**

† Preschool - Kindergarten meet in the family room.

Teachers: Abby Perdew, Becky Brown, Izzy Wheeler, Terry P. Roesse

† 1st grade - 5th grade meet in the family room.
Teachers: Susan Campbell, Connie McPeck, Amy Peters, Kendra Sherman

† 6th grade - High School meet in the church basement.

Teacher: Dan Zeimer

10:30 Friends in Faith Bible Study meet in the family room.



ON DUTY IN DECEMBER

Date	Day	Time	Event
3	Tues	9:00	Men's Bible Study/Prayer
4	Wed	3:00	LF Bible Study
		6:30	Choir Practice
5	Thur	8:00	Men's Prayer
		3:00	Advent Bible Study #1
7	Sat	10:00	Youth Program Practice
		noon	Family Christmas Set-up
8	Sun	3:00	FAMILY CHRISTMAS
10	Tues	9:00	Men's Bible Study/Prayer
11	Wed	3:00	LF Bible Study
		6:30	Choir Practice
12	Thur	8:00	Men's Prayer
		3:00	Advent Bible Study # 2
14	Sat	10:00	Youth Program Practice
15	Sun	4:30	FAMILY CAROLING
16	Mon	11:00	Parkinson's Group
17	Tues	9:00	Men's Bible Study/Prayer
		11:30	Ladies Luncheon
		6:00	SAC
18	Wed	3:00	LF Bible Study
		6:30	Choir Practice
19	Thu	8:00	Men's Prayer
		10:30	Mat Mission
		3:00	Advent Bible Study # 3 final
22	Sun	9:00	Youth Program
24	Tues	7:00	Christmas Eve Service
25	Wed	---	Merry Christmas
		---	Newsletter Articles Due
28	Sat	---	Newsletter Sent Out
31	Tues		New Year's Eve

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025!



December 1 - ADVENT 1

Sunday School Teachers:

Abby Perdew, Susan Campbell, Dan Zeimer

Greeters: Dave and Terry Roesse

Invocation: Ken Greene

Scripture: Peeb McCathran

Offering: Michelle Sturgill and Adam Sturgill

Cleaning Team Nov. 28 - 30: Team 2

December 8 - ADVENT 2

Sunday School Teachers:

Izzy Wheeler, Kendra Sherman, Dan Zeimer

Greeters: Paula Cahill and Joyce Nelson

Invocation: Keith Deel

Scripture: Dianne Hartley

Offering: Tony and Tammy Mosley

Cleaning Team Dec. 5 - 7: Team 3

December 15 - ADVENT 3

Sunday School Teachers:

Shana Perdew, Peggy Hubbell, Dan Zeimer

Greeters: Josh and Emily Schiff

Invocation: Bob Forquer

Scripture: Kathleen Woodard

Offering: Shelly Townsend and Amy

Cleaning Team Dec. 12 - 14: Team 4

December 22 - ADVENT 4

Sunday School Teachers:

Terry P. Roesse, Amy Peters, Dan Zeimer

Greeters: Shannon Horvath and Reilly Horvath

Invocation: Abby Perdew

Scripture: Dennis Karshner

Offering: Terrie McDaniels and Becky Brown

Cleaning Team Dec. 19-21 : Team 5

December 29

Sunday School Teachers:

Becky Brown, Connie McPeek

Greeters: Shana Perdew and Abby Perdew

Invocation: Alex Perdew

Scripture: Sandy Burns

Offering: Bill and Carol Johnson

Cleaning Team Dec. 26-28: Team 6

**South Bloomfield Methodist Church
Presents**



A Family Christmas

Bring in the season on
Sunday, December 8th, 2024
3:00 pm in the Family Room



Enjoy a Meal, Hot Chocolate and Marshmallows,
Cookie Decorating, Crafts, Carols, and Christmas Story Trivia

Bring your family for an afternoon of fun!

-sponsored by the Social Activity Committee and the Music Ministry

**South Bloomfield Methodist Church
Presents**



FAMILY CAROLING

Sunday, December 15th, 2024
Meet at the Church at 4:30 pm



How long has it been since you caroled around the neighborhood?

Bring back the lost tradition.

We will carol in the sanctuary if it rains.



Come back to the family room for
Sloppy Joes, Potato Chips, Cookies, Hot Chocolate

-sponsored by the Social Activity Committee and the Music Ministry