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## 8 Interesting Facts about the Birth of Jesus:

### 1. Jesus Was Born in the Same Village as King David:

Bethlehem. Not only does Jesus directly descend from David's line, but he's also born there as well. Not only does this fulfill Old Testament prophecy, but the symbolism of the heavenly king being born in the same place as the king after God's own heart certainly has its significance as well.

### 2. The Birth of Jesus Ruined Joseph's Reputation:

Matthew 13:55: "Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas?" The passage hints, in a somewhat derogatory way, that Joseph had thrown away his reputation when he continued his marriage with Mary after he discovered her pregnancy. They don't even refer to him by name.

### 3. Jesus' Birth Came after 400 Years of Silence from God:

After the time of the Old Testament prophets, God remains silent for 400 years until the birth of Jesus. During this 400-year period, a number of nations overtake Israel. Israel successfully rebels against some (i.e. the Maccabean revolt) but by the time Jesus arrives, Romans had occupied Israel.

### 4. Joseph Could Have Had Mary Killed for Adultery:

In Christian circles now, if adultery occurs, most likely the couple will divorce. But according to Old Testament practices (Leviticus 20:10) if someone committed adultery, this could get them killed.

### 5. Jesus Was Probably Not Born in December:

While Christmas has been celebrated on December 25 for nearly 1700 years, Jesus was not actually born in December. In fact, he was not born in winter at all! In

the year 336 AD Emperor Constantine established Christmas to be on the winter solstice, which is December 25. However, Jesus most likely had a spring birth, thanks to the mention in Luke 2 of shepherds abiding in their fields. During springtime, sheep gave birth to lambs, hence why they would stay out at night as well in case a night birth occurred. But we cannot say for sure exactly when Jesus' birth happened, as shepherds did stay out in the fields year-round.

### 6. The Narrative Intentionally Draws a Contrast between Jesus and John the Baptist:

The Bible intentionally pairs the stories of John the Baptist and Jesus' births together. John the Baptist's birth was nothing short of a miracle. Angel appearances and the fact Elizabeth had long since passed her childbearing years attest to this.

### 7. The Wise Men Were Not There:

Many of you might have heard that the wise men did not appear during the night of Jesus' birth, no matter what nativity scenes may try to tell you. In fact, it took them about two years to make the trek from their homeland to Judea, when they approached Herod. This means they did not see Jesus until he'd reached the age of two. Hence why Herod tries to kill children around that age.

### 8. A Manger Is a Feeding Trough:

According to Crosswalk, "In that part of the world animals were kept in caves, and feeding troughs were made out of stone, so Jesus was probably born in a cave around Bethlehem somewhere, and laid in a stone trough."

The Deane Bozeman Concert Choir will be singing their Christmas Concert at GUMC, Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The concert choir is composed of a total of 55 students, from 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Our Minister of Music, Marvin Miller is their director, so come join us for a morning full of a plethora of Christmas music. The program lasts approximately 30 minutes, so we'll have you out before lunch.



# Choral Christmas Celebration

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. Our very own Sanctuary Choir will be celebrating the birth of Christ through the gift of music. The choir will be singing a variety of familiar and new songs, along with soloist and congregational singing! So, church family, this is a very easy opportunity to invite those friends, family and neighbors to church to enjoy the worship and celebration of our Lord's birthday.

## Finance Report

Cash Flow Summary — October 2023	
In	\$27,730.75
Out	\$21,374.39

Cash Flow Summary — Year to Date	
In	\$253,970.07
Out	\$248,818.54

## 2023 Giving Report



If you would like your 2023 tithes credited for this year, please have all your offerings in by Sunday, December 31, 2023. Any money after this date will go onto your 2024 Giving Report.

Thank you so much for your faithful giving on behalf of the work of the Lord at Gulfview.

GULFVIEW  
 FAITH  
 WOMEN



Our United Women in Faith organized donations that were given for Thanksgiving Grocery Bags to bring to families at West Bay Elementary School.

~ Submitted by Kathy Hardy

During our Nov. meeting, the election of officers was held for 2024. Those elected were:

- Kathy Hardy, President
- Faye Cook, Vice President
- Becky Martin, Secretary
- Gayle Mead, Treasurer
- Kellie Stevenson, Spiritual Growth
- Thresia Weber, Membership & West Bay Representative
- Jo Ann Stone, Historian
- Kathi Hall, Projects Coordinator
- Jill Zimanek, Gratitude Minute

Please join me in congratulating these women for what they do! UWF is open to all women of the church and we would be happy to have you join us. Come to a meeting and see what we do for our church and community. Our next meeting is Jan. 8, 2024.

Sunday, Dec. 3 is our annual Christmas Shoppe and Bake Sale at 11 a.m. after the service in the Fellowship Hall. Please come see what our Seaside Stitches have

made and the home made goodies that will be available!

Our third annual Mingle and Jingle Christmas luncheon for all the ladies of Gulfview will be Monday, Dec. 11 at 11 a.m. Students from West Bay Elementary will be performing and lunch will be served afterwards. Last year they were exceptional, and it was enjoyed by all. Invitations have been sent, however, if someone was missed, please contact the office or Kathy Hardy for information.

## United Methodist Men Meeting and Dinner

~ Submitted by Lane Rees

Due to Christmas and New Years, we will not have a United Methodist Men's meeting and dinner in December. Please place January 22, 2024 on your schedule for our first meeting and dinner of 2024!!

## Thursday Men's Breakfast, Prayer, and Bible Study



One morning in November, the weather was nice, so the Men ate outside in the Legacy Pavilion. All men are invited to our weekly Thursday morning, 8:30 a.m. "Best Breakfast Ever", sharing God Sightings during the previous week, praying for those in need and a Bible study.

We pray each of you have a very meaningful Advent as we prepare for the Coming of the Savior, a special Christmas as we celebrate Jesus' birth, and then we wish you a very Happy 2024 New Year!

There were 100 boxes taken from Gulfview for this vital ministry to reach children around the globe through Samaritan's Purse to spread the Good News of Jesus. The boxes were prayed for and blessed on Sunday, Nov. 12.

## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



## Broccoli Cornbread Recipe

### Elaine Averett's famous recipe

- 1 Extra large Egg
- 1 Stick butter (melted-not hot)
- 1/2 Cup Sour Cream
- 1/2 Cup Buttermilk
- 1 Cup Sharp Cheddar Cheese
- 2 Cups Chopped Broccoli (if frozen, drain & pat dry)
- 1 Box Jiffy mix original

Preheat oven to 350°

Check at 40-50 minutes and cook until toothpick comes out clean. Every oven is different.



**Christmas decorating crew at Gulfview Nov. 27.**

# December 2023 Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Church Office Closed	2
<b>3 COMMUNION</b> <span style="color: purple;">1st Advent Hope</span> 8:45a Right Now 9a Sunday Classes 10a Worship Service <b>11a CHRISTMAS SHOPPE/BAKE SALE</b> 11:30a Choral Christmas practice	4  1p Seaside Stitches Room 200	5  5:30p Choir Practice Room 100	6  <b>11a Bozeman Concert Choir In Sanctuary</b>	7 8:30a Men's Breakfast, Prayer, Bible Study—F.H.  9a Ladies Community Bible Study Room 101	8 Church Office Closed	9  <b>2p Friday—All day Saturday</b> Sunday Class Rooms/ Kitchen/Fellowship Hall Reserved for Lay Servant Training
<b>10</b> <span style="color: purple;">2nd Advent Peace</span> 8:45a Right Now 9a Sunday Classes <b>10a CHORAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION</b> 11a Refreshments	11  11a UWF Mingle/Jingle Fellowship Hall	12  6p Austin Music 29th Semi-Annual Recital In Sanctuary	13	14 8:30a Men's Breakfast, Prayer, Bible Study—F.H.  9a Ladies Community Bible Study Room 101	15  Church Office Closed	16  6:45a Community Breakfast First UMC, PC
<b>17</b> <span style="color: purple;">3rd Advent Joy</span> 8:45a Right Now 9a Sunday Classes 10a Worship Service 11a Refreshments	18  1p Seaside Stitches Room 200	19	20	21 8:30a Men's Breakfast, Prayer, Bible Study—F.H.  9a Ladies Community Bible Study Room 101	22  Church Office Closed	23
<b>24</b> <span style="color: purple;">4th Advent Love</span> 8:45a Right Now 9a Sunday Classes 10a Worship Service 11a Refreshments  <b>5p CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE</b>	25  Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29	30
<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED AND NO ACTIVITIES</b>						
<b>31</b> 8:45a Right Now 9a Sunday Classes 10a Worship Service 11a Refreshments						

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Martha Roberts
- 2 Katie Quebedeaux
- 4 Lynn Sellers
- 6 Carolyn Batts
- 8 Tom Brant
- Lonnie Mead
- 9 Steve Berkebile
- 11 Elbra Hyde
- 17 Sue Draper
- 18 Phillip Blythe
- Margaret Easter
- 25 Brad Bugg
- 27 Neil Todd
- 30 Gayle Oberst
- Ginger Turnbough

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Don & Kathy Hardy
- 8 Tony & Judy Fifer
- 17 George & Carol McGraw
- 17 Don Gedeon & Denise Knoppel
- 18 Lynn & Ann Sellers
- 20 Harold & Tiny Bridges
- 31 Lonnie & Gayle Mead

The Church office will be closed the week of Christmas from Dec. 25—Jan. 1; there are no activities planned.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



**29th Semi-Annual Recital**

Tuesday, Dec. 12 @ 6 p.m.

**Come out for a night to hear performances from local folks of all ages. Free admission.**

For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6