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Under Wraps

by Pastor Matt Riley

Under Wraps: The Gift we never expected. From the beginning, the Bible tells of a love story between God and God's people. As the story works its way through the Old Testament into the New Testament, there are twists and turns but the ending is always clear-God's plan is to rescue his people. And so God sent Jesus. God actually gift-wrapped himself in human flesh and was born in a stable so he could come and live among us and offer us life and salvation that we could never gain on our own. Under Wraps will be an exciting Advent experience that explores four characteristics of God described in the Old Testament and then revealed perfectly and completely through Jesus.

December 6- God is Expectant- Isaiah 9: 6-7
December 13- God is Dangerous- John 3: 16-19, 36- Kids Club Christmas Pageant- 7pm
December 20- God is Jealous- Luke 10: 27- Choral Cantata
December 24- Candlelight Service at 6pm
December 29- God is Faithful- Isaiah 49: 8-10, 13, 15-16a

Youth Group

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Have you heard? A youth group for grades 7-12 has started on Sunday mornings. Kathy Hollingsworth is the leader of this group and would like to invite all youth in grades 7-12 to come every Sunday at 10am. Come be a part of something new, fresh, and exciting. Advent, the preparation time before Christ's Birth is right around the corner. November 22 we will have a carry-in soup and sandwich meal following worship and then join together in decorating the church for the season. Come join us in the fellowship, and some time where we as a church family can gather together and begin getting in the Spirit of Christmas together.

Christmas Mission



Kids Club

For grades K-6

Christmas Pageant

December 13 at 7pm

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Kids Club Christmas Pageant Dec. 13

Come join us

Sunday December 13 at 7pm for a fun Christmas Pageant put on by the kids club. "You can't cancel Christmas!" There will be cookies served for everyone who comes after the pageant. If you would like to donate cookies, just bring them with you.

"Dude, your mom has totally lost it," Noah tells Nate. She's so busy fretting about Christmas dinner that she forgets about helping the kids practice for the church pageant. The dog eats the pumpkin pie and she's sick of having her hands inside a cold, dead bird—but her blood pressure really rises when she discovers Nate peeked at his Christmas present. Mom cancels Christmas! The kids are left to prepare the pageant on their own. King James it's not—but funny it is! Convoluted meanings and modern expressions are wrapped around fun snippets of well-known songs with new lyrics. When Mom unwittingly stumbles onto the scene of the performance, the beautifully simple truth of Jesus' birth emerges from the humor. Try as you might, *You Can't Cancel Christmas!*



Come join us every Monday from 3:30-5pm at the church for snacks, fun bible lessons, music, and games. All children grades K-6 are invited. Just fill out a form (found in the entryway of church or online www.waverlymoumc.com), send a note to school that your child will be riding the bus to the church, and come pick them up at 5. It's that easy!

Merry
Christmas



Community Events

December 5- Hometown Christmas- Community Building- 8am-4pm

December 6- Last collection day for Christmas Gifts

December 12- Distribute Christmas gifts collected- Shepherd's Food Pantry-9:15am

December 20- Christmas Cantata by Waverly Choir at 11am

December 23- Blue Christmas Healing Service at Norborne UMC at 6pm

December 24- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6pm

Christmas Mission



We are collecting Christmas gifts for men, women, and children to handout at the Shepherd's Food Pantry December 12. Gifts will be collected at church and then taken to the Food Pantry. Do not worry about wrapping them as sometimes the clients will use them as gifts they can give that would otherwise not be able to afford. Please have all gifts brought to church by December 6. We would also love any help that can be given to handout the gifts December 12 starting at 9:15am.

Advent Book Study

Come join us for a book study at the parsonage on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. We are discussing the book "Just say Yes!" written by our Bishop, Robert Shnase. The focus is on to become a church that has a ministry of saying Yes to affecting change within the church and the community. Begins Dec. 2.

