

# ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

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**Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Tea & Thee *and* Women in Faith will meet at 9 am for a  
Christmas Brunch at Marcia Reardon's**

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**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a *HOLIDAY POTLUCK*  
following our church service. Drinks provided. Come and enjoy  
the fellowship and good food!!!**

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**A Christmas Concert will be performed by the Altamont Community  
Choir on December 7<sup>th</sup>—2:00 pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church on  
Highway 40 followed by cookies and hot chocolate. Free Will  
Offering to benefit St. Paul's Food Pantry & Community Choir costs.**

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**The Coles County Chorus Annual Christmas Concert will take place  
on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 2206  
4th St, Charleston, IL 61920 at 3 PM. Free Will donation will benefit the  
Coles County food banks & homeless shelters.**

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**The Angel Tree gift bags need returned Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Special thank you to Nancy Bowen, Kristen Barnick,  
& Sherry Schumacher for their work on this annual project.**

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## **JOB OPENING**

**If you would be willing to learn to run the slide show presentations each Sunday or  
some Sundays, please call or text Yvonne Flanigan at 815-954-0450. Charlie  
Niehaus does all of the work of putting the slide shows together. There is only one  
other person to substitute. Expand your horizon, give it a try!**

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**Michael Williams new address  
1200 N 4<sup>th</sup> St.,  
Effingham IL 62401**

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## **ALTAMONT CIRCUIT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

**The Altamont Circuit Churches (Funkhouser and Salem) will present a Christmas Program in conjunction with the Altamont First United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> - 3:00 pm at the AFUMC. The theme of the program is "PEACE". There will be Music, Scripture Readings, and Guest Speakers plus a surprise or two! Food will be offered after the program in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and enjoy!**

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*The C.E.F.S. Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and Meals on Wheels Annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet will be on Dec.18, 2025 at the Effingham Event Center, 501 W Fayette Ave., Effingham Il. Doors open at 4:30. Dinner is served at 5:30. RSVP to (217) 994-0104 to Kim Shelmadine.*

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Operation Christmas Child Boxes started on their journey to the children who will receive them around the world this year - spreading the love of Jesus. Our church sent more boxes than last year, sending 56 boxes! I would like to thank everyone who packed boxes. It is a true blessing to see everyone give so much for someone they have never met. If you kept the tracking number of your box, please let us know if you follow your box and where it arrives.

I would also like to thank Kreed Smith for once again making crosses that fit into our Operation Christmas Child boxes. Because of a misplacement of the box of crosses, you did not get them with your boxes. However, every box had a cross placed on top of the items in your box. Kreed has already made the crosses for next year's boxes, so you will receive them with your box next year. Thank you again for sharing your talent with the children of the world!

Yvonne Flanigan, Operation Christmas Child Coordinator

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### **Effingham County Fish Human Services ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER**

**Thursday, December 25, 2025 at the Effingham Event Center, 1501 W Fayette Ave. Effingham, IL Beginning December 1<sup>st</sup> through December 22<sup>nd</sup> you may call 217-343-7342 to reserve a meal. Free will donation. Meal delivery begins at 10 am, curbside pickup is from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, and a congregated meal begins at 12:30 pm.**