

HEMLOCK FRIENDS MEETING

The Fun Church With Firm Convictions

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Our Purpose: "To Know Christ and Make Him Known."

Merry Christmas!

December 21, 2014

9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP

The altar is always open to lay your heart before the Lord and seek Him.

Message: *"Bearing Gifts"*

Scripture: Matthew 2:11
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STEWARDSHIP

December 14, 2014

Attendance **Offering**

Sunday School	11	\$ 15.00
Morning Worship	15	\$ 905.00

Our desire is to know Christ more each day and to make Him known to others. We pray each one who attends today will receive practical insight from the Lord into daily living whether through music, fellowship, personal reflection or preaching.

Some make an issue of "Happy Holidays" vs. "Merry Christmas". Holidays has "holy" in its etymology and Christmas obviously centers on Christ, so I like both! I also think *meaning* has more substance than *Merry* and *Happy* so I will step outside the box and take this time to wish you all "**A Meaningful Holiday Season**" (Christmas & New Year)☺!

Ron

He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree. Roy L. Smith

There has been only one Christmas — the rest are anniversaries. ~W.J. Cameron

The Son of God became a man to enable men to become the sons of God.

-C.S.Lewis (Mere Christianity)

The giving of gifts is not something man invented. God started the giving spree when he gave a gift beyond words, the unspeakable gift of His Son. - Robert Flatt

Announcements

Good morning! We welcome you to worship & celebrate the advent of our Lord with us!

- **Happy Birthday to: John Tocco, Tuesday, December 23.**
- With the holiday season upon us, **please remember to check your church mailboxes** in the foyer by the coat rack! Thank you!

YEARLY MEETING NEWS

Pastor Dane Leitch will conclude his ministry at *Marion First Friends* at the end of the month. Best wishes to Dane!

Mid-Winter Retreat for pastors and spouses will be January 23-25.

Tri-County Quarterly Meeting will meet, January 11, at *Sycamore Friends*. Meal is at 5:30, and the program will be at 6:30 pm. IYM's Superintendent, Doug Shoemaker, and our new Assistant Superintendent, Pat Byers, will join us. Everyone is welcome!

Over 30 IYM pastors and spouses enjoyed the second annual Pastors Christmas Gathering on December 13. The evening included a meal prepared by **Kris Shoemaker** and a musical program presented by **Nathan Salsbery**.

Winter Sneak for youth grades 7-12 will be held at Quaker Haven Camp, February 6-8.

“**Hemlock** has paid 100% of a pro-rated share of their assessments for the five months they have been full members of IYM.”

IYM is in search of former members of the *Teen Ambassadors*, a youth choir that began in 1965. A 50-year reunion is being planned during the IYM sessions. Contact Ed Weirrick at cowboyed72@embarqmail.com or Stephanie (Varner) Morgan at sam5986@yahoo.com.