



December 10-11, 2016

Ridge Lines: CONNECTING TO
THE AUTUMN RIDGE COMMUNITY

Celebrate with us

the
JOY of
CHRISTMAS

AutumnRidgeChurch.org/christmas

Welcome, Guests!

We pray that you are encouraged by the love of Christ as you worship with us. We strive to create a grace- and hope-filled environment where you can take your next step toward Christ!

Please fill out a **Connection Card** from the rack in front of your chair, and bring it to the **Connection Center** in the lobby. The staff would love to meet you, answer questions, and give you a gift bag that includes a coupon for Christos Bookcenter and tickets for a complementary Saturday night meal or Sunday morning coffee and pastries at one of our **HotSpots**.

Children are always welcome in our worship services. If your child becomes fussy, we can direct you to spaces which will allow you to see and hear what is going on in the services while attending to your child's needs.



Extending the Truth Conversation Starter:

"What is your fondest Christmas memory? Why?"

We are embracing a year-long focus called Extend the Truth. Want to engage in a conversation with your colleague, neighbor, family, or friend? Above is a simple conversation starter we can use to start learning more about them . . . so we can start loving them more.

NEXT WEEKEND!

Saturday | 5:30pm
Sunday | 9:00 & 10:30am

**BRING YOUR
FRIENDS
AND FAMILY!**

A JOURNEY TO TRUTH

Through sharing the gospel, Scripture, and Christmas carols our children will remind us that Christmas was God's idea to bring us to Himself.

extend
the **TRUTH**



FULLY CONNECT WITH US

We believe the best next step to strengthen your commitment to the ministry at Autumn Ridge comes when you fully connect with us in three crucial areas: Life Groups, Giving, and Serving. We have designed a helpful tool to assist you in discovering your next step. Visit our website or app and click on "Fully Connect with Us."



Christmas Eve Services

- 1:30pm** Family Service geared toward children | *Childcare for infant – 2 years old*
- 2:45pm** Lessons and Carols in a traditional setting | *Childcare for infant – preschool*
- 4:00pm** Lessons and Carols in a traditional setting | *Childcare for infant – preschool*
- 5:15pm** Lessons and Carols in a contemporary setting | *Childcare for infant – preschool*
- 10:00pm** Candlelight service in the sanctuary | *No childcare*

Saturday Night Dinner will NOT be served

Christmas Day Service

- 10:00am** A simple service to celebrate Christ's birth | *Childcare for infant – preschool*
Christmas day baby dedications - TWO openings remain. If you would like to take advantage of this while your family is in town, please call Pastor Steer at 288-8880.

AUTUMN RIDGE CHURCH MINISTRY EVENTS

children (Infant-Grade 5)

Don't know where to go? Check out the Children's Welcome Desk in the lobby.

Saturdays, 5:30pm: Infant-PreK

Sundays, 9 & 10:30am: Infant-Grade 5

Wednesdays, 6:30pm: Kids' Club (PreK-Grade 5)

Parents are invited to join their children this Wednesday - Don't forget to wear red or green.

Barnabas (Special Needs): Sundays, 10:30am

Barn-a-Break: A time of respite for our

Barnabas families. Thursday, Dec. 15, 5:45pm
Barnabas parents can drop their children off and have a few hours for themselves!

Helping Hands: Thursday, Dec. 15, 9:30am

Trail Life USA (Boys K-Grade 7): Monday,
Dec 12, 6:15pm - Timothy Chapel

1 Thing for December: Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Sign up at RegisterToRing.com or call
507.288.3663

December 17: Christmas Musical Dress Rehearsal,
9:00-12:00pm

students (Grades 6-12)

2016 final Mosaic, Sunday, Dec. 11, 5:30pm

Middle School Life Groups, Sunday, Dec. 11, 5:30pm

NO High School Life Groups: Wednesday, Dec. 14

2017 KICK-OFF - JANUARY 15

college-aged (ages 18-24)

Sundays, 7:30pm: in the Lighthouse

fusion (Single Young Adults)

Tuesdays, 7:00pm: in the Lighthouse

men

Men's Bible Study Fellowship: Tuesdays, 6:30pm -
Upper Room

Men's Coffee Club, Discussions and Presentations:
Wednesdays, 9:00am - Upper Room

Wednesday Men's Study: 6:30pm - Upper Room

Men's Bible Study: Fridays, 6:00am - Upper Room

women

Women's Bible Study: resumes January 18

Side by Side (medical spouses): Fridays,
9:15am - Summit Room

missions & local outreach

Food 4 Friends Boxes: please remember to drop
your filled boxes off by Monday, December 12.

general events & classes

Adult Bible Study: Book of Revelation
Sundays, 10:30am - Upper Room

Choir Rehearsal

Resumes Wednesday, January 4

Volleyball

Tuesdays, 6:30pm - CENTER Gym

Celebrate Recovery

Fridays, 7:00pm - Upper Room

More information about our activities are available at AutumnRidgeChurch.org or the church app.

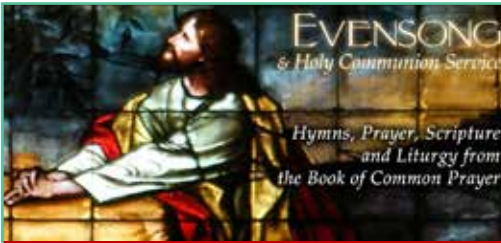


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EVENSONG
& Holy Communion Service

Hymns, Prayer, Scripture
and Liturgy from
the Book of Common Prayer

6pm, Sunday, Dec. 11 in the Timothy Chapel
Hot Cider and Mince Pies served in the
Common Grounds Cafe after the service

Congregational News

We extend our **SYMPATHY** to Marlys Kool and her family on the death of her husband, Orville, on November 30.

We extend our **SYMPATHY** to Lia Ulrich and her family on the death of her mother, Helen Vogt, on November 19.

CONGRATULATIONS to Josh and Lauren Tarbell on the birth of a son, Henry Charles, on November 25.

DECEMBER GOAL: \$ 600,000
LAST WEEK'S OFFERING: \$ 90,201
REMAINING TO OUR GOAL: \$ 509,799

MISSIONS THIS WEEK

Elise H. will be on her way home soon from 18 months in a closed country. Please pray for safety as she returns and direction as she resumes her studies in missions. Be on the lookout for a future Sandwiches and Sodas to hear about her time away and ask questions.

CHRISTOS BOOKCENTER

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TU: 10:30AM - 5PM | WED-FRI: 10AM - 5PM | SAT: 5 - 7PM | SUN: 8:30AM - 12PM 507-252-9090

When Holidays Hurt ~by Bo Stern

Christ came to bring hope and healing. Through stories and scripture find ways to redeem what might be painful days following illness, divorce, financial stress, or losing a loved one.



Because of Bethlehem ~by Max Lucado

Christmas brings sleigh bells ringing and carolers singing. Sometimes, it brings heartaches and hurt feelings. Discover a life-time of hope as Max Lucado unpacks the enduring promises of true Christmas.



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Saturday 5:30 pm Band
Sunday 9:00 am Choir & Orchestra
Sunday 10:30 am Band

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**You will receive a one-time reply containing a link to give to ARC (1 msg/request). Please be aware that msg & data rates may apply. For full terms & conditions please visit <https://pushpay.com/terms>. For the privacy policy please visit <https://pushpay.com/privacy>. For help reply HELP or STOP to cancel.

You may contact our staff via email at:
Lastname.Firstname@AutumnRidgeChurch.org

If you want to contact the Elder Board with your questions or concerns, send an email to elders@autumnridgechurch.org

For a complete listing of our leadership team, please visit the church website at:
www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org/leadership