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## *The Gospel Messenger*

True Worship † Powerful Community † A Heart for the Lost



December 2024

# Christmas Blessings Mix



**Bugles:** Bring us the joyful message of the Heavenly Host, announcing peace on earth, good will to men.

**Pretzels:** Symbol of a mother's loving arms; as Mary wrapped her Son in swaddling clothes and laid him in the manger.

**Red Hots:** Red berries that decorate the holly plant, a reminder of eternal life and Christ's redemption.

**Nuts or seeds:** Promise of a future harvest, one we will reap only if seeds are planted and tended with diligence.

**Dried fruits:** Remind us of the rich gifts brought by the Wise Men.

**M&Ms:** Memories of those who came before us to guide us to a blessed future.

**Hershey's Kiss:** The love of family and friends that sweetens our lives.

**Candy Canes:** Represents the shape of the shepherd's crook, used to bring lost lambs back to the fold.

## Calendar of Events for December 2024

<b>Sundays:</b>	8:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Worship w/Music – Livestreaming
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	12:30 pm	Centering Prayer
<b>Mondays:</b>	11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Clothes Closet
	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Soup Kitchen
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study via Zoom
	7:00 pm	Bible Study via Zoom
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Clothes Closet
	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Soup Kitchen
<b>Thursdays:</b>	12:00 Noon	Worship & Healing Service – In-Person - Community Room
<b>Fridays:</b>		
<b>Saturdays:</b>	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Soup Kitchen
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Sun., Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Advent Lessons & Carols
Sun., Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am	Vestry Meeting
Sat, Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup>		Wreaths Across America

Sat., Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 pm	Longest Night Service
Tues., Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service w/Bishop DeDe
Wed., Dec. 25 <sup>h</sup>		Office Closed - Christmas
Sun., Dec. 29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Christmas Lessons & Carols

**Jan. – Oct. 2024 - Actual vs. Budget**

		<u>Jan-Oct. 2024</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>INCOME</b>	Offerings	95,931.74	83,108.40
	Other	18,159.17	19,475.00
	Legacies/Bequests	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>\$ 114,090.91</u>	<u>\$ 102,583.40</u>
<b>EXPENSE</b>	Gas, Electric, water, sewer	17,807.14	19,375.00
	Salary & Benefits	88,333.72	118,099.70
	Insurance	13,382.00	16,731.70
	Other	25,420.87	28,742.10
<b>Total Expense</b>		<u>\$ 144,943.73</u>	<u>\$ 182,948.50</u>
	sale/purchase of securities	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b>Net Income</b>	<u><b>\$(30,852.82)</b></u>	<u><b>\$(80,364.10)</b></u>