

# OLD MISSION

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Loving God. Loving People.



## Beyond Believing

**This coming Sunday is a big deal at Old Mission!** On December 16, we will host our seventh annual musical Christmas celebration. At two worship settings, 9 am and 10:30 am, more than a hundred Old Mission musicians of all ages will offer the best music of the holidays!

**I can't help remembering our first year in 2012.** I was new to Old Mission, and had the idea that it might be fun to bring all our talented musicians together in an All-Church setting. Our musicians and leaders invested in the idea - and the rest is now history! Now, I look forward to Old Mission Christmas as the highlight of my holidays as do many of you!

**The Music is wonderful!** An orchestra featuring members, a few professionals, and our youth will inspire us. Our Spirit Bells will ring out joy! Sunday School children and our Kid's Choir will make us smile! The Chancel and Worship choirs will sing the age-old message with the worship band and our organist. Don't miss it. I promise that it will bless you!

**Sunday is also a great time to invite friends to Old Mission.** Of course, every Sunday is a good Sunday to do so, but one of the best Sundays each year is Old Mission Christmas! Something wonderful happens when we all come together in worship! The world needs more of that.

**This year the theme of the service is inspiring:** *"The Glorias of Christmas: Many Voices, One Song."* In the midst of the political divisions, fear and uncertainty and the bad news that make up the daily news, for at least this Sunday, we are focusing on the Good News that in a world of discord, our voices can find the harmony and hope of God's song!

**I hope to see you Sunday at 9:00 or 10:30 am.** Also, don't forget to give your Christmas and year end gifts to Old Mission. Every year we count on raising double the funds in December in comparison to any other month to end our year in the black. We need your help to make it happen. You can go directly to the following link to help.  
<https://www.oldmission.org/giving/credit-card-giving>.

*(P.S. It's time to mark your calendars for Christmas Eve at Old Mission! Three candlelight communion worship services. Contemporary Worship at 5:00pm, Lessons and Carols at 7:30pm and Traditional Worship with Choir at 11:00pm, ending at midnight as Christmas Day begins!)*

Inside: Old Mission Christmas, Longest Night, Christmas Services and more.

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## COME WORSHIP WITH US

December 16, 2018 | Old Mission Christmas

Two identical music-filled worship services:  
9 & 10:30 am

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We welcome new members Brett and Morgan Gahagan and their twin sons, Ethan and Emmett. Brett enjoys reading, grilling, and sports. Morgan enjoys sports, reading, and music. Welcome the Gahagan family!

## A WAY FORWARD

The special session of the General Conference to consider "A Way Forward" is meeting February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis. Any member of the congregation interested in expressing his/her views on the questions before the special session to the delegates who will be voting on them is welcome to write to the whole delegation at the following address: [GCDelegates@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:GCDelegates@greatplainsumc.org). The list of delegates can be found by going to the Conference website: [greatplainsumc.org](http://greatplainsumc.org) – then clicking on **About** on the left hand side and then clicking **General Conference 2016**.

## IN MEMORIAM

Wayne Stallard  
December 6, 2018

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NEWS

Classes will resume their regular schedules December 23. Join us in either the 9 or 10:30 am Old Mission Christmas Service!

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Old Mission Christmas: Dec. 16, 9:00 & 10:30 am  
Longest Night: December 16, 3:00 pm  
Christmas Eve Services: December 24,  
Communion at each service:  
5:00 pm Contemporary Service  
7:30 pm Lessons & Carols  
11:00 pm Traditional Service  
Note: December 30—one combined 10 am service

## FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Every year we count on raising double the funds in December in comparison to any other month to end our year in the black. We also count on December giving to pay our United Methodist Mission Share in full each year. And neither of those things will happen without the generosity, and year-end gifts of our members. We are praying for strong support at year end this year.

We need your help! Your gifts may be made by check, ACH transfer from your financial institution, by texting **OMGIVES** to 30131 or by the credit card of your choice. You can go directly to the following link to contribute directly today: <https://www.oldmission.org/giving/credit-card-giving>.

## PEW POCKETS

**Great opportunity to serve Old Mission.** Looking for individuals/families (a great family service project) to straighten the contents of the pew pockets and to replenish the offering envelopes, pens, and pencils. The commitment is from half an hour to an hour per week and can be done at 12 noon on Sundays. You can sign up for only one month or multiple months. If you are interested or just want more information, contact Connie Walsh, [cwalsh@everestkc.net](mailto:cwalsh@everestkc.net) or 913-649-9168.

## ROESLAND ELEMENTARY AWARDED

The National Association of Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) State Program Administrators (NAESPA) announced that Roesland Elementary School has been named a National ESEA Distinguished School. Roesland is one of only 100 schools in the country and one of two in the state to receive this prestigious honor. Congratulations to Roesland Elementary School!

## ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

Old Mission's Advent devotional books entitled The Dawning of Indestructible Joy, by John Piper are available in the office for \$5.00. The Christmas season is one of the busiest times of the year. But it is also a season of reflection and preparation for the coming of baby Jesus, God incarnate. These 25 brief devotional readings from John Piper begin on December 1 and carry us to Christmas Day. Our hope is that God would use these meditations to help you keep Jesus at the center of your Christmas season.

## UMW EVENING FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Tuesday, December 18, 2018, 6:00 pm**  
Gail Hollister's home

Please bring a guest, a snack or sweet, a wrapped gift for our exchange, and pillow/pillow case for Cornerstone. Please RSVP: 913.432.0202 or via email [www7126@aol.com](mailto:www7126@aol.com).

## CROSS-LINES FOOD KITCHEN

Friday, December 7, team leaders Jean Porter and Julia Sanders with their crew consisting of Mary Calkins, Al Carter, Mike Day, Phil Porter, Frank Reichart, Debbie Smith, Lou Smith, and Lyle Wingate prepared a delicious meal for 113 people in need. If you'd like to help please contact Julia Sanders, 913.909.9807. Our next day to serve is Friday, January 4.

## LUNCH BUNCH DECEMBER

December 20, we will meet at 12:30 pm at Bravo! Cuchina Italiana, 5005 W. 117th St., Leawood, KS. All women and any guests are welcomed. Please call Ruth Chiga at 913-432-1574 for reservations.

## LONGEST NIGHT

As we approach the holiday season, the nights get colder and longer and for some of us, it is a difficult time of year, as we remember and miss those who have died in the recent past. It is also a time when other losses and traumas are keenly felt. In recognition of those realities, we will again hold a longest night service on Sunday, December 16 at 3pm in Bingham Chapel. If you have any questions concerning this observance, please call or email Rev. Leslie Van Blarcom, 913-262-1040 or [leslie@oldmission.org](mailto:leslie@oldmission.org).

## CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

This year's Christmas mission offering will go to EmberHope – Youthville, an organization, started by the United Methodist Church in 1927 to meet the needs of homeless and abandoned children in Kansas. Today, they continue to provide residential housing and have added components of foster care, family and individual counseling services, and provide services to adolescent youth in need of emotional and social support. The Great Plains Conference supports this organization and Old Mission would like to support it as well. As God has blessed and provided for you this year, please give to support the work of EmberHope. Checks need to specify Christmas mission offering on the memo line. Thank you!



## WOMEN'S RETREAT

**"Come As You Are" Jan. 25 -26, 2019**  
Marillac Retreat Center, Leavenworth

Come join this combined retreat with the women of Aldersgate UMC and Old Mission as we get away for 24 hours to nourish our souls with prayer, singing, worship and fellowship. Hear from Rev. Tiffany Baker, Rev. Shelly McNaughton-Lawrence, and Rev. Karen Nyhart. Registration is open on Old Mission's website under News and Events. Questions? Contact Rev. Karen Nyhart, [karen@oldmission.org](mailto:karen@oldmission.org).

## 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2019 Offering Envelopes are available on the bench outside the church office.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Parents of 3-5th graders mark your calendars now for upcoming events in 2019!  
3-5th Grade Lock-In February 8, 2019  
Camp Chippewa April 27-28, 2019



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Sunday Dec 16	Monday Dec 17	Tuesday Dec 18	Wednesday Dec 19	Thursday Dec 20	Friday Dec 21	Saturday Dec 22
<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b> <b>9:00 &amp; 10:30 am</b> Old Mission Christmas  <b>3:00 pm</b> Longest Night Service  <b>4-7 pm</b> Cub Pack Pizza Party  <b>5:00 pm</b> Youth Christmas Party	<b>9-12 noon</b> EEC Christmas Program Rehearsal  <b>11:30 am</b> Staff Meeting  <b>7:00 pm</b> Scouts	<b>9:00 am</b> Newsletter Folding  EEC Rehearsal  <b>6:00 pm</b> EEC Christmas Program	<b>6:00 pm</b> Bell Choir  <b>7:00 pm</b> Worship Band  Chancel Choir  Heart and Soul Singers	<b>12:30 pm</b> Lunch Bunch  <b>5:00 pm</b> JOCO Food Ministry  <b>7:00 pm</b> DBSA Support Group  KC Percussion Collective	<b>9:00 am</b> EEC Music	<b>8:00 am</b> Prayer Group