

† **Calendar of Events at Rockland:**

Thursdays		Bible Study - 10:00 am ; Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 pm
Saturday	Dec 5	Greening of the Church – 10:00 am
Sunday	Dec 6	Admin Council Mtg – 12:20 pm

- † **Special opportunity to give to UMC ministries:** When you make an [online donation](#) on Dec. 1, you will “Activate Love. Transform Lives. Change the World.” As always, when you give through The Advance, 100 percent of your gift directly supports the ministry you designate; overhead costs are covered through other channels. Every gift made online through The Advance at umcmmission.org/give on Dec. 1, 2015 will be matched up to \$1 million.
- † **Walk to Bethlehem:** The story of the first Christmas will come to life at Glen Mar UMC's Walk to Bethlehem Dec. 4, 5 and 6. Drop in between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. for this free event. Highlights include live farm animals, a temple scene and first-century marketplace. Glen Mar is located at 4701 New Cut Road in Ellicott City.
- † **Annual Pack-A-Purse/Backpack Drive** – Rockland's Bible Study is taking donations of new or gently used purses, backpacks and **new travel size** personal hygiene items such as: toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, comb, brush, compact mirror, tissues, hand sanitizer, deodorant, soap, lotion, powder, shampoo, conditioner, shaving items, body spray, nail care, cosmetics, facial cleanser, lip balm, socks, gloves, hats, etc. The Bible Study will fill the purses/backpacks on Thursday, **December 10**. The purses/backpacks are for teen girls and boys in foster homes, group homes, and homeless shelters. Please leave your donations on the **back table** in the **Overflow Room**. Thank you for your help!
- † **Christmas Gifts to those in need** – Bob and Mary Crouse will be accepting love offerings for the Oliver family from now through December 13. The amount collected will be given to the Olivers from the church. The church will also be giving Christmas baskets to our shut-ins. More details to follow.
- † **Potluck and Christmas Ornament Exchange** – Sunday, December 13 after worship – Bring a dish to share and, if you like, a Christian-themed ornament costing \$10 or less for the exchange.
- † **Christmas Caroling with Saint James** – Sunday, December 20 after worship. Lunch will be provided. We will carol to both Saint James and Rockland shut-ins.
- † **Pray for those in need:** Paul & Ruth Cook, The Family of Iris Goehring, Doris Hirth, Shirley Massey, The Oliver Family, Lydia & Jim Roth, Glenda Teachey, Dorothea White
- † **Pray for our Shut-ins:** Dorothy Boswell, Virginia Knight, Gladys Latimer, Jack LeBon, Phil McShane, Helen Meiser, Leslea & Marvin Musser, Sue Stein, Thelma Stirn, Erma Wissinger



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*Is a Community that:
Communicates God's Word,
Invites Commitment,
Cares for others and
Celebrates God's love through witness and service*

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Thanksgiving Blessings

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