**CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**Central United Methodist Church Presents:**

**MERRY TUBACHRISTMAS®, Detroit**

**3 p.m. Sunday December 15, 2013**

**General Public: free admission**

When you think of tubas if you just think of the “oompah pah pah” background sound, think again as tubas fill the chancel in Central’s sanctuary and play a full concert of Christmas carols and other holiday tunes arranged so that tubas play every part, including the melody!!! Celebrate the Christmas season and tuba virtuosity. Merry TubaChristma**ses®** ,which are held all over the world (252 at last count), are sponsored by the Harvey Phillips Foundation as a tribute to Harvey’s tuba professor, the late William Bell who was born on Christmas Day 1902. The first one was held in New York City at Rockfeller Center’s ice rink in 1974. An offering will be taken to support the many ministries of Central, including the NOAH project which serves Detroit’s homeless population, feeding them, helping them find jobs and housing, providing medical care, counseling, haircuts, and opportunities to get involved in the visual and performing arts. This will be the fourtj year for Merry TubaChristmas**®**-Detroit. It is now an annual Detroit tradition! Our guest conductor for Tuba Christmas, Detroit will again be G. R. Davis, professor of tuba at Tennessee State University, instructor of tuba for the pre-college program at Vanderbilt University, and Director of Nashville, Tennessee’s MERRY TUBACHRISTMAS.**®** Free parking—just tell the parking lot attendant you are coming to Merry TubaChristmas**®**.

**PLEASE INFORM TUBA PLAYERS AND BAND DIRECTORS:** If you know anybody who plays tuba invite them to participate. Let band directors know so they can inform their tuba players. \*Tuba players pay $10 each to participate which goes to the Phillips foundation and includes a “Tuba Christmas 2012” button. They also must purchase the book of specially arranged Tuba Christmas music for $20 (it can be used every year). It’s available on-line and will be on sale that day. Registration for tuba players is at 1 p.m. Rehearsal is at 1:30 p.m. While not required, it would be helpful if you could let the event coordinator know that you plan to come with your tuba (sousaphone, euphonium etc.) by contacting Jim Bull at [jamesbull22@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesbull22@yahoo.com) or calling 313-928-2950. Use those same contacts for more information . You may also want to visit [www.tubachristmas.com](http://www.tubachristmas.com). Tuba Christmas stocking caps, scarves etc. will also be available for purchase. Audience seating is first come, first serve.