

The liturgical color is purple for the 1st Sunday in Advent

**PRELUDE** "Of the Father's Love Begotten" Wilbur Held  
Amy Bender, organist

**WELCOME** Karen Scott, liturgist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**  
Welcome to worship on this first Sunday of Advent.  
**We come with hope and anticipation.**  
Here, we are known and loved.  
**O Lord, you have searched me and known me.**  
Here, we are welcome at the Lord's table.  
**The Lord invites us to his table with our fears and pains, our sins and failures.**  
We come with our vulnerabilities.  
**O Lord, you are acquainted with all my ways.**  
Here, we find hope through vulnerability.  
**I praise you, O Lord, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**  
**All: We come to know and worship God who became vulnerable for our sake, bringing hope to the world.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" UMH 383  
*Hymn History:* The words to this hymn were written by Brian Wren. He was born in Romford, England in 1936. Wren attended Oxford University where he was awarded a Doctorate of Theology. After serving as a Congregationalist Pastor in England, Wren also served on many church charitable boards in Britain. He came to the U.S. in 2000 to become the Conant Professor of Theology at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. He retired in 2007. Wren wrote the words to over 250 hymns. The music to his hymn was written by the Rev. Carlton Young (1926-2023). He was known as "Mr. Music of United Methodism". If you look at the back of our hymnal, you will see his many contributions to our music and worship.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING** Ellen Mladineo  
Reading: On this first Sunday of Advent, let us remember Jesus was in the womb of Mary and was born like each of us. God became vulnerable to connect with us, so God sent Jesus to be human and to experience vulnerability just as we experience vulnerability. As we prepare our hearts for Jesus' birth this season, may we allow ourselves to take risks, to be creative, to expose ourselves to what God has in store.  
**Response: Almighty God, help us to experience your hope through our own vulnerability.**

*Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School*

*\*Congregation invited to stand if able*

**SCRIPTURE** Philippians 2:5-11, p. 831

**ANTHEM** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Noah Reese  
Charter Members Men's Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

**SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**MENTOR IN MINISTRY**

**SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" arr. Roger Emerson

**\*DOXOLOGY #94**  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**  
**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**  
**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**HYMN OF CENTERING** "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" UMH 204

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 139:1-18, p. 444

**MESSAGE** "God With Us: Hope Through Vulnerability"  
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

**HOLY COMMUNION** Musical Setting A - UMH 17

**HYMN OF MISSION** "My Soul Gives Glory to My God" UMH 198

\*BENEDICTION SUNG RESPONSE "Go Now In Peace"  
Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.  
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POSTLUDE

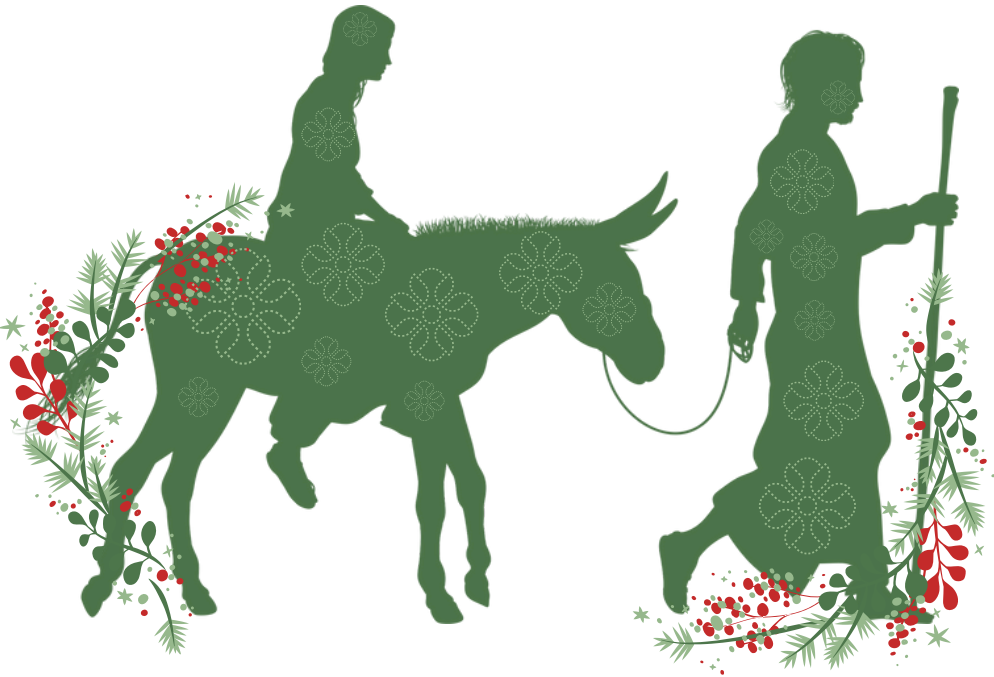
"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

Wilbur Held

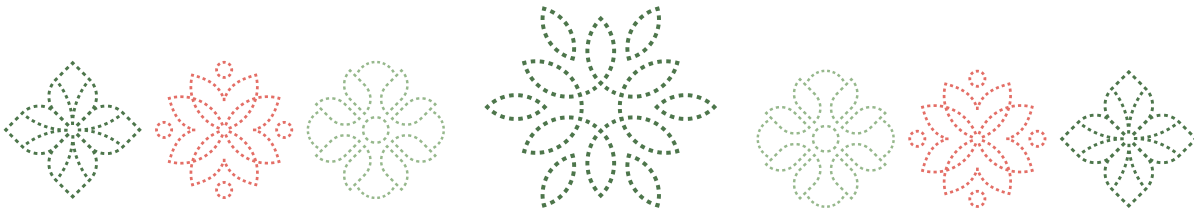


Altar Flowers are presented by Kurt Hinkley  
In Loving Memory wife Linda's birthday

*For flowers, please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485*



God With Us





YOUTH! What are you into? What do you want to see? What do you want to do?

NO!     Maybe...     Yesssss

React to the messages below  
by circling an emoji  
& leave your contact info  
so Mackalyn can get in touch!

Coffee Shop Meet ups pls



Middle School Sunday School



Parks, Museums, Hikes, Skating,  
Game nights, Lock-ins, etc.



Pls leave ur contact info!!

Tea Time on Sundays @ 10



Outreach & Missions



Meals like group dinners, ice  
cream outings, breakfasts



Retreats & UMC Events



Name & number or email:

Drop off this sheet in the office, offering  
box, or hand to Mackalyn!

# MENTOR UNITED HIGHLIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH



**Members who are in need of prayer:**  
Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Luke Sanvido, Lois Dyckman, Pam Crawley, Bob Linsell, Dick & Nancy Smith, Andy Champa, Georgeanna Allen, Noralee Starr

**Members admitted to Rehab, Assisted Living, or Nursing Home Facility:**  
*The Enclave* - Delores Tackett, Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith, Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler, Carol Anderson, Doug Kepp  
*Governors Point* - Doris Sturm  
*Parker Place* - Bill Owen, Bob & Sandy Linsell, Deloris Parsons, Mary Ann Haycox  
*Mentor Ridge* - Russ Lancaster  
*Tapestry* - Gloria McFeely  
*Symphony of Mentor* - Lorraine Ahlstrom  
*Breckenridge/Fairmount* - Patricia Laubscher  
*Village of St. Edward* - Dale Porter  
*Holly Hill* - Floyd Richards

**Love & Sympathy to the family & friends of Virginia Gilman,  
who passed on Wednesday, November 20, 2024.**

**Love & Sympathy to the family & friends of Carol Lewis,  
who passed on Saturday, November 23, 2024.**

## Upcoming This Week

Monday, December 2

- Carr Journey Group

Tuesday, December 3

- Ring Journey Group
- Modern Worship Team

Wednesday, December 4

- Child & Caregiver Class
- Knitting Group
- Caring Servants Meeting

Thursday, December 5

- Bell Choir
- Charter Member Men's Choir
- Chancel Choir

Friday, December 6



## Worship schedule!

**9 AM Modern & 11 AM Traditional**  
*in-person & online*

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# Advent Season

**December 7th**

*Gift of Time from 1–4 PM, an afternoon of free childcare at MUMC*

**December 14th**

*Christmas Play: 'A Charlie Brown Christmas', 4 PM in Fellowship Hall – Tickets on sale online!*

**December 15th**

*Christmas Cantata in Traditional Worship, 11 AM*

**December 18th**

*Blue Christmas Service, 7 PM in the Chapel at MUMC*

**December 20th**

*Prelude to Christmas, Charter Members Men's Choir & Guests, 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary*

**December 24th**

**Christmas Eve Services**

*Communion, 3 PM*

*Family, 5 PM*

*Modern, 7 PM*

*Traditional, 9 PM*

**December 29th, 30th**

*Youth Holiday Lock-In, 7 PM–8 AM, gather, celebrate, and have some Holy Shenanigans*



*Ongoing through the season:  
Join us in the Gallery for Fellowship;  
hear live music & have refreshments*

*Join us for Communion in the Chapel  
between services every Sunday  
(excluding Dec 1st)*

### Poinsettias

Order your poinsettias TODAY! Find the online order form on our website or grab one in the Info Hub. Plants are \$7 each and the deadline to order is December 9th.

### Young at Heart Luncheon 2024

This year's Young at Heart Luncheon will be on Wednesday, December 11th at 12 PM at Mentor United Methodist Church. The MUMC Women of Faith are excited to host this wonderful Christmas Luncheon of chicken marsala, Caprese salad, zucchini medley, and Andes mint chocolate brownies for dessert. Those 62 years and older are invited to join us for a meal and Christmas fun! Call the Church Office or sign up online by MONDAY, DECEMBER 9th.

### Advent Devotional

You can pick up a Devotional at the church or read the digital version on our website. This devotional was created through the collected efforts of members & friends of MUMC. Check out the beautiful devotions and art!

*To celebrate the art shared in this devotional and our Stewardship craft, we will have an art display in the Gallery through December. Come check it out starting December 1st.*

### Advent Candle Lighting

Sign up online or talk to Pastor Tammy to light candles this Advent season in service. Invite friends or family!

### Giving Trees

Give gifts to children & organizations in need this Advent season. Check out the tags on the trees around the church or the online signup which can be found on our website. All gifts must be in to the church by Sunday, December 15th at noon. More details on our site.