

The liturgical color is purple for the 2nd Sunday in Advent		
PRELUDE	“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” Amy Bender, organist	arr. Cathy DeRousse
WELCOME	Connie Irvin, liturgist	
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
Something awakened us this morning – perhaps day’s dawning, the smell of brewing coffee, the sounds of alarm on the shelf or a newspaper thudding at the door. And now we gather with awakened spirits to worship with others the Creator of this day. Something moved us this morning – we left behind a sufficiency of sleep or a restless night, we engaged in feeding and dressing, we left our homes for here. And now we gather in this place to worship the Christ who moves among us and to follow the Spirit which leads us into deeds of love. All: May ours be a faith that is both awake and moving as we serve our God.		
*OPENING HYMN	“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”	UMH 196
*PASSING OF THE PEACE		
OPENING PRAYER		
ADVENT WREATH HYMN	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” verse 1	UMH 211
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING		
The Leckonby Family Reading: On this second Sunday of Advent, let us reflect on how Jesus is the embodiment of God for each of us. As we think of the infant Jesus, we are reminded that God is not a place but a part of each of us. As we draw in a breath, may we be reminded of the Spirit of God and how our breathing brings us life. As we prepare our hearts for Jesus’ birth this season, may we embrace the embodiment of God in our lives. Response: Holy God, help us to experience your peace through the embodiment of your presence. Reading: As the candle of Peace is lit, may we breathe in God’s presence as we experience God’s kin-dom here on earth.		
<i>Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School</i>		
SCRIPTURE	Revelation 1:8, p. 867	
WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC		

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

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

*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

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

UMH 206

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:21-38, p. 724

MESSAGE

"God With Us: Peace through Embodiment"

Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

HYMN OF MISSION

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

UMH 384

Hymn History: The words to this hymn are from the original Charles Wesley hymn of 1747. The version we sing today is based on the music of John Zundel who wrote the hymn Beecher and used Wesley's words for the hymn. John Zundel was an accomplished composer, arranger, organist and teacher. He was born in Germany in 1815. Besides playing the organ, Zundel studied organ building with Eberhard Friedrich Walcker. Zundel performed the first organ concert on Russian soil in St. Petersburg in 1840. He emigrated to the U. S in 1847 and eventually became the church organist at the Plymouth Church in Brooklyn, New York. The pastor there was the famous preacher Henry Ward Beecher. Zundel's hymn is named for him. Zundel moved back to Germany in 1878 and died there in 1882.

***BENEDICTION**

***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

"God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

Wilbur Held

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer – from Ruth Duck, Touch Holiness



Altar Flowers are presented by Marye Etta Fairchild Brobst
In Loving Memory of granddaughter Holly Flynn's birthday

For flowers, please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485

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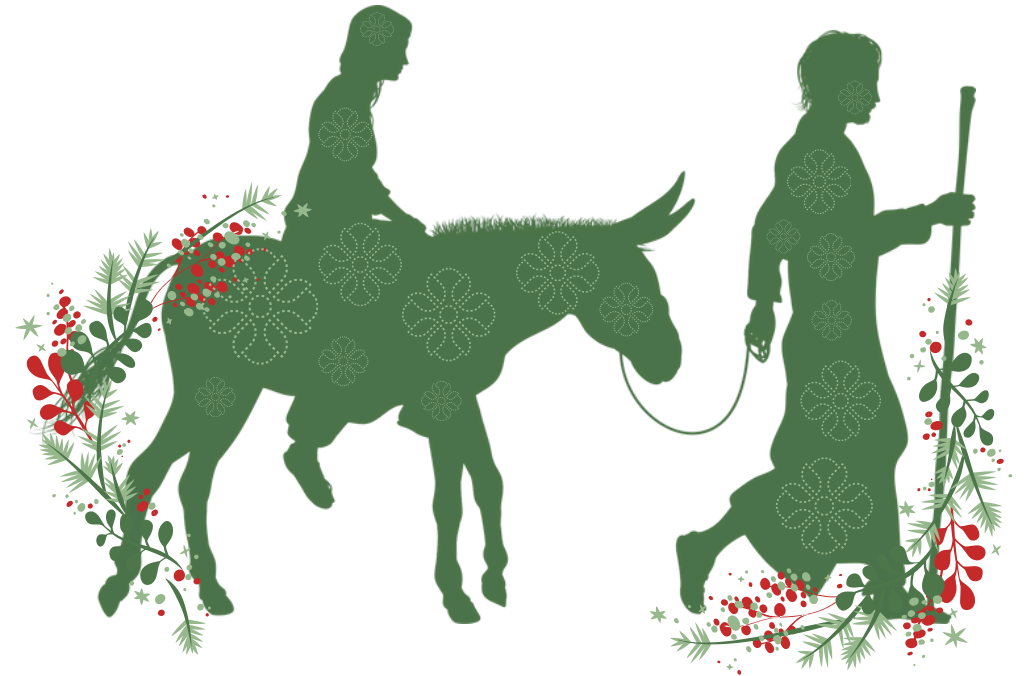
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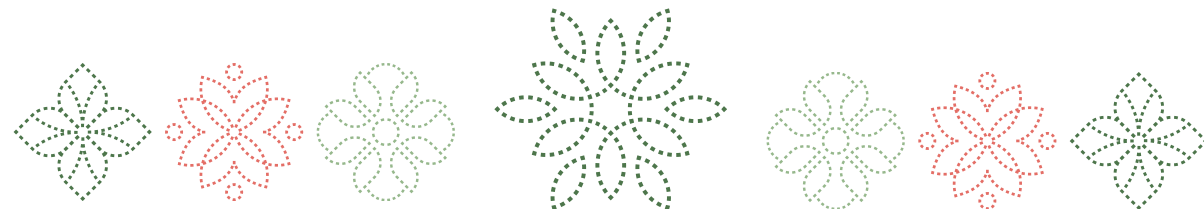


Traditional Worship

December 8, 2024



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

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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, Ida Reynolds

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

Upcoming This Week

Monday, December 9

- Carr Journey Group

Tuesday, December 10

- Ring Journey Group
- Modern Worship Team

Wednesday, December 11

- Child & Caregiver Class
- Knitting Group

Thursday, December 12

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

Friday, December 13

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

MORE Devotionals will be available SOON 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!

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.

Advent Season

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***