

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome & Announcements Cheryl Allen
Greeting One Another
Prelude Cherub Choir
"Baby Jesus, We Love You"

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH** Lee Family
(* Please stand if you are able)

L: The poet, Emily Dickinson, wrote:
" Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul." The psalmist declared: "I put my hope in You all day long." Hope is more than wishful thinking. Hope is the Spirit of God dwelling within us, reminding us we are never alone, Hope is our active commitment to be God's faithful people, whether we walk an easy path or face fiery trials. When we light the candle of Hope, we embrace God's presence among us, yesterday, today and always.

C: **Whatever we face in life, we will put our hope in God.**

***Opening Songs** Darrell McCune
"The King of Glory Comes" TFWS #2091
"Like a Child" TFWS #2092

*PRAYER FOR THE ADVENT SEASON

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.



A Time for Children Liz Smith

Word Through Music Darrell McCune

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

***Gospel Reading** Luke 1:5-38

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Message Rev. Whitmore

"Bah! Humbug!"

Celebration of Holy Communion Darrell McCune

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

(Please place your offering in the plate at the front of the church as you come forward for Communion.)

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Rev. Whitmore

***Hymn of Dedication** TFWS #2095

"Star Child"

***Benediction and Response**

"Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH #431

Postlude Darrell McCune

"Masters in the Hall"

Head Usher for fourth quarter: Ken Petersen
Ushers: Ken & Sue Petersen, Jim & Pat Pickett
Greeters: Friendship Circle

Luke 1:5-38 Common English Bible

5 During the rule of King Herod of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah. His wife Elizabeth was a descendant of Aaron. 7 They had no children because Elizabeth was unable to become pregnant and they both were very old. 11 An angel from the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense. 12 When Zechariah saw the angel, he was startled and overcome with fear. 13 The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah. Your prayers have been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will give birth to your son and you must name him John. 28 When the angel came to her, he said, "Rejoice, favored one! The Lord is with you!" 29 She was confused by these words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you. 31 Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. Your relative Elizabeth has conceived a son. This woman who was labeled 'unable to conceive' is now six months pregnant. 37 Nothing is impossible for God." 38 Then Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let it be with me just as you have said." Then the angel left her.



Birthdays

12/2 Rick Johnson, Barbara Donart

12/6 Gary Shaffer, 12/8 Mary Holland

Anniversaries

12/2 Richard & Marcella Daugharthy

12/3 Jim & Kandee Wallace

This Week at Ottawa First

Sunday, December 2nd

8:45am - 9:15am Open Gym for Youth - Gym

11:30am - 12:30pm FUMC Street Walkers

2:00pm - 6:00pm Basketball - Gym

5:30pm - 7:30pm Jr Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Monday, December 3rd

4:00pm - 9:00pm Basketball - Gym

5:00pm - 5:45pm Chair Yoga - Lg Dining Room

7:00pm - 8:00pm Hands of Glory Rehearsal - Sanctuary

7:00pm - 8:00pm Men's Bible Study - Youth Room

Tuesday, December 4th

9:00am - 10:00am Donuts & Devotions - First Cup

4:00pm - 9:00pm Basketball - Gym

4:30pm - 6:00pm Ottawa Brass - Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 5th

10:00am - 11:00am UMW Executive Mtg - Lg Dining Room

5:30pm - 7:30pm AWANA Gym, Sanctuary, Lg Dining Room

5:30pm - 6:00pm Cherub Choir Rehearsal - Parlor

6:30pm - 8:00pm Grief Share - Parlor

6:30pm - 8:30pm Musical Rehearsal - Sanctuary

7:30pm - 8:30pm Scout Troop #77 - North Rm. off Gym

8:30pm - 9:30pm Men of Note Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Thursday, December 6th

4:00pm - 9:00pm Basketball - Gym

4:15pm - 5:15pm Body Gospel Exercise - Oxford Room

4:30pm - 8:00pm Youth Meeting at Trinity Methodist

Friday, December 7th

4:00pm - 9:00pm Basketball - Gym

Saturday, December

9:00am - 6:00pm Basketball - Gym

9:00am - 11:00am Volunteers at Hope House

1:00pm - 4:00pm Musical Dress Rehearsal - Sanctuary

The deadline for articles in the newsletter will be the third Monday of each month.

If you are interested in becoming a member of this congregation, please see Pastor Kathleen.

The Redemption of Scrooge Bible study will begin today, December 2 at 6:00pm and Tuesday, December 4 at 10:00am. Anyone is welcome to come to either one whenever they are able.

Last week's Attendance: 84
Last week's Offering: \$2484.50
Month to Date: \$12,538.75
Amount needed per month: \$20,000.00

Prayers and Concerns

Archie & Cecilia McGehee: Hal Holland; Marie Wilburn; Lynda Turner; The Harnden family; Joyce Green is home now. The Culbertson family on Bud's passing.

Please pray for all our Servicemen & women

To add a name to the Prayer Chain list please contact:
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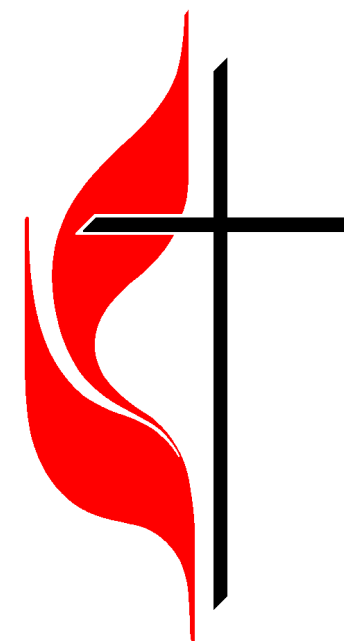
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Please contact the office with any changes. Names will be removed after 3 weeks unless the office is notified otherwise.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

DECEMBER 2, 2018
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OUR VISION
"MEETING PEOPLE, MEETING NEEDS,
MEETING CHRIST"



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