

Birthdays...

- 15 Chris Mammen
- 16 Mya Burns
- 17 Jay Black
- 18 Marilyn Carlstrom
- 19 Katie Kassel
Amber Embrock
- 20 Howard Morey
Barb Goodlaxson
- 21 Jordan Anderson
- 22 Mason Shirk

Anniversaries...

- 16 Ken & Janice Kassel
- 17 Dean & Carol Simonsen
- 18 Steve & Mary Lou Morrison
- 19 Aaron & Brittany Hernandez

Attendance ...

12/08/19 132

Empowering

EFUMC Ministry...

General Fund	\$ 8,760.01
FLC Bldg Fund	\$ 6,040.00
Trustees	\$ 425.00
Total	\$ 15,225.01



Join us here for the
Christmas Eve Service
on December 24, 2019
@ 6:00PM

This Week...

Sunday, December 15

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Worship Service

11:30 AM Confirmation

**Sunday Brunch after Worship Service in Family Life Center*

6:00 PM Boy Scouts in basement

Monday, December 16

4:00 PM Intercessory Prayer @Emerald Oaks

4:30 PM Girls Scouts @Family Life Center

Tuesday, December 17

4:30 PM Just for Kix in basement

5:00 PM MOPS in Narthex

6:00 PM Intensified Prayer @War Room

Wednesday, December 18

**No 345 Alive today*

1:30 PM Upper Room Bible Study @Emerald Oaks

1:30 PM Winona Loomis Funeral in Sanctuary

5:30 PM Jr UMYF in basement

6:00 PM Bell Choir Practice in Sanctuary

6:30 PM Sr UMYF @Family Life Center

7:00 PM ELF Christmas Party @Pizza Ranch

Thursday, December 19

1:30 pm PALS/Trinity Christmas Party @Pizza Ranch

Friday, December 20

**Office Closed*

9:30 AM Men's Prayer Group in the Library

12:00 PM Horizon's Bingo @Family Life Center

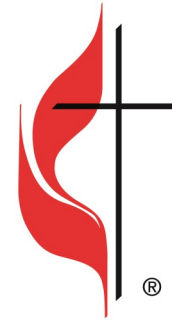
Sunday, December 22

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Worship Service & Christmas Program

11:30 AM Confirmation

**Christmas Lunch after Worship Service in Family Life Center*



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**Advent Candle Lighting,
Call to Worship
and Opening Prayer
derived from:**
Isaiah 35:1-10;
Luke 1:47-55;
James 5:7-10;
Matthew 11:2-11

Origins of the Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath was originally a German and Scandinavian home devotional practice used to mark the four weeks of Advent. Families would light a candle for each past week and the current week at their dinner or evening time of prayer. Significant in this practice was the marking of time and the increase of light each week in the face of

Second Sunday in Advent

December 15, 2019, 10:00AM

Welcome! We're glad you're here.

When you see the [], people are invited to arise as able.*

Hymns No. 57-734 are in the red hymnal (The United Methodist Hymnal), 2000's are in the black hymnal (The Faith We Sing).

PRELUDE

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: THE CANDLE OF JOY

Reader One:

Sometimes on our journey, our feet get heavy, our shoulders feel burdened, and our hearts seem slow. Sometimes in the preparation, the busyness overwhelms us, and we get lost in the doing and the planning and the running. And what we lose is a sense of why. Why do we do all of this? Why is this journey necessary? And the answer is simple: for the joy of it. We forget the joy when we get caught up in the to-do lists. We forget the joy when we worry more about how things look than connecting with others.

Reader Two:

Matthew tells us that when John asked if Jesus was the one to come, Jesus responded by saying look around you. Our call in this Advent journey is to look around us to see the one who comes already at work among us and to celebrate that presence with joy.

Reader One:

We light the candles of peace and hope and joy to light our way as we journey.

(Light three candles on the wreath.)

Reader Two: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, that God may teach us the ways of peace and hope and joy.

All: Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

increasing darkness as the winter solstice approached. It was intended as a way to mark the Advent season and the weeks until Christmas.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (originally written in Latin as *Adeste Fideles*) is a Christmas carol that has been attributed to various authors, including John Francis Wade (1711–1786), John Reading (1645–1692), King John IV of Portugal (1604–1656), and anonymous monks.

The encouragement to "come, all ye faithful, ... to Bethlehem" situates the singer both among the shepherds who rushed to see Christ and in the great continuation of the "faithful" that have traveled to Bethlehem in a spiritual nature for over 2,000 years. Although today, we cannot actually witness Jesus in the manger, we can come to Bethlehem in a symbolic sense. We can be there in our imaginations as we allow the Christmas story to hearten our spirits.

Nursery Available...

Nursery care is available during the worship service for children (Newborns up to the second grade). The nursery is located on the second floor.

Although nursery care is provided during the worship service, children are welcome and encouraged to participate in our worship services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the midst of the barren land,

P: flowers burst into bloom.

L: In the midst of the dry desert,

P: streams of water gush forth.

L: In the midst of sorrow and sighing,

P: joy and gladness dance together.

L: We shall see the glory of God!

*OPENING HYMN

234 O Come, All Ye Faithful

*OPENING PRAYER

God of Glory,

we rejoice in the good news

of your promises.

Come into our parched world

and shower us with your gushing,

abundant water of life.

Enter into our brokenness,

and renew us with the strength of your love.

Be born anew in our hearts

and in our world.

Come, Jesus; come.

We are ready! Amen.

BELL CHOIR

CHILDREN'S SERMON Brenda Gonzales

JOYS CONCERNS PRAYERS

CHANCEL CHOIR

*SCRIPTURE READINGS Matthew 11:2-11

²When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples ³to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

⁴Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see ⁵The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ⁶Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

⁷As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? ⁸If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. ⁹Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." ¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

MESSAGE OF LIFE Hojin Shin

"What Did You Go Out Into the Wilderness to See"

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

95 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

*OFFERTORY

*CLOSING HYMN

218 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

*BLESSING

*SONG OF SENDING FORTH

251 Go, Tell It on the Mountain (verses 1, 3)

POSTLUDE

"God Is Good All the Time!"



Liturgist

Michelle Kogel

Organist

Rosemary Matthews

Pianist

Kelley Fog

Choir Director

Dave Fog

Bell Choir Director

Melanie Flynn

Computer Operator

Duhn Family

In Our Prayers ...

Elyssa Flannigan
Brandi Fehr
Steve & Lynne Farnsworth
Karen Chism
Sharon Hobart
Jane Stevens
Devin Morey
Abby Burns
Deb Weir
Irene Goff
Florence Malm
Richard Henrichs
Will Farlow
Carol Ensley
Joyce Muller
Lincoln Coakley
(grandson of Joann Coakley)
Scott Sanne
(Grandson of Pearl Whitmore)
Philip Christenson
(brother of Marge Solberg)
Kort Freeman
Lois Lowman
Ted Strohman
Deb Nissen
(sister-in-law of Deb Wickman)
Marjorie Solberg
Vi Sampson

**The families & loved ones of members who passed away, this past year including:*

Mardell Truog
Rick Jones
Daryl Underwood
Wayne Truog
Keith Bare
Gwen Carmichael
Bev Hankey
Vida Krough
Ethel DeJung
Shirley Weisbrod

**Those who have been hospitalized & our military members.*