

### Birthdays...

22 Mason Shirk  
23 Ardelle Conner  
Clayton Hoch  
25 Carol Ensley  
26 Lois Lowman  
28 Roger Chism  
29 Justin Malm

### Anniversaries...

29 Clifford & Nancy Hinrichs

### Attendance ...

12/15/19 128

### Empowering

### EFUMC Ministry...

|               |    |           |
|---------------|----|-----------|
| General Fund  | \$ | 1,999.00  |
| FLC Bldg Fund | \$ | 12,213.56 |
| Trustees      | \$ | 800.00    |
| Total         | \$ | 15,012.56 |

### This Week...

#### **Sunday, December 22**

9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship Service & Children's Christmas Program  
11:30 AM Confirmation  
*\*Christmas Lunch after Worship Service in Family Life Center*

#### **Monday, December 23**

4:00 PM Intercessory Prayer @Emerald Oaks  
4:30 PM Girls Scouts @Family Life Center

#### **Tuesday, December 24**

6:00 PM Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary

#### **Wednesday, December 25**

*\*No Activities due to Christmas holiday*  
*\*Office Closed*

#### **Thursday, December 26**

*\*Office Closed due to Christmas holiday*

#### **Friday, December 27**

*\*Office Closed*

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

#### **Sunday, December 29**

9:00 AM Adult Sunday School only  
(Children on Winter Break)  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
11:30 AM Confirmation



Join us for a Christmas Lunch Celebration at the Family Life Center following this morning's worship service.

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



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Advent Candle Lighting,  
Call to Worship  
and Opening Prayer  
derived from:

Isaiah 7:10-16;  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;  
Romans 1:1-7;  
Matthew 1:18-25

### **Fourth Sunday in Advent**

**December 22, 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 TRUST**

Reader One:

One thing we have learned on our Advent journey is that it is better not to go alone. We live in a do-it-yourself culture that celebrates the individual. But faith is not something that we can do on our own. We need companions on the journey; we need others to support us and strengthen us and encourage us. We put our journey in the hands of many people around us; and although it is a risk, we are better for it. We learn to trust that someone has our back, as we make this journey of faith.

Reader Two:

Matthew reminds us that when God chose to come to earth the first time, God chose to trust in people to help make it happen. God trusted in Mary, and God trusted in Joseph. In turn, we trust in God to be faithful to the promise and to sustain us through many others as we continue our journey of faith.

Reader One:

We light the candles of peace, hope, joy, and trust, as our circle is complete.

*(Light four 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, hope, joy, and trust.

**All: Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Angels from the Realms of Glory

"Angels from the Realms of Glory" is a Christmas carol written by Scottish poet James Montgomery. It was first printed in the Sheffield Iris on Christmas Eve 1816, though it only began to be sung in churches after its 1825 reprinting in the Montgomery collection The Christian Psalmist and in the Religious Tract Society's The Christmas Box or New Year's Gift.

Before 1928, the hymn was sung to a variety of tunes, including "Regent Square" by Henry Smart, "Lewes" by John Randall, and "Wildersmouth" or "Feniton Court" by Edward Hopkins. In the United States, "Regent Square" is the most common tune. In the United Kingdom, however, the hymn came to be sung to the French carol tune "Iris" (Les anges dans nos campagnes, the tune used for "Angels We Have Heard on High") after this setting was published in the Oxford Book of Carols. Sometimes the "Gloria in excelsis Deo" refrain is even sung in place of Montgomery's original lyric: "Come and worship Christ the new-born King".

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We have been looking for a sign.

**P: Emmanuel—God with us.**

L: We have been waiting for a savior.

**P: Emmanuel—God with us.**

L: The time is near—can it be?

**P: Emmanuel—God with us.**

L: Come let us worship the God of sign, wonder, and promise.

### \*OPENING HYMN

220 Angels from the Realms of Glory

### \*OPENING PRAYER

**O God,  
in this time of worship,  
may we be open to your promises, your love,  
and your transformation.  
May we vision and dream.  
May we be surprised.  
May we receive the life you give us.  
May we encounter Emmanuel—God with us.  
And may we never be the same. Amen.**

### PRAISE AND WORSHIP

"Unspeakable Joy" by Chris Tomlin

"Glory In the Highest" by Chris Tomlin

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

### JOYS CONCERNS PRAYERS

### \*SCRIPTURE READINGS Matthew 1:18-25

*<sup>18</sup>This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.*

*<sup>19</sup>Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.*

*<sup>20</sup>But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.*

*<sup>21</sup>She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."*

*<sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:*

*<sup>23</sup>The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").*

*<sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.*

*<sup>25</sup>But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.*

### MESSAGE OF LIFE Hojin Shin

Immanuel—"God with us"

### OFFERING

### \*DOXOLOGY

95 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

### \*OFFERTORY

### \*CLOSING HYMN

240 Hark! The Herald Angles Sing

### \*BLESSING

### \*SONG OF SENDING FORTH

246 Joy to the World

### POSTLUDE

*"God Is Good All the Time!"*



#### Liturgist

Ken Kassel

#### Organist

Rosemary Matthews

#### Pianist

Kelley Fog

#### Choir Director

Dave Fog

#### Bell Choir Director

Melanie Flynn

#### Computer Operator

Ditch Family

### In Our Prayers ...

Bill De Pue  
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:*

Winona Loomis  
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.*