

Thank you: Ushers: Gary and Pam White, Tom and Pat Rittscher, Dave Kennedy, Harold Martin **Fellowship servers:** Cindy Bailey, Nancy Bailey **Skybox:** Jana Reints

UDMO Delivery: Gary & Roberta Knutson **Bulletin Delivery:** Marilyn Strain

Dec 9:

Fellowship servers: Jennifer Bernard, Linda Bowers

Skybox: Casey Kolbeck, Cody Kolbeck

Altar Flowers are given by Linda and Duffy Christianson in honor of their children and grandchild, and in honor of their 63rd anniversary; a 2nd flower arrangement is given by Glenn and Marie Cue, in honor of their 75th anniversary. Blessings to both couples!

Last week's attendance & giving: Nov 24 = 24 Nov 25 = 120 \$ 2971

Next week's calendar:

12/3—*Girl Scouts, 3:30pm*----*Human Sexuality Class led by Dan C., 6:30pm (Rm 10)*

12/4—*Advent Study, 10am (parlor)*----*Tutoring, 4pm*---*Bells, 5:15pm*---*Advent Study, 6pm (library)*

12/5—*Man to Man, quarter to 7:00am*---*WOW, 9:30am coffee/9:45am class*----*Middle school youth group, 3:30pm*----*Meal, 5pm*----*AWANA, 5:30pm*----*High school youth group, 6pm*----*Choir, 6pm*

12/6—*Missions, 6:30pm*

12/7—*Asbury ringing for Salvation Army (at Hy-Vee), 3-8pm*

12/8—*Birthday Party for Jesus/Christmas Program rehearsal, 9-11am*----*Old Hymn Night Worship, 6pm*

12/9—(2nd Sunday of Advent) *Sunday School all ages, 9am*----*Worship and Sunday School Christmas program, 10am*---*Fellowship for all, 11am – Confirmation, 11:05am*

➤ **Skybox operators** are needed. If you have an interest, please talk to Pastor Jeff.

➤ **Salvation Army bell ringers** needed: Friday, December 7, from 7-8pm. Sign up in the narthex; bring a friend to keep you company!

➤ Asbury Youth made a calendar which is now for sale in the narthex. Free-will donations from the sales of calendars will go toward UMCOR hurricane relief. Tami H can answer questions: 515-571-7858. Thank you!

➤ Jamie Seiser is once again collecting hats and socks for Beacon of Hope. Donations of new hats, new socks—or money to purchase them—can be dropped off in the narthex through December 9.

Greeting Andrew Wotherspoon, pianist

Hymn "There's Something About That Name" #171

Lighting of Advent Candle and Prayer

Asbury Choir and Bells "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Call to Worship

The days are shorter and darkness comes early to our lives.

Lord, hear our prayers through the darkness.

Come, seek the Lord. Place your hope in God's mercy and love.

Lord, we seek your presence among us.

Look closely! God is making us ready.

Brighten our Spirits this day, and help us to receive your Good News.

AMEN.

Hymn "What Child Is This" (all) #219

Scripture Jeremiah 33:14-16

Offering Asbury Bell Choir: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Doxology #95 Praise God from whom all blessing flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Time of sharing

Children's Time Jennifer Peterson, Christian Formation Director

Announcements

Celebrations this week

Concerns/ pastoral prayer/ Lord's Prayer

Sermon "Preparing for Jesus"

Scripture Luke 21:25-36

The Great Thanksgiving

Please welcome Jess and Clint Howard into the church; and praise the Baptisms of their children, Aaliyah, Sophie, Houston, and Landry

Hymn "May You Run and Not Be Weary" #2281

Benediction God's presence and promises are real. Go now into God's world, trusting in God's love and placing your hope in God. Go in peace.

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Pray for... The Ehn family (Matt's dad passed); Tom Hill; Chase Moss (Kehoe's grandson); Tim and Caroline Bailey and family in Romania; Ellen Timm; Alice Widick; Vicki Severe; Pat Malaise; Dorothy Midland; Anonymous; Dylan; Bonnie Kitterman; Hal Pruisman; Barb Strong; Mike Christensen; Andrew Wotherspoon's dad; Bob Nissen; Marcy; Eleanor Schumacher; Marilyn Timm; Sherry Lambi; Ray & Christine Hutchison; Jane Frazier; Norma Jeane Bell; Jean Glascock; Agnes (cancer); Judy Hembry; Paul Whitmore; Warren Snell; David Cross; Dwain & Mary Noffke; Garry Staley; Steve Kehoe; Bev Frazer; Teresa Tempel; Alan Shehorn; Bertha Takle; Darleen King; Jennifer Van Diest

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- Children's Christmas Program, December 9, during 10am worship.
- Blue Christmas Worship, December 16, 6:00pm
- Any help will be appreciated! Year to date finances: -\$17,319.92
- 2019 Budget = \$412,000. Pledges to date = \$228,928