

## This Week

### Today:

- Join us following worship for coffee and fellowship.
- Choir Practice following worship.
- Advent Bible Study after worship

**Meals on Wheels** delivered this week – M-F

### Tuesday, November 29:

- 10AM: Advent Bible Study at Cabin Coffee

### Wednesday November 30:

- 2:30 PM: Early Release Classes
- 4:30PM Choir Practice
- 6-8 PM: Youth Group
- 7PM: Confirmation

### Thursday, December 1:

- 10AM: Bible Study

### Sunday, December 4:

**Liturgist:** Maggie Johnson

**Ushers:** Ushers: Bob & Carol Grapevine, Kurt & Sherry Abel

**Greeters:** Stan & Cooky Christ

**Accompanist:** David and Sandra Murray

Today's KBEW radio broadcast is sponsored by *Lucille Christensen, in honor of November birthdays!*

### Today:

**Liturgist:** Barb Hanson

**Ushers:** Aron & Megan Goshorn, Mavis Scheid, Gail Keck

**Greeters:** Herb & Judy Whitney

**Accompanist:** Staci Thompson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Program:** Hope UMC will host a community Christmas celebration at 2 pm, December 11, 2022. Members of Hope joined by other area musicians will present a service of 'Lessons and Carols', including scripture readings, familiar carols, solo performances and choir selections from the musical "Were You There on That Christmas Night?". The afternoon will provide a fitting and enjoyable setting to prepare hearts and minds for the Christmas season, followed by a time of fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

**Charge Conference:** We will be having charge conference on December 18th following worship.

**Gift Cards** in someone's name can now be given toward another Safe-T Bin home! Look in your newsletter for more details!

**Advent Bible Study:** Our advent bible study for this year is "Prepare the Way of the Lord" by Adam Hamilton. A study of Advent through the lens of John the Baptist. The study will meet Sundays following worship and Tuesdays @10am at Cabin Coffee. The books are \$15 and you can pick one up in the back. If you are unable to pay for a book and still want one please grab a book and join us for our study.

**Christmas Eve Worship:** Join us on Christmas Eve at 4pm for our celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. NO in-person worship Christmas Day but we will have a wonderful prerecorded service that will be put up Christmas morning.

**Advent Devotion:** If you are looking for a free advent devotional I encourage you to check out Kate Bowler's "The Season of Waiting (and waiting...and waiting)" A free 4-week advent devotional. You can find it at this link [katebowler.com/advent2022/](https://katebowler.com/advent2022/). Or there is a link on our Facebook page! If you would like us at Hope to print a copy please sign-up in the back.

For more information and to see what else is happening at Hope visit us at [behopeumc.com](http://behopeumc.com)



Sunday November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

# Hope United Methodist Church

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Church office hours are 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM; Tuesday & Thursday

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: This day is a day of preparation.

**People: Open our hearts, O Lord, and make us ready to receive you.**

Leader: Repentance, changing our attitudes, our lives, is the beginning of our preparation.

**People: Lord, give us courage and confidence.**

Leader: God will fill us with joy and peace as we become witnesses to God's love.

**People: Lord, help us to be faithful servants all of our days.  
AMEN.**

**Choir Anthem**

“As a Little Child”

**\*Hymn**

“Come Thou Long Expectant Jesus” UMH 196

**\*Unison Prayer**

*Heavenly Father,  
we rejoice that we can come into Your house today  
and worship You with those who love You, too.  
Thank You for inspiring and leading Your people  
to establish Your house here in this place.  
We pray that all who worship here  
might experience Your love, grace, mercy, and forgiveness.  
We pray for Your people all the world over,  
and we pray that they might prosper along with us  
as we serve You and others.  
May everyone who trusts in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior  
find and experience peace with God, others, and themselves.*

*Amen*

**\*Hymn**

“O Come, Al Ye Faithful”

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**Children's Message**

**Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 24:36-44**

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

**Sermon**

“It's Beginning to Look a lot Like Christmas”

**Rev. Lee Miller**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lords Prayer**

**Doxology**

**\*Closing Hymn**

“Glory (Let There Be Peace)”

**\*Benediction**