

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Today:

- Join us following worship for coffee and fellowship.
- 1PM: Choir Warm-up
- 2PM: Community Christmas Program

#### Tuesday December 13:

- 10AM: Advent Bible Study at Cabin Coffee

#### Wednesday December 14:

- 9:30 AM: Rachel Circle
- 2:30 PM: Early Release Classes
- 6-8 PM: Youth Group
- 7PM: Confirmation

#### Thursday, December 15:

- 10AM: Bible Study

#### Sunday, December 18:

**Liturgist:** Nancy Steinke

**Ushers:** Audrey Brod, A.B. Russ, Diana Porter, Karen Davids

**Greeters:**

Leah Becker, Khloe Zabel

**Accompanist:** Staci Thompson

Today's KBEW radio broadcast is sponsored by *the David Murray Family in memory of Lucas Wilson.*

**Kids of Hope:** The kids will have their Christmas Program during Worship next Sunday! Come support our kids during this blessed Christmas Season!

**Bake Sale:** Next Sunday, Joy Circle will have a bake sale set up in the Narthex. Come see the Kids Christmas Program, and take home some delicious baked goods!

**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/](http://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)

#### Today:

**Accompanist:** Gail Keck

**Liturgist:** Maggie Johnson

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

**Greeters:** Stan & Cooky Christ



Sunday December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

# Hope United Methodist Church

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

Worship Celebration December 11, 2022

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: We are always looking for evidence that God is with us.

**People: That sign is in the One to come--the One that God is sending.**

L: We want to know for sure that everything is in God's care.

**P: And so we cry to the heavens in our distress. Our cries are heard! God is responding in love and hope.**

L: Let us come before God with expectant hearts and spirits!

**P: Let us be ready to receive the blessed gift of the Savior. AMEN.**

\*Hymn                      *"Angels We Have Heard on High"*                      UMH 238

**\*Unison Prayer**

**Lord of all life and all seasons,  
help us open our hearts to hear the words  
of promise and love that you send to us.**

**Like Joseph, may we trust in your abiding love and power.**

**Prepare us to receive your gift of grace and peace.**

**In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

\*Hymn                      *"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"*                      UMH 218

**Children's Message**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Hymn                      *"Away in a Manger"*                      UMH 217

**Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 1:18-25**

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. 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.

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. 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."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Sermon                      **"I Wish it Could be Christmas Everyday"**

**Rev. Lee Miller**

\*Hymn                      *"Go Tell It On the Mountain"*                      UMH 251

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895\*

Doxology

\*Closing Hymn                      *"Glory (Let There Be Peace)"*

**\*Benediction**