

WELCOME GUESTS

Please sign the attendance slip at the end of the pew and pass it on.

Please join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

Interested in learning more about Hope UMC? Would you like a visit? Would you like to join? Please contact Pastor Russ, Pastor Jan Redman, or the church office.

Hearing Devices: Hearing devices are available in the tech booth at the back of the sanctuary. The tech volunteer will be happy to assist you.

Transportation Ministry: If you need a ride to a Sunday service, please call the church before Friday noon.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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Bulletin announcements due Wednesday by noon.
Newsletter items due the 17th of the month

Hope United Methodist Church
1st Sunday of Advent

Worship Celebration for December 2nd, 2018

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Jake Shope

Speaker: The first candle reminds us of the promise given through the Prophets that a Messiah would come, a promise given many years before that blessed event. Just as the Prophets and people waited for the fulfillment of the promise, we also wait the celebration of Christ's birth, and His Glorious Return. *The first candle is lit.*

The prophet Isaiah instructs us that "a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the LORD. And He will delight in the fear of the LORD."

Let us stand and pray:

***Unison Opening Prayer**

"Advent"

Hymnal #201

***Song of Praise**

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Hymn #203

Choir

"Come to us Now Emmanuel"

Song of Praise

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Hymn #196

Unison Congregational Prayer

Forgive us, Lord

We are a wandering people

Who come before you now

A people who bring prayers

And requests to your feet

When we have need of you

And nowhere else to turn

Then go our own way

When times are good

And life is easy

Forgive us and draw us close

Teach us your way

That we might follow

Help us to walk in your company

And know your presence always. Amen.

Sharing of Joys & Prayer Concerns

Pastor's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

Gathering Song "Jesus Love Me"

Lois Ankeny

Verse 1

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Isaiah 7:1-17

New Testament – Matthew 1:18-23

Message

"Advent Through the Eyes of the Prophets"

Pastor Russ Jacobsen

Preparation for Communion

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Hymn #211 Verses 1, 2, 5

Offering

The Lord's Supper

Communion Hymns

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Hymn #211 Verses 3, 4, 6, 7

"Blessed Be the God of Israel"

Hymn #209

***Benediction**

Isaiah 35:4-5

Go from here with confidence and hope.

Strengthen those who are tired and exhausted;

comfort those who are anxious and fearful.

Say to them all: "Be strong, and do not fear!

For God is coming—Indeed, God is already here!

Technology: David Sparks

Liturgist: JR Hanson

Accompanist: Staci Thompson

Greeters: Fran Fenske, Thelma Smith

Ushers: Bruce & Bonnie Ankeny, Lois Ankeny,

Sharon Douglas, Jean Nelson

PRAYER MINISTRY

- Muriel Hanna
 - Merre Kivlin
 - Peter Ochs
 - Angela (Steele) Powell
 - Lonny Schmidtke
 - Michael Schuster
 - Gerald Schutrop
 - Newt Toland
 - Jim Whitney
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- In the service of our country: Tucker Bottin, Aron Goshorn, Bryce Hanson, David Miller, Cole Steinke, Terry Keithahn, Michael Wohlrabe, and Brett Sandum.
 - Armed Services personnel and their families.
 - Members and Friends in Health Care Centers and those at their homes including: Mary Fenske, Mae Hove, John & Merna Karels, Helen Reko, June Scheid, and Betty Swant.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning's Hope Radio Broadcast on KBEW, 1560 AM, is being sponsored by Craig & Tonia Weir in Celebration of our Granddaughter Emersen's 7th Birthday on the 8th.

2019 Radio Sponsorship

If you would like to support our radio ministry on KBEW the 2019 Sign-up sheet is now available in the narthex or you can call the office. Don't forget to include a message on the second page if you are sponsoring for a special reason and would like that acknowledged. Donations can also be made to the Radio Angels Fund without sponsoring a specific date. Cost is \$35 per date.

Reminder: If you would prefer to receive the newsletter via email contact the office. If you notice a Birthday and/or Anniversary is incorrect or not listed contact the office. If you have an address change to report contact the office. Brandi will be happy to make sure any changes you report are made ☺ Thank you for helping me keep our records accurate!

The Service group for December is group 1, 2, & 3. Thank you to service group 3 for all you served in November.

DECEMBER MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Benevolence Fund

Dictionaries define "Benevolence" as the quality of being well meaning; kindness. Our December mission emphasis is to begin a Benevolence fund for local needs. What a great way to begin Advent! The fund will be used specifically for those in crisis and need and one way of showing love in our own local community. Simply write "benevolence" or "kindness" in the memo part of your offering check.

Blanket collection for Midwest Mission Distribution Center

Trinidad, just off the northeastern coast of South America (Venezuela) has been ravaged by flooding from hurricane activity in October. Our Midwest Missions Distribution Center (MMDC) in Pawnee, Illinois has issued an urgent appeal from supporting congregations for blankets!

Leon and Judith will be taking donations of all sizes, of clean individually wrapped new or gently used blankets there, leaving on December 15. Please bring in and leave blankets by the MMDC poster in the Narthex. We can also send donations to MMDC/Trinidad during the entire month of December. Any offering checks marked "MMDC" or "blankets" will go toward the purchase in Illinois and sent directly to Trinidad.

New Year's Day Free Community Meal: 11 am to 1 pm

An annual tradition to let the community know we care. Soup and Sandwich Lunch from 11 am to 1 pm. We will need volunteers to organize, greet, serve, clean up, & also volunteers to bring soup, crackers, & desserts! Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex and/or call the office. The bus will be available for those that wish to have a ride please contact the church office by Friday, December 28th.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Christmas at Community Covenant Church in Huntley will be held on Sunday, December 9th with refreshments and fellowship at 5:15. Dinner will be served at 5:30 followed by a presentation by Theater for the Thirsty: Jeremiah and Vanessa Gamble performing their original musical. *A Misfit Christmas*. There is no charge for this event, however seating is limited and reservations are necessary. Call Julie at 525-4949

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Children's Christmas Program

Just a reminder that the Children's Christmas program will take place Sunday, December 9th during the 9 am worship service.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

December 2nd: Sarah Ferguson

December 3rd: Paula Winslow

December 4th: Amy Schepers, Issac Goshorn

December 5th: Eldon Beenken, Naomi Goshorn

December 6th: Carma Sunken

December 7th: Zachary Murphy

December 6th: Jason & Rose Hall

FINANCES

October Budget Income: \$ 12,305.04

October Budget Expenses: \$ 15,603.92

YTD (11/28/18) Budget Income: \$ 170,173.36

YTD (11/28/18) Budget Expenses: \$ 218,354.57

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2nd – December 8th

Meals on Wheels

Sunday, December 2nd

9 AM: Worship

10:10 AM: Sunday School

3:30 PM: Cantata Rehearsal

Monday, December 3rd

5:30 PM: Finance Committee

6 PM: Ministry Council

6:30 PM: Ad Council

Tuesday, December 4th

2 PM: Communion @ St. Luke's

4 PM: Membership & History
Committee

7 PM: Missions Committee

Wednesday, December 5th

7 AM: Men's Breakfast @ Mc Donald's

2:15 – 4:15 PM: KBC

5:45 PM: Meal

6:30 PM: Youth Worship

Service/Confirmation

6:30 PM: Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 8th

9 AM: UMW Unit Meeting

December 9th

Liturgist: JR Hanson

Greeters: Fran Fenske, Thelma Smith

Ushers: Bruce & Bonnie Ankeny,

Lois Ankney,

Sharon Douglas, Jean Nelson

Accompanists: David Murray

Next Week: December 9th – December 15th

Sunday, December 9th

Children's Christmas Program

Joy Circle Bake Sale

9 AM: Worship

2 PM: Cantata Rehearsal

6 PM: Naomi Circle Christmas Party @ Al & Nancy
Thompson's

Monday, December 10th

5:30 – 7 PM: Couple's Group

Tuesday, December 11th

No UMCOR Work Day

Wednesday, December 12th

7 AM: Men's Breakfast @ Mc Donald's

2:15 – 4:15 PM: KBC

5:45 PM: Meal

6:30 PM: All Church Christmas Caroling

6:30 PM: Choir Rehearsal

7 PM: Youth Party

December 16th & 23rd

Liturgist: Nancy Steinke

Greeters: Ann Hanna, Sue Reynolds

Ushers: David & Sandra Murray,

Buzz & Pam Hanson

Accompanists: Staci Thompson 16th,

Gail Keck 23rd