

This Week

Today:

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

Monday, December 5:

- 6pm Finance Meeting
- 7pm Ad Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 6:

- 10AM: Advent Bible Study at Cabin Coffee
- 2PM: UMW/UFW
- Church Service at St. Lukes

Wednesday December 7:

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

Thursday, December 8:

- 10AM: Bible Study
- 1:30: Joy Circle

Sunday, December 11:

Liturgist: Maggie Johnson

Ushers: Bob & Carol Grapevine, Kurt & Sherry Abel

Greeters: Stan & Cooky Christ

Accompanist: Gail Keck

Today's KBEW radio broadcast is sponsored Tonia Weir In celebration of granddaughter Emerson Weir's 11th birthday on December 8!

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/. 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

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Sunday December 4, 2022

Second 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

In this season of prophecy, promise, and preparation, we come to be renewed and refreshed.

We come to be inspired by stories of a messiah who will change the world—and change us.

We come to listen for words of hope and joy, promise and challenge.

We come with open ears, open minds, and open hearts. We come to receive the blessings God has in store for us in this season of waiting.

Come! Let us worship our God—the One who brings all things to fulfillment.

Choir Anthem

“Carol for Advent”

***Hymn**

“*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*”

UMH 229

***Unison Prayer**

God of hope and encouragement, we come in the midst of this season of busyness and preparations: to find a time and space to slow down, to reflect on what our true preparations should be.

We need to prepare our hearts to receive the gifts of love and hope.

We need to prepare our minds to focus on your promise that a messiah will come and nothing will be the same.

We need to prepare our spirits: to praise God for prophecy, promises, and preparation; to find hope and encouragement; to find peace and joy. May we do so now, in our time of worship. Amen.

***Hymn**

“*What Child is This*”

UMH 218

Children’s Message

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:5-17

Sermon

“All I Want For Christmas...”

Rev. Lee Miller

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Communion

Invitation to the Table

UMH 12

*Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 13

The Lord’s Prayer

UMH 895

Taking of the Bread and Cup

***Closing Hymn**

“*Glory (Let There Be Peace)*”

***Benediction**

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:5-17

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught. In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord’s commands and decrees blamelessly. But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.

Once when Zechariah’s division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside.

Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”