

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
2nd Sunday of Advent

Worship Celebration for December 9th, 2018

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of Advent Candles

Reader: The 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 and second candles are lit.

Reader: 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."

***Unison Opening Prayer**

**O Lord, you are coming to us,
and we wait with eager anticipation!
Our souls are standing on tiptoe,
trying to peer over the horizon
where the morning star is about to rise upon us.
We put our hope in your Word, O Lord,
that your Word might take on flesh among us once again
to reveal your mercy and steadfast love.**

Call to Worship *"Welcome the Light!"*

Children's Program *"Joy in the Manger"*

Congregational Carols *Interspersed during the Children's Program*
"O Little Town of Bethlehem" Hymn #230
"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Hymn #251
** "Joy to the World!" Hymn #246*

Pastor's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings *Micah 5:1-4*
Luke 1:46-55

Congregational Song *"Hear the Call of Christmas"*

Message *"The World Turned Right Side Up"*
Pastor Russ Jacobsen

Offering

The Lord's Supper

Communion Songs *"What Child Is This?" Hymn #219*
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Hymn #240

Benediction *Based on 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: David Murray

Greeters: Fran Fenske, Thelma Smith, Lois Ankeny,
Ushers: Bruce & Bonnie Ankeny,
Sharon Douglas, Jean Nelson

PRAYER MINISTRY

- Muriel Hanna
- Evelyn Henke
- Merre Kivlin
- Peter Ochs
- Angela (Steele) Powell
- Lonny Schmidtke
- Michael Schuster
- Gerald Schutrop
- Newt Toland
- Jim Whitney

- 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.
 - Prayers requested for LaDonna Johnson as she recovers from injuries suffered from a fall last Sunday. Cards can reach her at Ecumen Pathway: 710 Mound Ave. Apt# 4010, Mankato MN 56001.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning's Hope Radio Broadcast on KBEW, 1560 AM, is being sponsored by Steve Scheid in celebration of December family Birthdays.

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.

Elmore UMC

Our friends at Elmore United Methodist Church are currently without a pastor. Our Hope UMC Administrative Council has unanimously approved exploring a cooperative agreement for the first six months of 2019 between the UMC congregations of Blue Earth, Winnebago and Elmore. All three congregations will review this. Final approval must come from our Bishop. Please pray for renewal and outreach for all three congregations.

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

Postponed from December 1st - Meet the Athletes of the Faribault County Giants Special Olympic Team

Scentsy Product and Bake Sale Fundraiser:

Come meet the athletes, buy some Scentsy Products, and/or some Home-Made Baked Goods to support our team on Saturday December 9th, from 2-4pm at St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church Blue Earth, MN. Our athletes have been practicing for our state bowling tournament, let's show them some support.

Senior Center Open House

Thursday, December 13th starting at 12:30 with live music by Steve Bakken, John Engesser and Granada Huntley Middle and High School Choir, and more. Lunch served to those that attend at 3:15 to 3:30

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Starting in January, our Wednesday worship services are open to all ages!

5:45 pm - Supper (modified potluck)

6:30 pm - Contemporary Worship

7:00 pm - Break-out learning groups for Children, Confirmation, High School & Adults.

This is a great alternative for those looking for a "non-traditional" service and / or for those who find it hard to get to worship services on Sundays.

The Bible presentation previously scheduled for January 13th for the 3rd and 4th graders has been moved to January 20th. If you have a 3rd or 4th grader participating in our KBC program please plan to attend worship service on January 20th.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

December 9th: Steve Scheid

December 11th: Kasey Kramer, Nicolas Uecker

December 13th: Muriel Hanna

December 14th: Betty Johnston, Riley Kaiser

December 15th: Ryder Stauffer

December 12th: Thomas & Cindy Steinke

FINANCES

November Budget Income: \$ 12,983.15

November Budget Expenses: \$ 17,210.21

YTD (12/5/18) Budget Income: \$ 170,782.82

YTD (12/5/18) Budget Expenses: \$ 227,564.39

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Next Week: December 16th – December 23rd

Sunday, December 16th

9 AM: Worship

1:30 PM: Cantata Rehearsal

Monday, December 17th

4:30 PM: SPRC

7 – 8:30 Discipleship/Accountability Group

Tuesday, December 18th

1-3 PM: Interfaith Caregivers Memory Café

Wednesday, December 19th

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

2:15 – 4:15 PM: KBC

7 PM: Community Christmas Cantata

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