



THIS WEEK AT OHUMC:

- 12/1: Youth Bible Study & Dinner (Offsite @ Byford's - 6:30 pm)
- 12/2: SHARE Team Meeting (Seekers Classroom - 6:00 pm)
- 12/3: Communications Team Meeting (Seekers Classroom - 9:00 am)
- 12/4: Fellowship Choir Rehearsal (6:30 pm)
- 12/5: ARBC Open Hearts CDC- Christmas Program (Sanctuary - 3:00 pm)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Dec 13 Young Adult Christmas Party (Offsite at 6:00 pm)
- Dec 15 Lessons and Carols during Worship service
Youth Christmas Party (Offsite at Creech's)
- Dec 22 Guest Preacher, Jana Clack, during Worship service
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Worship services (11:00 am & 5:00 pm)
- Dec 24-26 Church office closed: Christmas holiday
- Dec 29 Moravian Love Feast during Worship service
- Dec 31/Jan 1 Church office closed: New Year holiday

LET'S CONNECT!

Use the QR code to find Open Hearts UMC on social media and to register for upcoming events/programs!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

1

YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

'Tis the season! Young Adults are invited to attend a Christmas party on Friday, December 13th at 6:00 pm. You're invited to bring friends and an ornament to exchange during the party! Childcare will be provided on site. RSVP via the QR code above.

2

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Youth are invited to the Creech home for a Christmas party on December 15th at 6:00 pm. We will have a taco bar, decorate Christmas cookies, and make Christmas card for Open Hearts homebound members. Bring a \$15 gift to exchange at the party! RSVP via the QR code.

3

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

As we prepare to welcome the Christ child, we invite you to take an Advent Booklet home with you. The booklets include devotions, information about Advent events, worship, and outreach opportunities. Feel free to share one with a neighbor or friend!

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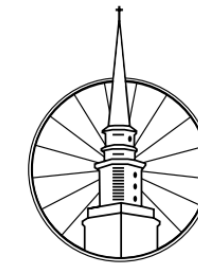
CHRISTMAS EVE AT OPEN HEARTS

It's hard to believe we are about to enter the season of preparation: Advent! We will have two Christmas Eve worship services this year: 11:00 am (family-friendly service) and 5:00 pm candlelight. Both services will include communion and nursery.

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GIFTS OF STOCK

The Finance Committee is grateful to those who have chosen to donate stock as a form of tithing. Many people choose to give gifts of stock as part of their year end financial plan. Should you have questions regarding such a transaction, please contact Gary Judd (contact info in Realm).



OPEN HEARTS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We are glad you are here! Please register your attendance in the pew pad. Please note that services are live-streamed, recorded, and posted to our YouTube Channel. Nursery is available for ages 0-4; Children's Worship Activity Boxes are available behind the organist and in the lobby to help your child worship with us.
(*) Stand as you are able. (UMH) United Methodist Hymnal

GREETINGS

Rev. Karen Jones

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jana Clack

PRELUDE

Voluntary on MARION

arr. Smith

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*OPENING HYMN (UMH 98)

To God Be The Glory

Doane/Crosby

*OPENING PRAYER

Natalie Buck

Light of the World and Shadow of Safety, you created light and darkness for our good. As we enter this season of Advent, waiting in the darkness for the light of the world, we find you all around us. We join together to praise you today, to hear from your Spirit, and to meet with the living Word, Christ Jesus, who was with God in the beginning. Amen.

*LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Jenn, Pete, and Pete Byford



Choir: (Musical Response)

All: (Musical Response)

Reader: When we are overwhelmed with conflict without or within, the peace of Christ may be found. We welcome the peace of Christ, present among us and available to all. Today we light the candle of peace, because peace has come to us. (Candle is lit)

All: **Welcome, joy of Christ! Even in times of grief and sorrow, you never forsake us or leave us alone. Fill our hearts with joy today.**

All: (Musical Response)

*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jana Clack

If your child would like to give an offering, they may bring it up at this time.

Children in 4K through 5th grade are invited to attend Sunday Bible School after the Children's Message.

They will return to the Sanctuary following the Benediction for pickup.

***OFFERTORY HYMN (UMH 90)** Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones Vaughan Williams/Riley

OFFERTORY PRAYER Natalie Buck

OFFERTORY Jesus Will Still Be There Mandeville/Sterling
The Hope Quartet (Hannah Bennett, alto soloist; Tish Gabor, soprano; Ben Griffeth, tenor; Jeremiah Reid, bass)

***DOXOLOGY (UMH 95)** Old 100th
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM Come, Ye Thankful People, Come Elvey/arr. Harlan
Congregation joins verses 1 and 4 on cue (UMH 694)

***GOSPEL READING (NT 85-86)** Luke 21:25-36 Rev. Jones
*The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.*

SERMON "Hope is Born in Darkness" Rev. Jones

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (UMH 12) Rev. Jones

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God-with-us in light and darkness, you have filled us with the bread of life and the cup of blessing.

We are sustained by the eternal joy of that love feast, inaugurated in suffering so long ago, but persistent in hope through the ages. May the gifts of your table preserve our hope until we meet again to feast together. Amen.

***RECESSIONAL HYMN (UMH 203)** Hail to the Lord's Anointed Montgomery

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** God Be In My Head Rutter

POSTLUDE "Allegro" from Voluntary I Travers

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God by Coleman and Irveta Shouse in loving memory of Les Hudson.

Living Out Our Baptismal Covenant

Open Hearts United Methodist Church cultivates a welcoming community - united in God's love, guided by scripture, and empowered by the Holy Spirit - to live out Jesus Christ's teachings.

PRESENCE AND GIFTS-- NOVEMBER 24, 2024

ONLINE GIVING and TEXT

Sunday School Attendance: 105
Worship Attendance: 162
Offering: \$7,435.00

Online giving at:
onrealm.org/openheartsUMC/give
Text to give: Text OPENDOORS to 73256.
We accept credit, debit, and checking.

WORSHIP

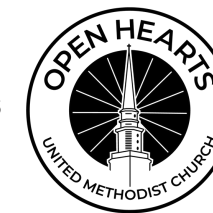
The color BLUE represents hope and anticipation of the coming Christ.

ROLE	SERVING TODAY	SERVING NEXT WEEK
Greeters	Eleanor Allen, David Atkinson, Jenna Robinson, Peter MacKinnon, Vickie Frazier, Jennifer Hincapie, Tanya Pearson, Mary Ashley Adkins, Sally Adkins, Mark Whisenhunt	Tiby Weinstein, Jean Marshall, Debra Leeke, John Winn, Vaughan Overman, Margaret Clayton, Hunter and Cori Richardson, Alex Burgin, Martha and Gary Judd
Ushers	Miles Loretta, Linda Sarratt, Jim Sarratt, Steve Thraikill	Gary Judd, Susan Wright, Alex Burgin, Tiby Weinstein
Tellers	Bill Pearson, Gary Judd	Tiby Weinstein, Gary Judd
A/V	Carol Wilson, Ashley Newton	Jim Patterson Jr., Roy Williams
Acolyte	Hunter Richardson	Celeste Creech
Liturgist	Natalie Buck	Theresa Clarke
Children's Message	Jana Clack	The Creech Family
Sunday Bible School	Jana Clack	Wendy Thraikill, Ashley Cheney
Nursery	Zahria Stewart, Savannah Spivey	Zahria Stewart, VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Communion	Theresa Clarke, Isabel Stringfellow, Jennifer Hincapie	N/A

If you are interested in serving in a volunteer role above, please contact Membership@openheartsumcsc.org or Karen.Jones@openheartsumcsc.org.

If you are interested in sponsoring altar flowers, sign up on the Flower Chart posted by the office. Contact Jane Johnson at rjohnson2121@bellsouth.net to discuss details.

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9:00 am–1:00 pm
Monday–Thursday

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Savannah Spivey & Zahria Stewart
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