

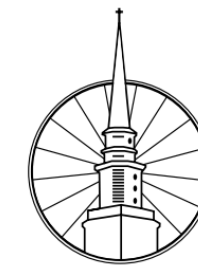


# THIS WEEK AT OHUMC

- 12/15: Youth Christmas Party (Offsite @ Creech's - 6:30 pm)
- 12/16: Finance Committee Meeting (12:00 pm - Seekers Classroom)
- 12/18: Fellowship Choir Rehearsal (6:30 pm)
- 12/22: Guest Preacher, Jana Clack, during Worship

## LET'S CONNECT!

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



# OPEN HEARTS

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 15, 2024

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Third 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** Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 Bach-Busoni

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**THE FIRST LESSON (OT 1-2)** Creation of Light and of Humans Matt Raven  
Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31

**\*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL (UMH 198)** My Soul Gives Glory to My God Winter/arr. Webb

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Matt Raven

Leader: Rejoice, for God is here!

**All: God is our strength and our light.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

**All: We will sing praises for all the earth to hear.**

**\*LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH** Gary and Martha Judd

Canticle of Light and Darkness R2

Proulx



Choir: (Musical Response)

**All: (Musical Response)**

Reader: Whether we find ourselves in the dark, cozy realm of nighttime or the blazing brightness of day, God's good message of joy has come to us to cheer our hearts. Today we light the candle of joy, celebrating the good news of a baby to be born in Bethlehem. (2 blue and 1 pink candle are 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)**



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Worship services
- Dec 24-26 Church office closed: Christmas holiday
- Dec 29 Moravian Love Feast during Worship
- Dec 31/Jan 1 Church office closed: New Year holiday

### Living Out Our Baptismal Covenant

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

### PRESENCE AND GIFTS: DECEMBER 8, 2024

Sunday School Attendance: 109  
Worship Attendance: 171  
Offering: \$24,359.60

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1 SPECIAL ADVENT OFFERING**  
This Advent season, we are excited to celebrate and strengthen our United Methodist connection by inviting you to contribute to some of their wonderful ministries. Look for special Advent offering envelopes in the pew racks to give in person. Or, you can give directly using the QR code above!

**2 CHRISTMAS EVE AT OPEN HEARTS**  
We will have two Christmas Eve worship services at Open Hearts UMC this year: 11:00 am (family-friendly service) and 5:00 pm. Both services will include candle-lighting, communion and provide nursery.

**3 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).

**4 UPCOMING CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURES**  
The Church Office will be closed December 24, 25, 26, 31, and January 1 for Christmas and New Years. OHUMC will continue to accept end of year financial gifts via mail and online when the office is closed.

**5 YOUTH CHRISTMAS BREAK EVENTS**  
Youth are invited to lunch downtown and ice skating on 12/23, and to Panera on Augusta following 12/29 worship for lunch and prayer time. Contact Jana Clack for more info!

**6 UNITED MINISTRIES HOLIDAY CARDS**  
Holiday cards, designed by a local artist and offering a message of hope, are available at the Welcome Center. At \$5 each, they offer a meaningful way to honor friends and family. The funds go to support the programs of United Ministries.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Sarah Moseley  
*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.*

**THE SECOND LESSON (OT 3)** *Humans are Condemned* Jennifer Hincapie  
 Genesis 3: 8-13, 22-24

**CHOIR CAROL** Adam Lay Y-Bounden Ord  
*Hope Quartet*

**THE THIRD LESSON (OT 696)** *A Promise of Wholeness* Taylor LeBlanc  
 Isaiah 65:17-25

**CHOIR CAROL** The Coventry Carol arr. Tom Scott

**THE FOURTH LESSON (OT 667)** *A Promise of the Lord's Coming* Julia Turlington  
 Isaiah 40:1-11

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL (UMH 221)** In the Bleak Midwinter Holst/Rossetti

**THE FIFTH LESSON (NT 56-57)** *God's Promises Revealed Through Mary* Chris Youngblood  
 Luke 1:26-38

**CHOIR CAROL** Sicut Locutus Est (from Magnificat) J.S. Bach  
 Molly Stanley, violin

**THE SIXTH LESSON (NT 57)** *Mary Glorifies the Lord* Cathleen Marseil  
 Luke 1:46-55

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL (UMH 116)** The God of Abraham Praise [LEONI]

**THE SEVENTH LESSON (OT 638)** *Light Has Dawned* Robert Benedict  
 Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

**OFFERTORY CAROL** Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring Bach  
 David and Molly Stanley, trumpet and violin

**\*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.*

**THE EIGHTH LESSON (OT 683-684)** *Prophecies of Jesus Foretold* Allison Bruce  
 Isaiah 53:4-12

**CHOIR CAROL** The Holly and the Ivy arr. Parker/Shaw

**THE NINTH LESSON (NT 91-92)** *Light Shines in the Darkness* Bill Pearson  
 John 1:5, 9-14

**\*RECESSIONAL CAROL (UMH 202)** People, Look East Farjeon/arr. Shaw

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION** In the Bleak Midwinter (reprise)

**POSTLUDE** Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella Traditional/arr. L. Smith  
 David Stanley, trumpet

*The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of  
 Dr. Tish Gabor Oney's birthday, by Carl Oney.*

WORSHIP		
<i>The color BLUE represents hope and anticipation of the coming Christ.</i>		
ROLE	SERVING TODAY	SERVING NEXT WEEK
<b>Greeters</b>	Eleanor Allen, Penny Gall, Bill Shell, Ashley Cheney, Jane Johnson, Hunter Richardson, Susie and Scotty Bradshaw	Bill Adkins, John Winn, Susan Wright, Mary Ashley Adkins, Sally Adkins, Jan Paige, Jane Johnson, Kathy and Steve Anderson
<b>Ushers</b>	Roy Williams, Bill Shell, Miles Loretta, Larry Gall	Steve Anderson, Sammy Cely, Beth Padgett, John Winn
<b>Tellers</b>	Larry Gall, Steve Thrailkill	Steve Anderson, Sally Adkins
<b>A/V</b>	Marshall Gaddy, Dottie Pittman	Miles Loretta, Dottie Pittman
<b>Acolyte</b>	Lani Johnson	Jim Patterson, Jr.
<b>Liturgist</b>	Matt Raven	Doris Loretta
<b>Children's Message</b>	Sarah Moseley	Carol Wilson
<b>Sunday Bible School</b>	Sarah Moseley, Evelyn Rogers	Carol Wilson, Margie Schnelle
<b>Nursery</b>	Zahria Stewart, Savannah Spivey, Meredith Robinson	Zahria Stewart, Meredith Robinson, Amanda Youngblood
<b>Communion</b>	N/A	N/A
<p><i>If you are interested in serving in a volunteer role above, please contact            Membership@openheartsumcsc.org or Karen.Jones@openheartsumcsc.org.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>		

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**OFFICE HOURS:**  
 9:00 am—1:00 pm  
 Monday—Thursday