

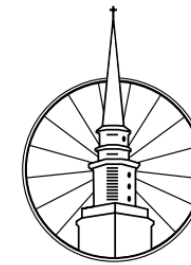


THIS WEEK AT OHUMC:

- 12/8: Youth Bible Study & Dinner (Offsite @ Youngblood's - 6:30 pm)
- 12/10: OHUMC Staff Meeting (Offsite @ 1:00 pm)
- 12/11: Fellowship Choir Rehearsal (6:30 pm)
- 12/12: Trustees Meeting (Seekers Classroom - 11:30 am)
- 12/13: Young Adult Christmas Party (Offsite at 6:00 pm)

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 8, 2024

Second 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 II, Part 1

Boyce

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*OPENING HYMN (UMH 196)

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Prichard/Wesley

*OPENING PRAYER

Theresa Clarke

Our Most High God, You sent your messages in the dark of night to prepare us for the coming Son of God. As we join together today in worship, we direct our attention toward your message and your messengers, speaking to us in word, song, prayer, and presence. You call us on a journey of faithfulness through light and darkness. And no matter where we find ourselves, may we discover the peace of Christ among us today. Amen.

*LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Kathy and Rev. Ken Owens, Danielle and Jason Kaminski

Canticle of Light and Darkness R2

Proulx



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. (2 blue candles are lit)*

All: **Welcome, peace of Christ. We breathe in your presence, which sustains us and makes us whole.**

Where will we find you 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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Dec 15 Lessons and Carols during Worship
Youth Christmas Party (Offsite at Creech's)
- Dec 16 Finance Meeting @ 12pm
- Dec 22 Guest Preacher, Jana Clack, during Worship
- 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
Text to give: Text OPENDOORS to 73256.
We accept credit, debit, and checking.

PRESENCE AND GIFTS: DECEMBER 1, 2024

Sunday School Attendance: 87
Worship Attendance: 147
Offering: \$7,189.00
Nov. Total Offering: \$45,421.00



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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 and designate to any of the following United Methodist ministries. Or, you can give directly using the QR code above!

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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).

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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.

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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.

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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. Both services will include candle-lighting, communion and provide nursery.

PASTORAL PRAYER
LORD'S PRAYER (UMH 895)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE The Creech Family
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 184)** Of the Father's Love Begotten Prudentius/arr. Douglas

OFFERTORY PRAYER Theresa Clarke

OFFERTORY Meditation on "Savior of the Nations, Come" arr. Smith

***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 Savior, Come Be Mine Loy/Burton/Harris/Norwegian folksong
arr. Sateren

***GOSPEL READING (NT 58)** Luke 1:68-79 Rev. Jones
The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "A New Day Dawns" Rev. Jones

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UMH 883)** A Statement of Faith of the United Church in Canada

***RECESSIONAL HYMN (UMH 626)** Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence French carol/trans. Moultrie

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (UMH 38-39) Rev. Jones
Kathy Owens (and Rev. Ken Owens); Danielle and Jason Kaminski;
Phil and Martha Perkins;
Benjamin, Johanna, Jackson, (and Hollis) Ward

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** God Be In My Head Rutter
The Hope Quartet

POSTLUDE Voluntary II, Part 2 Boyce

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. James E. Hunter III by Elaine and Charles Gentry.

Memoriam

David William Gay
 May 1, 1944 – November 24, 2024

Open Hearts United Methodist Church extends Christian sympathy to family and friends of David, including his wife Audrey Gay. May perpetual light shine on David and tender mercies surround his family.

WORSHIP

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

ROLE	SERVING TODAY	SERVING NEXT WEEK
Greeters	Tiby Weinstein, Jean Marshall, Debra Leeke, John Winn, Vaughan Overman, Margaret Clayton, Hunter and Cori Richardson, Alex Burgin, Martha and Gary Judd	Eleanor Allen, Penny Gall, Bill Shell, Ashley Cheney, Jane Johnson, Hunter Richardson, Susie and Scotty Bradshaw
Ushers	Gary Judd, Susan Wright, Alex Burgin, Tiby Weinstein	Roy Williams, Bill Shell, Miles Loretta, Larry Gall
Tellers	Tiby Weinstein, Gary Judd	Larry Gall, Steve Thrailkill
A/V	Jim Patterson Jr., Roy Williams	Marshall Gaddy, Dottie Pittman
Acolyte	Celeste Creech	Lani Johnson
Liturgist	Theresa Clarke	Matt Raven
Children's Message	The Creech Family	Sarah Moseley
Sunday Bible School	Wendy Thrailkill, Ashley Cheney	Sarah Moseley, Evelyn Rogers
Nursery	Zahria Stewart, Pete Byford, Emma Blair Jones	Zahria Stewart, Savannah Spivey
Communion	N/A	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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OFFICE HOURS:
 9:00 am–1:00 pm
 Monday–Thursday

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