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New Contact Information:

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Opportunities to serve

Saturday Meal Site opportunities to serve:

- Hosts: Someone who can greet guests and sit with them during the meal.
- Clean-up crew. Come around 12:00-1:30pm.
- Provide grocery bags and/or gloves for Meal Site & Operation Safety Net

Worship team opportunities to serve:

- Greeter—Greet people at the West parking lot.
- Usher—Greet people as they come into the service. Help with offering and Communion.
- Video—Get behind the camera to make a video recording of the sermon.
- Editor—Take the footage of the worship series and edit into a video to be posted on youtube.
- Sound—Help with the sound board, making sure mic levels are correct during worship.
- Slides—Help switch the slides during the service.

December 12, 2021

Announcements

We are blessed by your presence, and pray that worship is meaningful for you. You are invited to note your attendance and mailing address on the blue attendance tear-off sheet found in each bulletin. This sheet may be left at your seat for the ushers to gather after service. We encourage family participation in worship. We can provide activity bags for children upon request. Please see an usher for more information. Ushers can also provide you with large print bulletins if needed. We extend a special welcome to you and trust you will experience God's presence today.

Sunday School Classes—

Adult Sunday School Class @ 10:30am— Asbury Parlor and Zoom
Swahili Bible Study Class @10:30am—Swahili Class Room
Children & Youth Sunday School @ 10:30am— Epworth Hall

Discipleship Schedule Monday Noon Bible Study meets in-person in Epworth Hall. Wednesday Noon Prayer & Devotion Time continues to meet on Facebook Live and Zoom. Zoom Meeting ID # for both is 961 006 728. All Zoom meetings can also be joined by phone simply by dial 312-626-6799. Once connected, dial the Meeting ID # 961 006 728, and you will join in the conversation.

Caring Tree Gifts need to be **unwrapped** with the original tag attached and delivered to the church no later than Thursday, **December 16**.

Wednesday Vespers Service Wednesday at 7pm during Advent, Pastor Robb will share a short vespers service. Vespers is the ancient tradition of evening prayer. The service will take place in the sanctuary. It will include a time of prayer and reflection, a Psalm song, a reading from our daily All the Good devotional, and Communion. The service should take between 30-40 minutes, and be over before 8:00. The theme for each week will follow along with our Advent themes of Prepare with Hope, Praying for Peace, Care with Joy, and Do in Love.

Holiday Baskets for Seniors These baskets are made possible thanks to the gracious people that share their time and efforts to bake, shop, organize and deliver them. If you would like to volunteer to deliver a basket to one of our senior members please Ruth Hill or Brianna Pollock in Epworth Hall after the service today.

Christmas Eve Service will be held on Friday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. The service will include wonderful music, the Christmas story retold, and will end with the lighting of candles and singing of "Silent Night." Christmas Eve is a unique worship experience. Please join with us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Network: Two Rivers Sanctuary
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December 12, 2021
Third Sunday of Advent



Luke 1:39-56

Mary got up and hurried to a city in the Judean highlands. She entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. With a loud voice she blurted out, "God has blessed you above all women, and he has blessed the child you carry. Why do I have this honor, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. Happy is she who believed that the Lord would fulfill the promises he made to her."

Mary said,

"With all my heart I glorify the Lord!

In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior.

He has looked with favor on the low status of his servant.

Look! From now on, everyone will consider me highly favored because the mighty one has done great things for me.

Holy is his name.

He shows mercy to everyone,
from one generation to the next,
who honors him as God.

He has shown strength with his arm.

He has scattered those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations.

He has pulled the powerful down from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty-handed.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
remembering his mercy,

just as he promised to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to Abraham's descendants forever."

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months, and then returned to her home.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude "Holy Is Your Name" - John Michael Talbot

Greeting

Presentation of Advent Candle and Chrismon
Dave Dehnel & Candy Canik

Advent Reading Isaiah 2:2-6

One: A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord,"
All: **Make straight in the desert a highway for our God."**

Lighting the Candle of Joy and Hanging the Chrismon

Hymn #207 UMH "Prepare the Way of the Lord"

One: Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion!
All: **For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord.**
One: Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day,
All: **And they shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst.**

*Opening Hymn #204 UMH "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" (twice through)

*Prayer of Confession

All: **O God of Love Eternal, you became flesh and descended into the world to redeem all people. We confess that we have not lived as redeemed people, but as frightened people. We have not loved our neighbor as ourself, and struggle even with loving ourselves. Give us the gift of joy to help us see ourselves and each other as you see us—as wonderful gifts to the world, made in love and in the image of God.**

(Pause for silent reflection and confession)

One: The Word became flesh and made its home among us. In the name of Eternal Christ of love and grace, you are forgiven.

All: **In the name of Jesus Christ, born once and coming again, we are forgiven. Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace

Spirit Hymn #195 UMH "Send Your Word" vs. 1

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

All: **Holy God, open our hearts to the story of your love. Open our minds to new ways of knowing you. Open our doors for all whom you would welcome. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Luke 1:39-56 (CEB)

Sermon All the Good: Care with Joy - Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Response Hymn #198 UHM "My Soul Gives Glory to My God" vs. 1 & 5

Offering Reflection and Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: As we prepare for the coming of Christ, we are thankful for Christ already among us.

All: **Holy and Gracious God, your redemption and love are the source of our joy. As we prepare for Christmas, help us to have a spirit of gratitude, that we may respond in generosity. We pause to reflect on our reasons for joy.**

(Pause for Silent Reflection on Joy)

One: We will sing praises to your name, Most High. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #213 UMH "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" v. 1&4

*Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude "Come, Come Emmanuel" - Steve Angrisano

* You are invited to stand as you are able.
FWS - The Faith We Sing (black hymnal)
UMH - United Methodist Hymnal (red hymnal)
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PRAYER MINISTRY

NAME: _____

Who would you like to see this prayer?

- Pastor Only.** Only the pastor will see this prayer. He will most likely see it and be in prayer for it on Monday morning.
- Prayer Chain.** These prayers will be sent to those who have signed up for prayer chain email. They will also be prayed for by first name only during our Wednesday online prayer service.

Please be in prayer for:

Please pray for this:

- For this week only.
- Until _____
- This is an ongoing need.

I am interested in being a part of the Prayer Chain:

Email: _____