

# THE BROADCASTER

November 22, 2023

## Pastor's Piece

December 3 is the first Sunday of the season called Advent in the church calendar. While the regular calendar's new year begins on January 1, the church year begins with Advent. Advent usually begins on the last Sunday of November or the first week of December, but this year it falls on December 3, the first Sunday of December.

For those of us new to church, I would like to share with you the meaning of Advent. Advent has two major meanings. One is to wait for the birth of our Savior Jesus, who came to this earth as a young baby to save us and prepare to welcome Him. And the other is to prepare our hearts as we wait for the second coming of Jesus Christ, who will return as the Lord of judgment on this earth.

If you look at church history, the four Sundays before Christmas have been observed as Advent since the early church. It means that it is a period of preparation and waiting for the advent, or descent, of Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, into the world. Advent means that Jesus, the Son of God, came to this earth as a human being, just like making a touchdown with the ball in a football game.

With that meaning in mind, we light candles during Advent. We light five candles in total: three purple, one pink, and one white. The first candle represents the candle of hope, the second represents the candle of peace, the third represents the candle of joy, and the fourth represents the candle of love. White candles are lit on Christmas Day and are called 'Christ candles' because they symbolize Jesus, the light that brightens the world. We light candles every week from Advent to Christmas, waiting for Jesus to come as light to give life to humanity living in darkness.

Every time we light a candle during the Advent Sunday service, we should think of Jesus Christ, who came as light, as we look at the burning candle, and use it as a time to pledge to the hope, peace, joy, and love that are given through Him. Above all, we must not forget that Advent is not simply a time to remember the birth of Jesus, who came to this earth 2,000 years ago, but also a time to reflect on our lives and prepare while waiting with the same heart for the second coming of Jesus Christ.

People are busy shopping and partying during Christmas, but we want to use this as a time to eagerly await the birth and second coming of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ji



# OUR PRAYERS FOR

## Those Within the Church

**Verna Carter, the family of Arlene Guthrie at her passing,  
Dale Guthrie, Bill Page, Mary Jane Stauffer, Tammy Taylor**

## Our Leaders

Law Enforcement Officers in our community and in the nation, the persecuted Christians around the world. God's Guidance and Strength for President Biden, Our Troops and their Families

## Our Military

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| † Michael Barbett – Darryl & Val Wall's son-in-law              | † Erik Nott & family – Doug & Gay Vannaman's son-in-law     |
| † CPL Cody Blair – Judy Lann's grandson                         | † MSGT Leah Oakleaf – Walt & Janet Southards' granddaughter |
| † Dennis Burns Jr (DJ) – Dennis Burns Sr & Lisa Soetebier's son | † SGT Steven Pearce – Walt & Janet Southards' nephew        |
| † Kristopher Dewitt – Mary Stout's grandson                     | † Erik Ralsten  |
| † Chance Greenhoff – Army                                       | † CPL Bethany Reeves McDoniel                               |
| † James Harris (MP) – Bill & Joy Page's grandson                | † AIC Bradley Southards – Walt & Janet Southards' grandson  |
| † Austin Kroeger  | † Joey Thiessen   |
| † CPL Jay McDoniel  |   |

## Sermon Series

Advent is a season of waiting. The word Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." During Advent we are celebrating the coming of Christ the King in the past and we are anticipating the second coming of Christ. As we prepare to celebrate the Savior's birth, the four-week sermon series will help us focus on four themes Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love which will eventually help us to understand the true meaning of the season. We invite you to make the journey with FUMCVC during this Advent season.



## Thank You To...



Thanks for your prayers and encouragement. It was a very bad time for us and we thank you for your prayers! Amanda is very thin, but back to her normal self!!

Much Love,

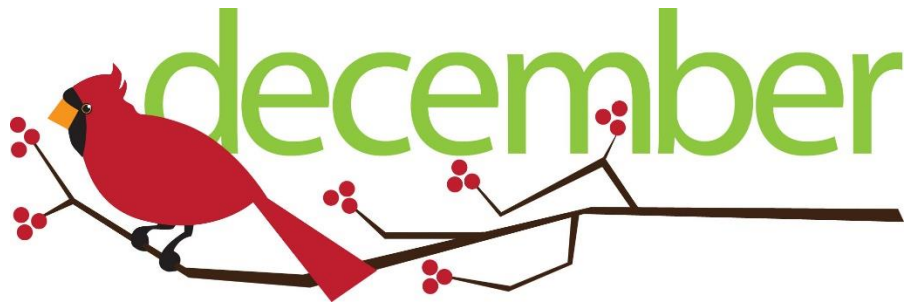
Mary Jane and Amanda Stauffer



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| 2 Judy Long         | 3 Fred Underwood   | 3 Vera Koehn         |
| 3 Sharon Weishaar   | 4 DeWayne Morgan   | 5 Tim Schultz        |
| 5 Lynn Williams     | 5 Carolyn Eastman  | 8 Jaxson McCormick   |
| 11 Brett Woodruff   | 13 Melissa Hackett | 15 Sondra Lampe      |
| 16 Rachel Diehl     | 17 Eric Scriven    | 19 Roman Gage        |
| 23 Craig Scribner   | 23 Jana Hogan      | 23 Kristi Seacat     |
| 23 Austin Greenhoff | 23 Davina Clark    | 24 Arnold Stoner     |
| 24 Wayne Sawyer     | 25 Elsie Crickard  | 25 Karrie Botts      |
| 27 Carolyn Stanek   | 27 Gene Taldo      | 28 Ed Seidl          |
| 30 Bruce Chappell   | 30 Sheri Smith     | 30 Melissa Stockwell |
| 30 Quintin Thieme   | 31 Jaxon Salas     |                      |



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| 4 Jerry & Loraine Browning | 4 Ben & Sammi Blumanhourst    |
| 8 Roger & Bythia Tennyson  | 13 Phil & Ellen Hubenett      |
| 17 Roy & Linda McFarland   | 21 Bryson & Janine Voth       |
| 21 Jade & Jacque Dundas    | 27 Austin & Jennah Southards  |
| 28 Doug & Gay Vannaman     | 28 Bill & Susan Stratton      |
| 28 Scott & Michelle Holle  | 28 Jimmy & Lisa Santiago      |
| 29 Mike & Phoebe McCormick | 30 Gordon & Margaret Williams |



**WEEKLY:**

SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
Traditional Worship 9:00a	Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC		JOY Group 9:30a FS		Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC
Sunday School 10:00a	<del>Progressive Class 7:00p FS</del>		Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC		
Contemporary Worship 11:00a			Chancel Choir 5:00p SAN		
			WOW ZONE! 6:00p WCC/Basement		
			UMYF 6:00p FH/14B/15B		

**SPECIAL:**

Children's Christmas Play Sunday, December 3 10:00 a.m. WCC	Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever Friday, December 8 11:00 a.m. WCC	Lunch & Learn / Mystery Thursday, December 14
Christmas Caroling Party Sunday, December 17 5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Morning Sunday, December 24 One Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.	Christmas Eve Evening Sunday, December 24 4:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
	Church Office Closed Monday, December 25	

**SCOUTING GROUPS:**

Adventure Crew First Mondays 6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 40021 First & Third Mondays 6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 40316 First & Third Mondays 6:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 494 Mondays 7:00 p.m.
Girl Scout Troop 40870 Mondays 6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts Pack 494 Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 40037 First & Third Thursdays 7:15 p.m.	

## FUMCVC'S GOINGS ON...

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***The Church Office will be closed Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.***

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If you would like to mail Christmas cards to some of our homebound members, you can contact the church office for a mailing list.

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The Valley Center Preschool will perform during Valley Center's Breakfast with Santa at 9:00 a.m. on **Saturday, December 2** at the Valley Center Middle School.

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The Progressive Class will not meet in the month of December.

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Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever will meet **Friday, December 8** at 11:00 a.m. in the WCC. Please bring a craft to work on and a salad to share.

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Book Club will not meet in December.

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***The Church Office will be closed Monday, December 25. We will have shortened hours the week between Christmas and New Years. We will open 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.***

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## Ways to Help

A group from FUMCVC serves on the second Sunday of each month from 5:00 p.m. until about 8:00 p.m. at The Lord's Diner. They are looking for about eight more volunteers. Please contact the office if you can help!

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## Ways to Give

December's giving for Open Door and the Valley Center Food Pantry is pancake mix and syrup. **Donations can be brought to the middle foyer and put in the storage cabinet on the south wall.**

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This year, the Valley Center Ministerial Alliance is not doing specific Holiday Boxes. Beginning the week of Thanksgiving, they are going to do a heavier pantry distribution. They will work with the Valley Center Senior Center and the Valley Center Schools. We have been asked to donate **pancake mix and syrup**. **We will have a table set-up in the main foyer for your donations through Sunday, December 17.**

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This year we will again support From the Ground Up, formerly VC Cares for Kids. From the Ground Up has asked us to provide gift cards. The giving tree is set-up just outside the office. You can take an envelope off the tree, place your gift card inside, and then place the envelope in the collection tin beside the tree. The tin will be emptied daily and placed in the safe. Please make checks payable to FUMCVC and write From the Ground Up in the memo. Gifts are due to the church by **Sunday, December 3.**

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FUMCVC will partner with the Valley Center Preschool and collect items for a Mitten Tree. The Mitten Tree will be located in the Preschool hallway. Items can be brought any time before **Sunday, December 17**. They will be taken to the Lord's Diner for Christmas Eve distribution.

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The Children's Christmas Play,  
"GLORY TO GOD IN the Highest"

is **Sunday, December 3** at 10:00 a.m. in the WCC.



Christmas Caroling Party –**Sunday, December 17**  
at 5:00 p.m. Contact the office to get your name  
on the list!

Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year. We will have one blended  
worship service at 9:00 a.m. that morning. No Sunday School  
that day.

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Holy  
Communion Worship Services – **Sunday,**  
**December 24** at 4:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
Both services will be traditional.



**Sunday, December 31** we will have one  
traditional worship service at 9:00 a.m.  
No Sunday School that day.



⁂ We gather together to ask the LORD'S BLESSING,  
he chastens AND hastens his WILL TO MAKE KNOWN;  
the WICKED OPPRESSING NOW CEASE FROM DISTRESSING;  
SING PRAISES TO his NAME; he FORGETS NOT his OWN.

⁂ Beside us to guide us, OUR GOD WITH US JOINING,  
ORDAINING, MAINTAINING his KINGDOM DIVINE,  
SO FROM THE BEGINNING the fight we were WINNING,  
thou, LORD, were at our side, ALL GLORY BE thine!

⁂ We all do extol thee, thou leader TRIUMPHANT,  
AND PRAY that thou still our DEFENDER WILL BE;  
let thy CONGREGATION ESCAPE TRIBULATION;  
thy NAME BE EVER PRAISED! O LORD, MAKE US FREE!

Anonymous/Unknown, 1597  
tr. by Eduard Kremser, pub.1877  
tr. by Theodore Baker, 1894



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