

Those Who Serve

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Faith United Methodist Church

November 27, 2022

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

♪ MUSIC FOR GATHERING ♪

REFLECTING THE SACRED

The shiny additions to our Advent and Christmas visuals remind us that we are called to reflect the sacred each and everyday. "Incarnation" is a word that means that God's presence came to dwell among all people, and we believe this happened in a special way in the birth of Jesus. All creation has always been infused with the Creator's brilliance. This season, we will remember the call to shine with this holy light.

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

"We pray for Hope this day.
We pray for Hope this day.

We open to see the Sacred reflected in all things.
We open to see the Sacred reflected in all things.

We open to see each moment
We open to see each moment

as a gift of holy presence.
as a gift of holy presence.

This is the gift of the Christ Mystery,
This is the gift of the Christ Mystery,

lighting the way to hope.
lighting the way to hope.

♪ Upon this moment, ♪
upon this people,
upon this place,
the holy comes.
And sacred knowing
brings sacred being
for sacred doing of God's plan.

PRAYER

Let us pray:

Living God, Christ Mystery, Spirit of Hope,
we give you thanks for this holy moment together.

As we take in the hope you offer,
may we be a reflection of your light,
expanding the sacred time of "right now"
into the sacred time of "always and for all time." Amen.

OPENING HYMN OF HOPE

HYMN "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" UMH 196

REFRACTING THE SACRED

FIRST READING

Romans 13:11-14 (The Message)

SECOND READING

Matthew 24:36-44 (NRSVUE)

Christmas Eve

Please mark your December
calendars. The Christmas Eve Service will be
held at 4:00 pm this year with your families
and the First UMC family
invited to join us.



You're Invited



Sunday, December 4, 2022, after the worship service, the United Methodist Women/United Women in Faith will host a ~Holiday Get-together with Appetizers and Desserts~ Please see Roberta Covert if you would like to sign up to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. She will also take your reservations until November 27. There is no cost for this get-together, however donations will be accepted to benefit the Boiler Fund. Join us as we celebrate the season with great food, Christmas music and a fun Christmas trivia game!

Amy's Totes of Hope



Donations for Amy's totes of Hope are still being collected and sorted. Please remember to drop off donations near the welcome table in the Narthex. Thanks!

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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| Baby Christian and Family | Kevin Bushong |
| Bernice Osborne | Laura Peck |
| Bev Wolford | Marilyn Inman |
| Betty Miller | Marlene Farley |
| Bradley Adams | Pastor Joy Wigal |
| David Inman | Sandra Boyd |
| Dennis Cebulsky | Steve DeGarmo |
| Diana Bohn Family | Steve Inman |
| Ellen Kelton | Suzanne Collins |
| Heidi | Terry Pickens |
| Jane Thorne | Thea & Mark Crawmer |
| Janice Moore | Tim & Sherry Dickerson |
| Jill Shrock | Veronica |
| Jim Tignor | Vicky Wolfe |
| JoAnne Peardon | Zola Duncan & Family |
| Juanita Mohler | Medical Faith Shut-in: |
| Karen Norman | Kathleen McCutcheon |
| Karen Wilson | |

REFILLING THE SACRED

PRAYERS

♪ Emmanuel, Emmanuel, ♪
his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
his name is called Emmanuel.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

♪ Emmanuel, Emmanuel, ♪
his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
his name is called Emmanuel.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

**Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God all heavens and the earth
reflecting the sacred story.**

**This, this is Christ the One
who mirrors hope for all of us.
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
the Word of time eternal.**

REFRAMING THE SACRED

CLOSING HYMN

HYMN "In the Bleak Midwinter" UMH 221

BENEDICTION

*When you see lights twinkle,
when you catch a reflection in a mirror,
when you notice the sunlight dancing on a surface
or a nightlight glowing in the darkness,
let these be signs that the Christ Light is revealed
again and again in and through this world.*

Know that your brilliant presence
is pouring more hope into a weary world.

God loved us by becoming us.

This means you are already
reflecting the sacred.

In the name of the Creator, Christ, and Spirit of Hope.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Sunday, November 27 | |
| Worship (Advent Week 1) | 10:30am |
| Monday, November 28 | |
| Office Open..... | 10:00am-2:00pm |
| Tuesday, November 29 | |
| Office Open..... | 10:00am-2:00pm |
| Wednesday, November 30 | |
| Office Open..... | 10:00am-2:00pm |
| Advent Study..... | 1:00pm |
| Thursday, December 1 | |
| Office Open..... | 10:00am-2:00pm |
| Eventide Circle Meeting..... | 1:00pm |
| Friday, December 2 | |
| Adopt-A-Child Event Fellowship Hall..... | 7:30am-3:30pm |
| Sunday, December 4 | |
| Worship (Advent Week 2) | 10:30am |
| UMW Christmas Lunch | after worship |
| Monday, December 5 | |
| Office Open..... | 10:00am-2:00pm |
| Tuesday, December 6 | |
| Office Open..... | 10:00am-2:00pm |
| Wednesday, December 7 | |
| Office Open..... | 10:00am-2:00pm |
| Advent Study..... | 1:00pm |
| Thursday, December 8 | |
| Office Open..... | 10:00am-2:00pm |
| Sunday, December 11 | |
| Worship (Advent Week 3) | 10:30am |
| New Hope Circle Meeting..... | 6:30pm |
| Monday, December 12 | |
| Office Open..... | 10:00am-2:00pm |
| Tuesday, December 13 | |
| Office Open..... | 10:00am-2:00pm |
| Wednesday, December 14 | |
| Office Open..... | 10:00am-2:00pm |
| Advent Study..... | 1:00pm |