

## Welcome to Worship!

We pray that you feel the warmth and love of Christ as you enter and that you sense God's presence in worship. If there is anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate in letting us know. We are grateful having you today and hope you will consider coming again.

Sun. 12/03	Worship Services, 8 & 10AM Sunday School for all Ages, 9AM Choir Practice, 9:15AM
Mon. 12/04	United Methodist Women's Meeting, 9:30AM United Methodist Men's Meeting, 5:30PM
Tues. 12/05	Men's Prayer Group, 7AM Zumba, 4:30PM AA, 7PM AI-Anon, 7PM
Wed. 12/06	Trustee Meeting, 8AM Weight Watchers, 4:30PM Choir Practice, 5:30PM
Thurs. 12/07	Exodus Bible Study, 9:30AM Zumba, 4:30PM
Fri. 12/08	Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10AM
Sat. 12/09	Santa's Bake Sale and Craft Show, 9AM-3PM
Sun. 12/10	Worship Services, 8 & 10AM Sunday School for all Ages, 9AM Choir Practice, 9:15AM LUMC Christmas Caroling, 2PM

The **White Christmas Offering** will be collected today. This offering will go to benefit the United Methodist Children's Home. Please be in special prayer for the children during this Christmas season.

### **SANTA'S SWEET SHOP AND CRAFT FAIR Dec. 9th, 9am-3pm**

#### **Baked Goods, Crafts, Hot Dogs and More**

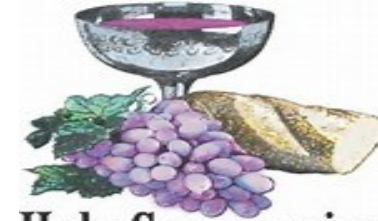
Call Vicki Shankwitz now at 256-783-4342 if you are interested in setting up a booth. Also, the ladies need your help if you could provide your fun and favorite holiday treats for the sale. This is an annual UMW fundraiser.

### **CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER** **Gather at 11:30AM, eat at noon**

**Sign-up sheets** are available on the Opportunity Table and on the counter in the Fellowship Hall. It is important to sign up so that adequate portions can be prepared. The church will provide ham, drinks and tableware. You are asked to bring a dish that will serve at least eight.

Please see your bulletin insert for the reading of the first Sunday of Advent and additional announcements on the reverse side.

## *Lillian United Methodist Church* REACHING OUT WITH GOD'S LOVE



### **Holy Communion**

### *First Sunday of Advent*

*Hope*

#### **Isaiah 35:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, <sup>2</sup>it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God. <sup>3</sup>Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; <sup>4</sup>say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." <sup>5</sup>Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. <sup>6</sup>Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. <sup>7</sup>The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. <sup>8</sup>And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way; wicked fools will not go about on it. <sup>9</sup>No lion will be there, nor will any ferocious beast get up on it; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, <sup>10</sup>and the ransomed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

December 3, 2017

# First Sunday of Advent

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the registration pad ! Thank you!

## CANDLELIGHTING CEREMONY (see insert)

\* HYMN # 196 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH HYMNAL Pg. 881  
THE APOSTLES CREED

\* COMMUNION LITURGY pg. 12

## CELEBRATION OF BEING STEWARDS OF GOD

OFFERTORY SPECIAL Blake Riley, Minister of Music

\*Doxology #95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye  
heavenly host; praise Father, Son & Holy Ghost.

**"God Bless America"**

God Bless America, Land that I love. Stand beside her, and guide  
her Thru the night with a light from above. From the mountains, to  
the prairies, To the oceans, white with foam. God bless America,  
My home sweet home. God bless America, My home, sweet  
home."

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 35:1-10

HYMN # 211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Children up to first grade dismiss to Children's Church at this time.

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORDS PRAYER

SERMON Receiving Christmas Hope

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION Pg. 13-15

HYMN # 219 "What Child Is This"

Anyone desiring to become a member of the church and/or receive  
Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to come forward at this time!  
Please bring the "Wish to Join" card found in the pew with complete  
information.

## \* CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER #201

"Advent"

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance  
and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings  
and forsake our sins, that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the  
nativity, and may await with joy the coming in glory of Jesus Christ our  
Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for  
ever and ever. Amen.

## \* BENEDICTION HYMN #204

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, re-  
vealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel."

\* Please stand, if able.

## IN HIS SERVICE

8AM Ushers: Ann Brock / Brenda Nicolaison

10AM Greeters: Nelson & Becky Beech

10AM Ushers: Judy Covert / Evelyn Duckworth

Outreach: Luellen Sutton

Counters: Ed Kish / Roy Oleson

**Today's altar rail contributions will benefit the  
United Methodist Children's Home**

**Nursery Available** 9AM - 11AM for Birth to 3yrs .

A cry room is located at the back of the sanctuary. Children's Church  
for ages 4 yrs. thru 1st grade is held in the Fellowship Building on  
Communion Sunday. Activity Bags for ages 7-10 are located on the  
Opportunity Table for children remaining in sanctuary worship.

*Happy Birthday & Anniversary!*

4 Jim Merryfield 5 Lois Russell 5 Mickey Hudson

7 Frank Brock 9 David Soule 9 Bruce Clements

8 Ellis & Paddy Coleman

## ANGEL TREE

All gifts are to be placed under the "Angel Tree" by  
December 10th. If you have any questions please contact  
Dick or Betty Erwin.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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Carole Gaines Gladys Riley Tom Canaday Beverly Woosley  
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