

Happy Thanksgiving and Happy First Sunday in Advent!

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In this newsletter, you'll find information about how to enter into the season of Advent, both with an Advent calendar and with December activities. I don't know about you, but I find this season between Thanksgiving and Christmas challenging. It is busy and demanding. There is always somewhere to go or something to do. All the buzz can be joyful, but it can also be draining.

Advent is ultimately about waiting with hope and anticipation. Waiting is hard. In our instant gratification culture, I don't think we are particularly good at it. When our attention shifts from one thing to the next to the next, we hardly have a moment to breathe deeply and give thanks.

Our culture clamors for us to go straight from gratitude on Thanksgiving to a mad dash of shopping in stores on what has now come to be called "Black Friday," to clicking away at online purchases today (what many call "Cyber Monday"), and then toward giving to churches and charities tomorrow on "Giving Tuesday." The whole time there are Christmas songs playing in the stores and trees and lights twinkling in the sky.

At this point in my life, I've given up on the flurry of shopping that happens in those few days. But, I have sharpened my focus on gratitude, waiting and giving. These practices help me to remember what really matters to me, on what really makes a difference in the lives of others, and how I participate in bringing about the kin-dom of God on earth—which is what I'm really waiting for—a realm in which all have enough, a reality where peacefulness is a way of life, and a certainty that I can trust God with all of it.

We hope you'll prayerfully consider the Advent activities at CHUM and choose to participate in the ones that help you wait in hope, peace, joy, and love. As you wait, find ways to give that bring about the kin-dom of God and do good in the world.

We encourage you to make a special year-end to CHUM online at <http://collegehillumc.org/give>, mail your gift to the church office, or bring it on Sunday.

Peace, Pastor Jill

2022 Church Conference

College Hill UMC, along with the other churches in our Network, held our Church Conference meeting on Sunday, November 20. Church Conference is a time of worship, celebration and addressing church business. We approved the year 3 names of members for final reading, remembered those who have passed away in the past year, approved Jill's 2023 compensation, and approved our 2023 Lay Leadership report. Thank you to those who were in attendance.

Church Services

9:00 am Worship - Traditional
(online & indoor)

10:15 am Worship - Contemporary
(online & indoor)

Online Services can be found on the College Hill United Methodist Church Facebook page or on the website at: collegehillumc.org.

Sunday - November 27, 2022
Stand Up with Hope

A "Less is More" Christmas series
Rev. Jill Sander-Chali

Sermon Theme: Christmas has become the biggest holiday in North America and its focus has become "more." More presents, more stuff, more events, more expectations, more stress. But "more" doesn't equal meaning and the stories of the season point in a "less is more" direction. From Jesus' humble beginnings in a stable to the shepherds who show up with nothing except themselves, this series invites you to practice a less is more attitude toward Christmas this Advent season.

Sermon Theme: There is much distress in the world in which we live and it's easy to fall into despair. This week's scripture calls us to believe deep down in our bones that the night is always darkest right before the dawn. There is yet hope in the world.

Luke 21:25 - 28

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United Methodist Church
A Reconciling Congregation
Wise in the Ways of the Spirit,
Bold in the Ways of Justice,
and Graceful in relationships
with all Creation.

November 20, 2022

Attendance

Views - 9:00am	145
Views - 10:15am	135
9:00am	107
10:15am	95
Budget Giving	\$30,553.00



With Heartfelt *Sympathy* Our sympathy to **Esther Biggs** and **Neil Lusk**, upon the death of Esther's granddaughter and Neil's great niece, McKenzie.

Adopt-A-Family

Each year CHUM joins with the other churches in our network to Adopt-A-Family through Open Door. If you would like to provide a gift or gifts, please contact Jodi Rice, Director of Children's Ministry, to sign-up. Gifts must be individually wrapped and labeled with the name/code provided by Jodi. Return gifts on or before Sunday, December 11. Email Jodi at:

jodi.rice@collegehillumc.org



CHUM Women's Group Serves

Some of the ladies of the CHUM Women Group prepared and served a meal for about 80 sheltered men and women for Human Kind on November 18th. Thank you CHUM for supporting this important mission. Pictured are: Linda Fleming, Adele Dunn, Shirley Schmidt, and Charline Krafski.

CHUM's Women's Group

The Women's Group Christmas party will be held at the home of Carri Siebenmark's on Saturday, December 3, at 6:00 pm. Bring an appetizer to share and come enjoy an evening with food and friends.

More on Our New Members



Aaron Warner works for ADT and he loves volunteering, especially for the cancer society.

Tim and Rebecca King

Tim is an attorney in Wichita and Rebecca is a retired nurse. They are so very excited about a new grandchild that will be arriving in January, 2023.



Christmas Crafts Sale

in the Parlor

Sunday, December 11th

We are excited to bring back the "Jelly Guys" in time for holiday shopping. A perfect time to return any of their jelly jars you have been saving to return/recycle.

Kirk Haney will have his greeting cards and some of his beautiful photography for sale.

Carol Hirsh will have her hand-crafted items for sale.

Molly Allen will have her handmade jewelry.

Trudy MacDonald will have her handmade Christmas crafts.

Larry Schmidt will have his gourd bird houses.

Do you have a talent/craft that you would like to share and sell?

You are invited to contact Debbie Snell in the church office to join in this event. A percentage of all sales are gifted to the church budget.

Faith Sisters' Book Club

Sunday, December 11, no book to read or discuss but plan to join in the annual brunch at 11:30am. Diane Kemp will be the host and the location will soon be announced.

CHUM Youth & Children

The CHUM children and youth will be having a Christmas Lights Tour on Sunday, December 4, that will be held from 6:00 - 9:00pm. The bus will begin loading at 5:45pm and leave at 6:00pm sharp and return to the parking lot at 9:00pm. There are 50 seats available on the bus at a cost of \$5 per seat. Snacks and drinks are included in the cost of the ticket. Contact Jodi Rice to reserve your spot at: jodi.rice@collegehillumc.org.

TGIF

Friday, November 25th @ 6:00pm
GangNam

210 N. Washington

Everyone is welcome to join us for dinner and conversation! For more information contact Janice Rich, (316) 312-4029



None of the work we do here at College Hill would be possible without God moving the hearts of our people to give. Copies of pledge cards are available in the church office and both worship areas.

[Make My Pledge.](#)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NOTES

CLASSES MEET AT 10:15 AM UNLESS NOTED

AGAPE - We "hung the greens" today in lieu of a lesson. No class on Sunday, 11/27. Instead, meet at Walmart on East Kellogg at 10am to shop for our Christmas families. Afterwards, wrapping and lunch at the Hahns. Kroekers treat December 4.

COMMON THREADS - We met to help decorate the sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season. Back in our classroom on Sunday for a discussion of current events.

COMMUNICATORS - 20 members were present to decorate the classroom and Parlor. Save the dates, June 2 - 4, 2023, for 50th Class reunion. Christmas party at Linda & Steve's on Sunday, December 11, at 5:00pm. Prayers for: Debbie S.; Kim Day; Renee; Candy Small; Stacy, Tricia's niece; Rimple, Don's neighbor; and Marilyn Mann.

CONTEMPORARY STUDIES - Next Zoom Session on November 27 on Chapters 10 and 11.

VICEROY - We will conclude Chapter Two in the study of the Gospel of John, using the study guide written by Adam Hamilton, "John the Gospel of Light and Life." We look at Jesus and the healing of a blind man. We will then start the Advent series "The Angles of Christmas" written by Susan Robb. Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.



Volunteers are needed to help serve hot cocoa and cookies at the Old Town Square on Saturday, December 17th. We will handout the "Come Sit with Me" cards to invite folks to CHUM for worship. Contact Brian Sutton if you can help. Contact Brian at: brian.sutton@collegehillumc.org or call the church office.



Welcome Victoria Titchenor, Coordinator of Youth Ministries

Our thanks to Cal Siebenmark for the past 11 months acting as CHUM's Interim Youth Director. He has done a wonderful job stepping in to help until a permanent director could be found. We

are excited to welcome Victoria into this position. Victoria is married to Matt Titchenor with three children in their family, all involved at CHUM. Matt runs the sound board for the 10:15am Worship service. Victoria, having been volunteered in many capacities in the youth program, knows our youth and is a perfect person for this position. *WELCOME VICTORIA!*



Be looking for these cards in your worship areas. They will be available during the Advent season. On the back is listed the information for our Christmas Eve services. Take several and share with others to invite them to join us for worship on Christmas Eve.

Be The Light Acolyte Training for 9:00am Worship Services

Open to all 2nd through 7th Graders. On **November 27th** directly after 2nd Service in the Sanctuary. Contact our Director of Children's Ministry, Jodi Rice with questions or for additional information.

Worship
WITH US ONLINE

**Links to Sunday,
November 20, 2022
Worship Services**

9:00am

[http://collegehillumc.org/
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what-can-we-do-together](http://collegehillumc.org/media/1015833-4262215-32856434/9-am-what-can-we-do-together)

10:15am

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am-what-can-we-do-together](http://collegehillumc.org/media/1015833-4262215-32856471/10-15-am-what-can-we-do-together)

CHUM's  **Channel**

Look for us at [https://
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view_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0_SDrUvXInezViBKayicxw?view_as=subscriber).

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John 15:4

College Hill United Methodist
Youth Ministry

Sunday Mornings

10:15am on 2nd Floor

All youth, 5th-6th and 7th-12th grades, come join us as we gather together indoors in our classroom on 2nd floor. Contact Victoria

Titchenor with questions
victoria.titchenor@collegehillumc.org

Children's Sunday School

for 3 years old through 4th grade

Sunday Mornings

10:15am

Contact Jodi Rice

[Jodi.rice@collegehillumc.org](mailto:jodi.rice@collegehillumc.org)

CHUM Nursery

The CHUM Nursery is available on Sunday mornings for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years.

It is available from
8:30am - 11:15 am.

During both services,
children will be in the nursery on the main floor across from Fellowship Hall.

Address Service Requested



CHUM Youth and Food Pantry with Turkey Giveaway

Thanks to Victoria Titchenor and the CHUM Youth for their help in preparing sacks of groceries and in helping on Saturday with the Distribution

- * About 66% of the clients had never visited our food pantry before.
- * 250 food sacks were distributed within 45 minutes.
- * 250 turkeys were distributed
- * The breakfast crew served 200+ breakfasts, including a number of the folks that did not receive groceries or a turkey
- * Several dozen winter coats were distributed.
- * Baby formula and diapers were handed out to those in need

Also a big thanks to all those fixing and serving breakfasts and those who helped on Friday setting up.





December 9

**Wichita Community Children's
Choir performance 7:00pm in
Sanctuary**

All are welcome to attend and enjoy
and evening of music! The WCCC is
a vibrant and upbeat choral program
comprised of youth grades 4 - 8.

Members come together from all
across the Wichita metro area. This
is one of their 2 major concerts. The
choir is directed by Jill Wiechman
and Amy McLellan, accompanist.

CHUM's FOOD PANTRY

December 6

**Church Office
9am - Noon**

December 17

**Fellowship Hall 9 - 11am
Pancake & Sausage Breakfast**



November 23rd close at noon

Church Building Closed

November 24 and 25

December 2, 9, 16, 26 and 27

January 2, 2023

Advent & Christmas

November 27 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Advent Vespers on FB Live at 6:00pm (20 minute discussion)

November 30

December 7

December 14

December 3 - Kids' Day Camp 1:00 - 4:00pm

RSVP to Jodi Rice: jodi.rice@collegehillumc.org

Women's Group Christmas Party @ 6:00pm
(Carri Siebenmark's house)

December 4 - Children/Youth Christmas Lights Tour 6-9pm

RSVP to Jodi Rice: jodi.rice@collegehillumc.org

**December 9 - Wichita Community Children's Choir
Performance @ 7:00pm in Sanctuary**

December 11 - 9:00am Cantata Sunday

**10:15am Music of the Season &
'Grinch That Stole Christmas' Reading**

Children's Pageant (both services)

Youth Christmas Party @ 11:30am (2nd floor)

December 17 - Hot Cocoa @ Old Town Square from 2 - 4pm

December 19 - Youth & Children @ KS Food Bank 1:30 - 4:00pm

RSVP to Jodi Rice: jodi.rice@collegehillumc.org

December 21 - Longest Night Service & Reception at 6:30pm
CHUM Chapel and Parlor

**December 23 - Intergenerational Interactive Pre-Christmas
Eve Service in Fellowship Hall at 4:30pm**

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services

(Candlelight or glow sticks)

6:30pm Contemporary service

(Fellowship Hall with Band)

8:30pm Traditional service

(Sanctuary with Chancel choir & communion)

11:15pm The Wait is Over service

(Sanctuary)

December 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00am Service (Fellowship Hall) & Potluck
(Casual 30-45 minute service)

January 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR

10:00am Service (Fellowship Hall) & Potluck
(Casual 30-45 minute service)

A "LESS IS MORE" CHRISTMAS

Week One



☐ Hope Devotional
(page 4)

☐ Make

Cut paper snowflakes and hang them in your front windows

☐ Body Meditation
(page 5)



☐ Awesomeness
Go around the dinner table and list 3 awesome things that gave you hope this week

☐ Create
Make a holiday playlist together



☐ Simplify
Go simpler and smaller with decorations this year!



☐ Less is More
Organize a gift drawing with your friends and family, where each person gives just one gift to one other person on the list (or give a donation to a nonprofit in the recipient's honor, or both)

Week Two



☐ Body Meditation
(page 5)



☐ Peace Devotional
(page 7)

☐ Feast of Saint Nicholas
December 6
(page 8)



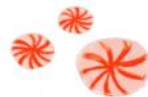
☐ Stargaze
Go on a winter night walk and stargaze with the shepherds

☐ Peppermint

Take a hot bath with peppermint essential oils, or make a hot chocolate and stir it with a candy cane (peace is closer than you think!)

☐ Wish Lists

If you're buying presents this year, have each person in your family fill out a "Family Christmas Wish List" (page 9)



☐ Peace Prayer

Go around the dinner table and lift up 3 countries, families, or situations that need peace today. Take a deep breath in, and together imagine breathing out God's peace that passes all understanding...

Week Three

☐ Joy Devotional
(page 10)

☐ Feast of Saint Lucia
December 13
(page 11)



☐ Simplify

Forget the cheese balls and countless kinds of cookies; this year, focus on a few simple foods that give your family joy



☐ Sing!

Make a video of everyone singing their favorite Christmas song, and send it to someone you love

☐ Body Meditation
(page 5)



☐ Light a candle and breathe
(it's almost always enough!)



☐ Gift Giving

Take a cue from the Magi and buy only three gifts per kid

Week Four

☐ Love Devotional
(page 12)

☐ Love Letters

Draw names and have each person write a "love letter" for one other family member (you can read them on Christmas morning!)



☐ Gratitude List
(page 14)

☐ Love

Go around the table and say 5 things you love about yourself



☐ Self Care Check-In
(page 13)



☐ Pray

Bring all the Christmas cards you've received to the dinner table one night, and say a little prayer for each person, family, and pet

☐ Body Meditation
(page 5)

☐ Christmas Eve Devotional
(page 16)



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