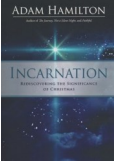



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES




Joy Sunday School Class

Kemp Wright leads the JOY Sunday School class that meets on **Sundays at 10:00 am**. They are studying *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas* by Adam Hamilton. They will meet every week from now until December 27th, **with the exception of December 21st** (Christmas Potluck Breakfast). All are welcome to join this class.



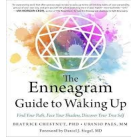
Men's Prayer Group

Sam Sweat leads this group each Monday at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Join with other men to share accountability and support one another.




The Art of Advent

Join Pastor Julie as we take a break from Paul and spend a few weeks diving deeper into our Advent Theme: *What do you fear? Insisting on Hope*. Join us **Mondays at 9:00 am** in the JOY Room on Dec. 8th and 15th.




The Enneagram Bible Study

Join us this **Wednesday morning at 10:00 am** in the **JOY Room** for the conclusion of this series. This group will resume in January.




Leadership Board

Leadership Board meets next **Sunday, December 14th** following Worship. If you have questions and can't make it, email us at leadership@senoiaumc.org.




Parsonage Open House TODAY
4:00 - 6:00pm

Join us at Pastor Julie's house for the 3rd Annual Great Cookie Bake-off! If you'd like to bring your favorite cookie (2 dozen baked or bought) we'll offer a taste test of various goodies and let you vote on the favorite! Savory snacks and drinks will be provided. Even if you don't bake, come join us for some fun and fellowship!



Christmas Potluck Breakfast

Join us for breakfast before worship as we celebrate the season and enjoy fellowship together. **Bring a favorite dish to share on Sunday, December 21st at 9:45 am.**



Bishop's Vitality Assessment

SUMC is one of five churches within our district to participate in a Vitality Assessment. **Join us for an informational meeting on Wednesday, December 10th at 5:30 pm.** All are welcome to join to learn more.



Staff Love Offering

The Leadership Board would like to offer you an opportunity to show gratitude to our staff for all they do throughout the year with a Love Offering. If you would like to participate, please do so by **next Sunday, December 14th**. You may give securely online, placing your check in the offering plate, dropping it by the church, or by mailing it to: Senoia UMC, P.O. Box 98, Senoia, GA 30276. Please mark your gift "Staff Love Offering." Thank you!

WELCOME TO SENOIA UMC

We welcome you to Senoia United Methodist Church. If you are a guest with us today for the first time, please let an usher know so you can be given a welcome gift. Please complete the yellow Guest Card located in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate. A nursery for children birth to under 4 years old is available. Please see an usher for assistance. Restrooms are located in the hallway and the Fellowship Hall, which can be reached through the rear Sanctuary door by the organ.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday 12/7 Second Sunday in Advent 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Sunday Worship 4:00 pm Christmas Party at Parsonage	Wednesday 12/10 10:00 am Enneagram Bible Study 5:30 pm Bishop's Assessment 6:45 pm Chancel Choir
Monday 12/8 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group 9:00 am The Art of Advent 6:30 pm Rotary Club	Thursday 12/11 7:00 pm AA
Tuesday 12/9 6:45 pm Handbell Choir	Friday 12/12 6:00 pm NA
	Next Sunday 12/14 Second Sunday in Advent 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Sunday Worship 12:15 pm Leadership Board

Those Assisting in Worship Today
Second Sunday in Advent
Acolyte: Harrison Baggarly
Ushers: Bob Tinsley & Leigh Morgan
Reader: Vijay Purugulla
Communion Set Up: Katrina Purugulla & Mary Kay Jowers
Communion Server: Carlotta Ungaro
Counters: Jon Hughes & Jean Cotton
Greeters: Ginger Wright & Jan Fenner

Those Assisting in Worship Next Sunday - 12/14
Acolyte: Luke Tobleman
Ushers: Jeff & Susan Miller
Reader: Sam Sweat
Counters: Mark Edwards & Vijay Purugulla
Greeters: Robin Jensen & Jan Fenner

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Polly Watson, Housekeeping
John Felbinger, A/V Technician

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WORSHIP

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Greeting

Dr. Julie Schendel, Pastor

Chiming of the Hour

Nancy Lewis, Organist/Pianist

Words of Welcome

Dr. Schendel

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Jeremiah said, “I am only a boy.”
Moses said, “Who am I to do this work?”
Mary said, “How can this be?”
We often say, “But God, I am afraid.”
Even when we are afraid, God invites us closer.
So may we trust the Inviter.
May we heed God’s invitation.
May we summon our courage and sing God’s praise.
Let us worship our courageous, inviting, calling God. Amen!

***Invitation and Confession**
Courageous God, you invite us to live into our call. You invite us to act, to serve, and to trust. Instead of responding with a resounding “yes,” we often hide our face. We dig our heels in. We look for someone else to volunteer. Spark courage in us. Remind us that every person is capable of making a difference. Remind us that even when we’re scared, we are not alone. You invite us forward. With baby steps we hope, we pray, we respond. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**
Family of faith, no matter where your path has led you in the past, today is a new day. So join me in declaring this good news:
We are known. We are forgiven! We are sent to serve. May we step forward in faith, always moving closer to God’s call. Amen.

*Hymn

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

UMH 203

***Affirmation of Faith**

We have seen the valley. We have seen a sky without stars. We have seen the longest night, and still we believe. We believe in a with-us God. We believe in the hope of tomorrow. We believe that good news is louder than fear. We believe this good news is for all people. So even when our knees shake, even when our voice trembles, even when fear is all around us, we will hold onto that good news. We will reach for each other. We will look for God in our midst. We will sing songs of joy. We will proclaim: Unto us, love is born. We have seen the longest night, and we have seen unimaginable love. So still, we believe. Amen.

*The Gloria Patri

Glory Be to God, the Father

Regent Square

Glory be to God, the Father; Glory be to God, the Son. Glory be to God, the Spirit, ever three, and ever one. Come and worship, come and worship Light of Light, our star, our sun.

The Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Gary & Denise Olsen

Congregational Response

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Meditation

Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly

Chancel Choir

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly, maiden mother, wise and mild.
Sing of God’s own Son most holy, who became her little child.
Fairest child of fairest mother, God the Lord who came to earth,
Word made flesh, our very brother, takes our nature by his birth.

WE GROW THROUGH THE SPOKEN WORD

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Dr. Schendel

Congregational Response

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

*Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

UMH 206, V1 & 3

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The People

*Presentation and Doxology

Tune: Veni Emmanuel

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Anthem

The Angel Gabriel

Chancel Choir

*Gospel Reading

Luke 1:26-39

Vijay Purugulla, Reader

Response to the Word

Reader: The Word of God, for us, the People of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Even in Our Fear,
We are Called Forward

Dr. Schendel

Holy Communion

UMH 13

The table is open to anyone who seeks to respond to Christ’s love and to lead a new life of peace and love. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.
All altar rail donations will go to the Altar Fund to assist those in our community.

WE GO TO SERVE

*Closing Hymn

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

UMH 240

*Benediction

Dr. Schendel

*Sending Forth

Green and silver, red and gold
And a story borne of old.
Peace and hope and love abide,
As Christ draws nigh.

BY OUR PRAYERS...

Prayers & Praises: Roxanne Staylor, and Happy 90th Birthday to Caroline Bridenbaugh!
You can make your prayer requests (including updates or to remove a request) by either email or calling the church office.
A list of ongoing prayer concerns is available in the Narthex.

The 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.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given
to the glory of God by Jeff & Susan Miller in honor of their 40th
Wedding Anniversary.

Financial Report Ending 11/30/2025		
	NOVEMBER	2025 YTD
INCOME BUDGET	\$19,538	\$214,918
INCOME ACTUAL	\$16,770	\$196,994
DIFFERENCE	(\$2,768)	(\$17,924)
TOTAL INCOME	\$16,770	\$196,994
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$14,370	\$204,775
DIFFERENCE	\$2,400	(\$7,781)

*Those who are able please stand.

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TFWS (The Faith We Sing)
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The candle on the altar table is lit in memory of those who have died due to gun violence and in awareness of this ongoing tragedy.