Announcements & Upcoming Events

Gather

Parsonage Open House
Join us at Pastor Julie's house next Sunday, December 6th 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm for the 4th Annual Great Cookie Bake-off! Bring your favorite cookie (2 dozen baked or bought) and we will taste test various goodies and vote on our favorite! Savory snacks and drinks provided. Even if you don't bake, come join us for some fun and fellowship!

Christkindl Parking
The Christkindl Market continues through Christmas Eve. If you haven't done so, please pick up your ORANGE free parking ticket to display on your dashboard throughout the holiday season.

Grow

JOY Sunday School Class
Kemp Wright leads Sunday School every week at 10:00 am in the JOY Room. They are starting Adam Hamilton's *The Journey,* a five week study of the Christmas story focusing on Mary and Joseph during the time of Christ's birth.

Men's Prayer Group
All men are invited to meet at Lisa's Creperie each Monday at 7:00 am for prayer, encouragement, & devotions.

Monday Morning Bible Study
Pastor Julie leads this group Mondays at 9:00 am in the JOY Room.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Pastor Julie leads this group Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the JOY Room. They are studying *Learning to Pray* by James Marsden.

Go

Angel Tree for Wellroot
We are so excited to deliver Christmas gifts for children in foster care to Wellroot Family services this week. Today is the last day to leave new, unwrapped gifts under the tree. Gift cards may be placed in the offering plate.

Light Up Senoia!
The last parade float meeting is TODAY following Worship in the upstairs conference room. Join us for the parade on Saturday, December 5th at 6:30 pm.

Bells Setup
We need a few volunteers to stay after Worship today to set up the bell tables in the Sanctuary. We appreciate your assistance!

Church Office Hours

The office is openTuesday through Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Pastor Julie is available Mondays by appointment. She takes Sabbath on Fridays and is not available unless there is a pastoral emergency.

Activities This Week

Sunday 11/29
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Sunday Worship
12:15 pm Parade Float Meeting

Monday 11/30
7:00 am Men's Prayer Group
9:00 am Bible Study

Tuesday 12/1
6:45 pm Bell Choir

Wednesday 12/2
6:45 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday 12/3
7:00 am AA

Friday 12/4
6:30 pm NA

Saturday 12/5
Light Up Senoia Parade

Next Sunday 12/6
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Sunday Worship
4:00 pm Parsonage Open House

Those Assisting in Worship Today
Acolyte: Aurelia Meares
Ushers: Carlotta Ungaro & Jim Garver
Reader: Jean Cotton
Counters: Vijay Purugulla & Dick Sutton
Greeters: Jan Fenner & Robin Jensen

Those Assisting in Worship Next Sunday 12/6:
Acolyte: Luke Tobleman
Ushers: Bob Tinsley & Leigh Morgan
Reader: Jennifer Meares
Communion Set Up: Susan Miller & Katrina Purugulla
Communion Server: Jan Purcell
Counters: Carlotta Ungaro & Mary Pearman
Greeters: Carlotta & Maurice Ungaro

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First Sunday of Advent

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We Gather to Worship

Greeting Dr. Julie Schendel, Pastor

Chiming of the Hour Nancy Lewis, Organist/Pianist

Welcome & Announcements Dr. Schendel

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

***Call to Worship**

Are we ready? This question, put to us on this first Sunday in Advent, is a very personal one. Christ comes again in glory to judge the living and the dead; Are we ready?
Revive us, O Lord, God of heaven's countless hosts,
Let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Are we ready? Ready for the coming of Christ Jesus with the mercy which is judgement and the judgement which is mercy? Are we ready?
Revive us, O Lord, God of heaven's countless hosts,
Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Blessing of the Chrismon Tree

***Hymn** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* UMH 196

***Affirmation of Faith** *An Affirmation of Faith for Advent*

We believe in God, creator and lover of the earth, origin and destiny of us all. We believe in Jesus the Christ—God coming to us in the fragile promise of a baby yet unborn—who emerges as the herald of hope, God's laughter in the face of despair. Plunged into death and hell, he broke free the captives, and is leading the way to the land of promise where justice and peace will flourish. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who implants the seed of truth, brings us to birth as the body of Christ, and empowers us to confront and transform all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful. We believe in the coming reign of God. Announced by the Baptist, it has drawn near to us in Jesus, and will be consummated in the glorious marriage of earth and heaven, when all who have passed through the world's deep sorrow will be raised from the waters, robed in righteousness, and gathered into the joyous fulfilment of God's desire. For the coming of that day on this day, we work and pray: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

***The Gloria Patri** 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.

We Grow Through the Spoken Word

Blessing of the Advent Wreath Bill & Leah Stinchcomb
The Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Meditation *Of the Father's Love Begotten* Nancy Lewis, Organ

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer Dr. Schendel

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.

Congregational Response TFWS 2205

O holy Child of Bethlehem, desscend to us, we pray,
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

***Hymn** Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne TFWS 2100, V1-3
(The choir will sing verse 1; congregation join on verses 2 & 3.)

Worship with Tithes & Offerings The People

***Presentation & 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. Amen.

***Gospel Reading** *Mark 13:24-37* Jean Cotton, Reader

Response to the Word
The Word of God, for us, the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem *We Wait* Chancel Choir

Sermon *Hope in the Waiting* Dr. Schendel

*Those who are able please stand.
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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.

We Go to Serve God

***Closing Hymn** *I Know Whom I Have Believed* UMH 714, V1 & 4

***Blessing of the Toys**

***Benediction** Dr. Schendel

***Responsive Affirmation**

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

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 the usher know so you can be given a welcome gift. Please complete the yellow Guest Card found in your pew and place it in the offering plate. Restrooms can be reached through the rear sanctuary door by the organ. An accessible restroom is in the hall and additional ones are in the Fellowship Hall.

By Our Prayers...

Prayers & Praises: The Advent Season!

You can make your prayer requests (including updates or to remove a request) either by email or calling the church office.

Chrismon Tree

Our Chrismon Tree is a unique symbol during the Advent season, as it differs from a Christmas Tree. A Chrismon Tree is a combination of two words: Chris, for Christ, and Mon, for Monogram. Each symbol on the tree represents various aspects of Jesus, such as the Trinity symbol, for God the Creator, Christ the Savior, and the Holy Spirit as the Redeemer. You may also see an Alpha and Omega for Christ being the beginning and the end. The colors will always be only white and gold, representing purity and perfection, and the glory and majesty. The lights remind us of the light of Christ.