

ANNOUNCEMENTS	Barbara Bragg	† DOXOLOGY	UMH 94	Remember ~	
PRELUDE	Steve Schneider, Organ “Introit (Veni Emmanuel, O Come Emmanuel)” Pietro A. Yon	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!		David Miller	Lisa Adkins
† CALL TO WORSHIP	Marla Jenkins The Faith We Sing 2085			Beth Swanson	Joyce Folk
	He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace; Hallelujah forevermore.	READING FROM THE GOSPEL	Matthew 3: 1-12	Nancy Brown, sister-in-law of Grace Conn	Becky Crouch Ogungbe, David and Gracie Crouch’s daughter
† OPENING HYMN	UMH 567	ANTHEM	“Holy Is the Lord”	Choir	Thelma Younger, Sandy Goode’s mother
		SERMON	“The Old, Old, Story”	Matthew M. Smith	Mac Rainey, Kim Carter’s cousin
† THE APOSTLE’S CREED	Hymnal 881	CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION		UMH 12	Jean Humphrey, Susan Hayes’ mother
	I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.		Both visitors and members, adults and children, are encouraged to receive Holy Communion. A server will be glad to bring the sacrament to your seat if you are unable to come to the front.	after her passing	Wendy Joiner
† PASSING OF THE PEACE	The Faith We Sing 2071	SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP		Ben Majors	David Fry
	Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord! Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.			John and Ruby Walker	Timothy King, Eileen King’s son
LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE		† HYMN OF INVITATION	UMH 211	Cody McCreary and Family	J. Paul and Linda Miller
PASTORAL PRAYER		† BENEDICTION		The Robinson Family	Becky Aidarodini, Sarah Carter’s mother
† HYMN	UMH 203	† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (sung by all)		Rutger Hill and Family	W.H Anderson
OFFERTORY PRAYER				Jonathan Carter	Tyler Swafford, friend of Heather Douglas and family
GIVING OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS				Jim Jess	Bob, Glenn, and John Larkin
OFFERTORY	“Offertory (Veni Domine, Hymn for Peace)” Pietro A. Yon			Justin Clark	Mike and Linda Kumke
				Dan Adkins, Son of Leo Larkin	Jill McMurtrie
				Jane Gerdeman’s grandson, Dalton	Stan Carnegie
				Hudson Boyett, Grandson of Milburn and Beth Gross	
				Matthew McCullough	Weekly needs ~
				Claudia Davis, friend of Wanda Lamb	Loved ones in Armed Forces:
				Marisha Pressley and Family	Devon Bachus; Tim Bagwell;
				Larry and Nancy Lindsey,	Johnnie Bone IV; Johnnie Bone III;
				neighbors of Donna Daniel.	Brandon Booher; John Boswell;
				Charles Bishop, father of Larry Bishop	Forrest Collier; Houston Curtis;
				Richard Patterson	Coleman Grider; Christian Haines;
				Linda Turner	Gean Johnson; Trevor Liles Sam
				April Fitzgerald	Nelson; Jonathan Perry; Dalton
				Ryan Edwards	Phillips; Adam Stolz; Cole Temmen;
				Donna Owens	Andy Tucker; Wesley Yeager
				Eric Zimovan’s grandmother, Dorothy	
				Deven Beard	
				Ryder Beard	
				Joanne Lowery	
		POSTLUDE			
		“Finale (Toccata on "Creator alme siderum", Creator of the Starry Heights)” Pietro A. Yon			

Announcements & Events
at HGUMC



NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE ~ December 14, 2025
Traditional Service - Peggy Schmoll & need volunteer
Contemporary Service - Mary Ann Smith & need volunteer

Friendly Reminder- the nursery room is a “Shoe Free Zone” and please remember to pick up any trash and put away toys at the end of service. We need additional volunteers to staff the Nursery during Sunday morning services. You would serve once every other month. We are also looking for people to fill in as needed. Contact office@hazelgreen.org for more information.



TOYS FOR TOTS 2025 ~ HGUMC is an official **Toys for Tots Community Drop Off Location!** New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off in the lobbies before service, or brought to our office during office hours, **by Dec. 8th.** Let’s work together with our community to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope, joy, and love to less fortunate local children. Please contact **Kelley Hawkins** at office@hazelgreen.org for more info.



ADVENT OFFERING ~ During Advent season, you may wish to give a special gift to support ministries beyond our local church. This year you offering will support **Lunches of Love.** You may use the Advent Offering Envelopes, which may be found in the lobbies, or mark your check “Advent Offering”.



HGUMC OFFICE CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE ~ You’re invited to join us for a festive Christmas Open House Dec. 18th 10AM - Noon in our conference room! Everyone is welcome to stop by, enjoy good company, and celebrate the joy of the season together. Feel free to bring a snack to share as we gather for fellowship and holiday cheer. We look forward to celebrating with you!



HGUMC CHRISTMAS CANTATA ~ Celebrate the joy and wonder of the season at our **Christmas Cantata** on **Saturday, December 14** at **10:30 AM** in the sanctuary! Come experience uplifting music, the story of Christ’s birth, and the warmth of worship as we usher in the Christmas season together. Bring your family, invite your friends—let’s fill the sanctuary with praise and Christmas cheer!



CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM ~ HGUMC Children’s and Youth Ministries will be performing “**Christmas in Bethlehem**” **December 14th at 4 PM** in the gym, with a reception immediately following.



PRISON FELLOWSHIP ANGEL TREE ~ You will have an opportunity to adopt an angel by purchasing a gift(s) for a child whose parent is in prison. We will be set up in the Fellowship Hall between services with the names and information of the children. Please return gifts to the Fellowship Hall by **Dec. 7th.** For more information on adopting an angel, contact **Cassie Robinson** at **(256) 679-4393.**



SCAN TO GIVE ~ To make it more convenient and easier. If you’d like to give online please scan this QR Code to go straight to our Tithely.

Celebrate the Advent Season
at Hazel Green United Methodist Church

December 14, 2025

Christmas Cantata

in the Sanctuary at 10:30 AM
(Most Sunday School Classes will not meet
Please check with your teacher)

Christmas in Bethlelehem

In the Gym at 4 PM
Performance by HGUMC Children’s and Youth Ministries.
Reception immediately following.

December 24, 2025

Christmas Eve Services

Open Communion Service

In the Sanctuary from 5 PM--6 PM
Come any time for this service, share communion with family and friends,
and dismiss yourself according to your own time schedule.

Candlelight Service

In the Sanctuary at 6:30 PM
Festive carols, special music, communion and closing with candles
and Silent Night, to prepare your hearts to receive the Christ Child.



A CHANCE TO GROW, HEAL, AND BUILD FOR THE FUTURE ~ Our Annual Conference has invited our church to participate in the Ministry Transformation Lab. It’s an opportunity for a small group within our church to develop healthy and effective new ministries. If you are not currently involved in a ministry or mission within the church, this could be an exciting way to re-imagine what our church can do.



COMFORT CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP ~ Normally Meets monthly on the 4th Sunday at 2 PM in the Conference Room. Due to the holidays, the next meeting is **December 7th.** For more information, contact Gracie Crouch.



HGUMC CHURCH BREAKFAST ~ Are you hungry? Breakfast is Served! First Sundays at 7:30 AM, we invite you to join us for our HGUMC Church Breakfast and fellowship. Our Next breakfast will be **December 7th.** For more info or if you would like to volunteer, Please reach out to Donna Daniel.

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Sunday Worship Times 8:30 AM Traditional, 10:30 AM Contemporary
Sunday School Classes for All Ages 9:45 AM

Rev. Matthew Smith, Pastor
Craig Carodine, Contemporary Worship Leader
Marla Jenkins, Director of Traditional Music
Steve Schneider, Organist

Jonathan Willis, Accompanist
Cody McCreary, Director of Youth Ministries
Paige Peil, Director of Child Enrichment Center
Kelley Hawkins, Office Administrator

Hazel Green
United Methodist Church
Second Sunday of Advent



Traditional Worship
December 07, 2025