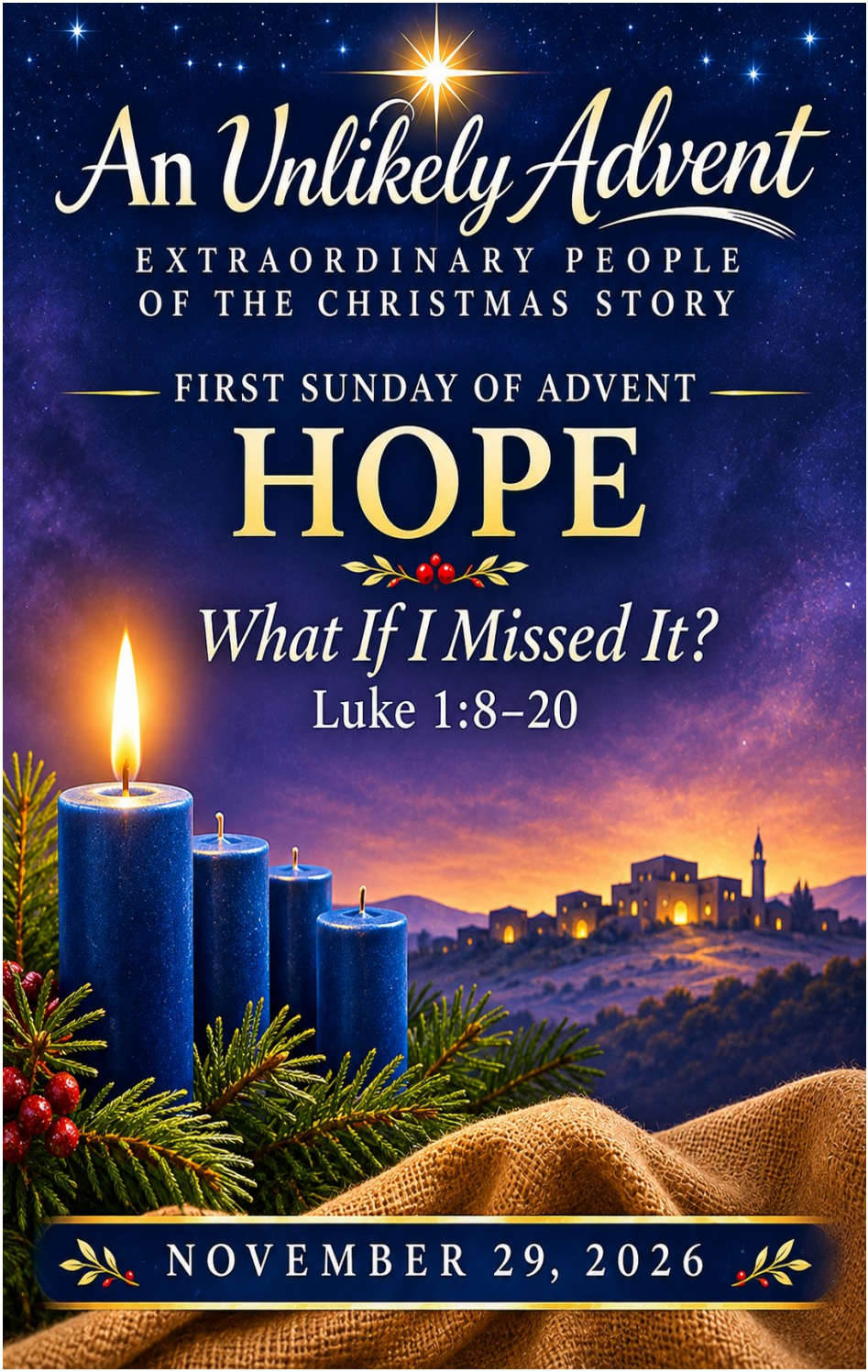

An Unlikely Advent
EXTRAORDINARY PEOPLE
OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOPE
What If I Missed It?
Luke 1:8–20
NOVEMBER 29, 2026

Traditional Worship Service

November 29, 2026 at 10:30 am

The Prelude

Welcome ..... Reverend Sharon T. Lee

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: A new season begins, inviting us to watch, to wait, and to make room for God.

People: We come with hope, trusting that God is still at work among us.

Leader: We do not know all that lies ahead, yet we know that God's promises endure.

People: We open our hearts to the possibilities we have not yet imagined.

Leader: In this season of Advent, let us prepare to welcome Christ anew.

People: With hope and expectation, we come to worship God!

Leader: Let's us pray.

*** Opening Prayer**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Read in unison after the first advent reader

People: When our hopes seem distant and the future uncertain, we remember that God has not finished working among us. May we remain open to the unexpected ways God brings new life, trusting that even in our waiting, hope is still possible.

Congregational Response

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verse 1) .....UM Hymnal, page 211

*** Hymn of Praise**

O Come, All Ye Faithful (verses 1, 2) .....UM Hymnal, page 234

Children's Moment ..... Pastor Sharon

Anthem

In the Name of Jesus .....Solo: Randy Morris

Prayer for Illumination ..... Mark Okken

Eternal God, in the reading of the Scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditation of our hearts, may your Word be known;

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Prayer for Illumination (continued…) ..... Mark Okken
and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

Scripture, Luke 1:8-20 ..... Mark Okken
This is the Word of God for us, the People of God.
Thanks be to God!

Message ..... *What If I Missed It?*

Prayers of the People

Pastor Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response ..... Chancel Choir
Every Time I Feel the Spirit ..... UM Hymnal, page 404

Ways to Connect & Serve

Offertory ..... Ushers: Joey Bolick & Jerry Ivey

*** Doxology & Offering Prayer**

*** Hymn of Dedication**
Come, Thou Long, Expected Jesus (both verses) ... UM Hymnal, page 196

*** Closing Prayer & Benediction**

*** Benediction Response** ..... Chancel Choir
Pass It On ..... UM Hymnal, page 572

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

Serving TODAY, November 29, 2026

YCM food delivery ..... Rich Pizzuti
Greeters: ..... Joey Bolick & Jerry Ivey
Online Host: ..... Audrey Whitley
Nursery Volunteers: ..... Marnie Matthes & Janet Culpepper
Audio/Technical/Video ..... Bruce Whitley

Prayer Concerns

Church Family:
James Roseberry, Joy Prim (missionary), Dot Gish, George Reavis, Chris Riddle, Norma (& Frank) Noble, Helen Roseberry, Mary Reavis, Emmitte Winslow, Patty Choplin, Rosemary Riddle

Friends and Family:
Judy Brydebell, Tim Beedings, Sally Moseley, Mike Riddle, Emma Griffis, Anna Bolick, Kathy Powe, Jeane Tice, Amy Fan, Neil Myers, Leo Lopez, Danielle Lawrence, Kevin Kimmer Family, Gene Wagoner Family, W.G. Kimmer, Pastor Sharon's grandsons & family, St. Paul & Asbury UMC churches, Bobby Moxley

To have a name added to or removed from our prayer list, please complete the form in this bulletin, tear off, and place in the offering plate or one of the locked contribution boxes outside of worship. Prayer connections under Friends and Family will be posted for four weeks, unless requested for a specific length of time.

Prayer Request(s)

Names _____

From _____

Leave on prayer list for _____ weeks (Today is November 29, 2026).

Prayer Requests under Friends and Family will be posted for four (4) weeks, unless requested for a specific length of time. Please tear off this prayer request and place it in one of the locked contribution boxes outside of worship or the offering plate.

☐ Check this box if this is a confidential prayer request. If it is, you can place it in the church office door in an envelope labeled "Pastor".

☐ Check this box if you **DO NOT** want your prayer request sent out on email.

☐ Check this box is you **DO NOT** want your prayer request listed on our FaceBook page. (It would only be posted on the private section.)

In an emergency: Did you know that YUMC has an AED (Automated External Defibrillator)? It is just outside the main sanctuary doors to the left on the wall.

Announcements, Sunday, November 29, 2026

Yadkin Christian Ministries. Please feel free to bring food items for Yadkin Christian Ministries and place in the baskets in the Commons Area. (YCM Food pick up for NEXT Sunday, December 6, 2026 is Virgil & Dale Dodson.)

The Leadership Team meets every third **TUESDAY** of each month at 6:30 pm in the Asbury Classroom. Our regular monthly meetings are open to all members of the church. Because your voice matters, there is a designated time for YOU, our church membership, to ask questions, to communicate with the Leadership Team, or to just see what is happening with the church management. **NOTE THE DAY OF THE WEEK CHANGE FOR DECEMBER'S MEETING! Our next meeting is December 16, 2026 at 6:30pm.** If you would like to read the minutes of our meetings, see the budget, or YUMC's Guiding Principles, visit www.yadkinvilleumc.org/members (password: YadkinvilleMember). **Your 2026 Leadership Team** is: George Bissette, Virgil Dodson, Tom Dorsett, Joy Kinley, James McGrath, Karen Pizzuti, Oz Prim, Kathryn Steelman, and Myron Williams.

Sharing Pantry. Have you checked the Sharing Pantry today? It provides food, toiletries, and other supplies for our friends and neighbors. If you'd like to contribute food and/or supplies feel free to do it anytime! If you see that it is empty, there is (usually) food available in the church office workroom cabinet.

Shower Ministry. At this time, we are in need of travel size (ONLY travel size items) shave cream, baby powder, Q-tips, nail clippers, nail files, toothpaste.

Nursery. If you would like to serve in the nursery, contact Sidney Matthews (336) 416-9160.

Clothing Closet REGULAR WORK DAY. EVERY FOURTH THURSDAY of EVERY MONTH, beginning at 10:00am until noon, we will have a work day in the clothing closet. We will fold clothes, throw aways clothes, organize and clean the clothing closet. Come help for a part of the time or the entire time. We need your help! Next date: December 17, 2026. **NOTE THE SCHEUDLE CHANGE DUE TO CHRISTMAS EVE.**

Year end contribution. Please consider a year end donation to the Church. If you want to give stock, Bobbl can get the information to you. This could help you with taxes and help the Church finances. Thanks, *Virgil Dodson,* Leadership Team Chair

MISSION FOCUS • NOVEMBER 2026

The Giving Tree

There's a place for you to serve!

PREPARE
Help prepare Giving Tree tags and materials.

ORGANIZE
Check, sort, and organize gifts for families.

SHOP
Find missing items or exchange clothing and shoes.

WELCOME & SERVE
Greet families, load gifts, and assist with ministry needs.

Contact the church office for more information.
(336) 679-2243



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YADKINVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Advent at Yadkinville UMC

SUNDAY WORSHIP • 10:30 A.M.

Nov. 29 – First Sunday of Advent
HOPE – *Elizabeth & Zechariah*

Dec. 6 – Second Sunday of Advent
PEACE – *Herod*

Dec. 13 – Third Sunday of Advent
JOY – *The Shepherds*
Choir Cantata

Dec. 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
LOVE – *The Magi*
Men's Group Christmas Skit as part of Worship

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT & COMMUNION

Thursday, Dec. 24 • 5:00 p.m.

Hope • Peace • Joy • Love

The poinsettias on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in HONOR OF:

Ann Callahan ..... Maureen Silvernale
Choir ..... Mark & Paula Sue Okken
Isaiah Dixon ..... Wayne & Betty Dixon
Raegan Dixon ..... Wayne & Betty Dixon
Taylor Huff ..... Wayne & Betty Dixon
Our Children ..... Mark & Paula Sue Okken
Joy Prim (Deaconess) ..... Oz & Valerie Prim
Julianna Prim ..... Oz & Valerie Prim
Helen Roseberry ..... James & Joyce Roseberry
Geoff & Susan Rieser
Susanne Ryan ..... Roland Dove
Harry & Kathryn Steelman ..... Gene & Marnie Matthews

The poinsettias on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in MEMORY OF:

Marvin & Rose Cheek ..... Gene & Marnie Matthews
Grace Dixon ..... Wayne & Betty Dixon
Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Dodson ..... Virgil & Dale Dodson
Gus Hernandez ..... Roland Dove
Anne Ivey ..... Jerry Ivey
Larry Matthews ..... Gene & Marnie Matthews
Our Loved Ones ..... Mark & Paula Sue Okken
Our Parents ..... Mark & Paula Sue Okken
Pattie Phelps ..... Jerry Ivey
Gorrell & Majorie Prim ..... Oz & Valerie Prim
Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Ritter ..... Virgil & Dale Dodson
James Roseberry ..... James & Joyce Roseberry
Geoff & Susan Rieser
Alan & Rita Steelman ..... Gene & Marnie Matthews
Wayne Wissick ..... Andrew Wissick
Dr. William L. Wood ..... Lupton & Charlot Wood
Polly Hudspeth Wood ..... Lupton & Charlot Wood

Financial Information through November 29, 2026

GENERAL FUND FOR BUDGET TOTAL		$ 6,765.00
In Person	$ 5,606.00	
Online/Venmo	$ 1,159.00	
NEEDED per month (budget)		$ 22,428.42
RECEIVED for this month (November)		$ 17,451.65

Year to November 29, 2026

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS for budget (year-to-11/22/2026)	$ 372,826.67
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES YTD	$ (393,221.05)
GENERAL FUND	$ (20,394.38)
IMPROVEMENTS FUND receipts YTD	$ 6,496.88
BUILDING FUND receipts YTD	$ 60,115.15

* Building Fund payment is $ 3,493.30 per month. Loan balance is $248,328.05)

2026 Missions Focuses

Month	Focus	Loose Plate	Designated	TOTAL
January	YES Fund	$ 168.00	$ 1,659.00	**$ 1,827.00**
February	Yadkin Christian Ministries	$ 367.00	$ 378.00	**$ 745.00**
March	Neighbor Support	$ 471.00	$ 50.00	**$ 521.00**
April	Missionary Support (Joy Prim)	$ 367.00	$ 300.00	**$ 667.00**
May	Community Garden	$ 530.00	$ 200.00	**$ 730.00**
June	Trevor Project	$ 401.75	$ 220.75	**$ 622.50**
July	Back to School Extravaganza	$ 442.00	$ 120.00	**$ 562.00**
August	Backpacks	$ 864.00	$ 833.00	**$ 1,697.00**
September	Project AGAPE	$ 252.00	$ 616.50	**$ 868.50**
October	Clothing Closet	$ 335.00	$ 250.00	**$ 585.00**
November	Giving Tree	$ 371.00	$ 225.00	**$ 596.00**

Yadkinville United Methodist Church

204 W Main St., Yadkinville

presents a



Love Feast Service

Sunday, December 6, 2026
at 6:00 p.m.

Everyone welcome!

Come as you are and enjoy faith, fellowship,
and a special music by

Oil & Renegar

Love Offering.

As we approach the holiday season, we are reminded of the opportunities to share our love and gifts with others. We are pleased to again express our thanks and appreciation to the YUMC Administrative team (Bobbi and Sharon), and kindly request your consideration to participate in a Love Offering for this outstanding team.

This act of giving is a special way to show we care and recognize their valuable contributions through ongoing commitments to serve God, our Church, and Community. Bobbi and Sharon dedicate expansive hours to enhance the overall well-being of our church through their involvement with financial endeavors, emotional encouragement, expressions of love, and community relationships.

You may share your Love Offering through the following ways:

1. Sunday Offertory. Please memo your gift as "LOVE OFFERING"
2. Online Giving. Please select the "other" contribution icon and type "LOVE OFFERING" in the memo section
3. Personally pass your gift along to Adelaide Whitaker

Your donations are tax deductible, and Adelaide will withhold the reporting of gifts until after Christmas to ensure the surprise factor and confidentiality.

Call on me at any time.

Thank you,
Virgil Dodson, Leadership Chairman
(336) 416-1691

Serving in Worship NEXT Sunday, December 6, 2026

YCM food delivery..... Virgil & Dale Dodson
Greeters/Ushers:..... Sharon McGrath & Janet Culpepper
Online Host: ..... Rich Pizzuti
Nursery Volunteers: .....Dale Dodson & Wanda Doss
Scripture Reader:..... Everette Hartzog (Matthew 2:1-8; 13-18)
Communion Steward:.....Karen Pizzuti, Mark Okken, Pamala Shugart

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Offering care and hope through living, learning, and loving God and each other.

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Church Office: (336) 679-2243

Website: www.yadkinvilleumc.org

YUMC Church Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm.

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Pastor
pastor@yadkinvilleumc.org
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Charlene Zachary
Pianist / Organist

Randy Morris
Chancel Choir Director

Bobbi Reavis
Church Administrator
bobbi@yadkinvilleumc.org

Regular Worship at YUMC

In-person ..... 10:30 am
Virtual Worship via YouTube..... 10:30 am (live)

There are multiple ways to contribute to YUMC

Donate online at yadkinvilleumc.org and click on "MORE", then click on "CONTRIBUTE". Follow the online prompts.

Donate by text - send a text to 336-485-4309, with the amount you want to contribute and you will receive a text with further directions.

Donate by Venmo in the Venmo app or online, choose "Pay or Request", in the search bar type "Yadkinville UMC", follow the prompts.

Donate by check/mail a check, make checks payable to YUMC, drop in the offering plate, or mail to PO Box 25, Yadkinville, NC 27055

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