

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday – 8:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECURITY – During the past few weeks we have come to the church to find it unlocked, alarm not set and not secured, this includes the church property and the bus barn. Please keep in mind that Debbie is generally the 1st one at the church to enter the buildings and that it is very uncomfortable entering an unsecured building. Please be sure the buildings are secured when leaving the property.

DECEMBER Birthdays and Anniversaries – 9th Joan Harry, Matt Jones, 10th Averiana DeWitt, 11th Theodora Bosto, Ryan Freeman.

Prayer Request – The family of Grace S. Bedwell, Joan Harry (the Grove), Patty Dantin, Spooky Sims, Glenda Prillhart, Darren Hathorn, Frances Campbell, Sonny Branch, Beth Barnes, John Toney, John & Judy Waits, Tony & Kathleen Hamilton.

White Christmas Service tonight at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Wednesday, December 12, 10:00 ZYZ, 3:00 p.m. Children's WWW, 3:30 p.m. – Youth WWW, NO WWW Supper, 5:30 P.M. WWW Program, 6:00 p.m. Sr. High Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir. Wednesday Night Program: Children's Christmas Program with reception to follow in the Wesley Center.

Chancel Choir Lessons & Carols will be held Sunday, December 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A Reception will be held immediately following the program in the Wesley Center.

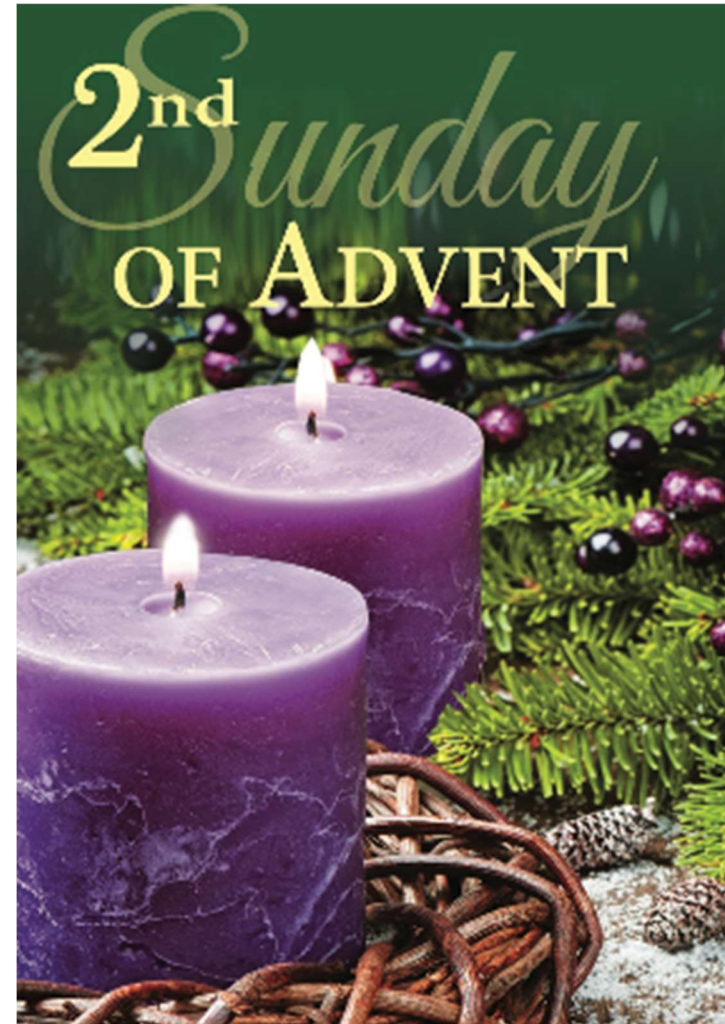


"For God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7

The donations this past Sunday,
December 9, 2018
Contributions \$ 8,523.00
Sunday School \$ 98.50
Food Pantry \$ 100.00
Youth \$ 50.00
Organ \$ 300.00

ATTENDANCE DECEMBER 2, 2018
Worship 83 Sunday School 52
Organ Fund Received to Date: \$ 38,772.78
Total repairs \$56,000 Deadline on quote February 2019
BUDGETED INCOME/EXPENSES TO DATE
Contributions to Date: \$ 315,036.11
Expenses to Date \$ 330,613.25

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WORSHIP SERVICE
 Second Sunday Of Advent
 December 9, 2018



Welcome To First United Methodist Church Of Columbia

CHIMING OF THE HOUR (worship begins)

INVOCATION

PRELUDE Barbara Lott, organ
 O Come, O Come Emmanuel, arr. By Ferguson

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP The Chancel Choir
 His Name Is Wonderful
 Audrey Mieir

▲ **HYMN NO. 213** (all verses)
 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

▲ **RESPONSIVE READING NO. 208**
 Canticle of Zechariah

▲ **GLORIA PATRI NO. 70**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT/LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

▲ **HYMN NO. 211** (verse 2)
 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

▲ **HYMN NO. 218** (verses 1,2,4)
 It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

OFFERING Beth Pierce, piano
 What Child Is This

▲ **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

SPECIAL MUSIC The Chancel Choir
 Let All Mortal Flesh, French Folk Song

SCRIPTURE Rev. Mike Sahler
 Luke 2:15-20
 (New Revised Standard Version Pew Bible NT page 55)

MESSAGE Rev. Mike Sahler
 "Finding The Faith Of Christmas"

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

▲ **HYMN NO. 224** (all verses)
 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

▲ **EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES**

▲ **BENEDICTION**

▲ **CHIMES**

POSTLUDE
 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
 Barbara Lott, organ with Beth Pierce, piano

▲ **Stand as able**

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and are placed by the Worship Committee.

**Opportunities for Worship and Fellowship
Advent, Christmas, Epiphany**

December 9, 2018 – White Christmas

5:00 P.M. – The Story of the Other Wise Man / Blessing of the Christmas Gifts
Gathering and Singing: “Silent Night”

December 12, 2018 – Wonderful Wednesdays at Wesley

3:00 – 5:00 P.M. Children’s Ministry

5:30 P.M. – Children’s Christmas Program in the Sanctuary

After the Program: Finger Foods/Refreshments in the Wesley Center

December 16, 2018 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Sermon – “Finding the Peace of Christmas” / Scripture – Isaiah 9:6-7; 51:7-10;
Luke 2:13-14

December 16, 2018

6:00 P.M. – “Lessons and Carols” FUMC Sanctuary – Chancel Choir and
Friends

A reception will follow immediately following the service in the Wesley Center.

December 19, 2018 – Wednesday Fellowship Gathering

5:15 P.M. -- Meal Fund Raiser / 6:00 P.M. -- Youth Variety Show

December 23, 2018 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Sermon – “Finding the Christ of Christmas” / Scripture – Luke 2:1-20; John
1:1-14

December 24, 2018 – Christmas Eve

5:00 – 6:00 P.M. – Come and Go Communion

December 25, 2018 – “Joy to the World, It’s Christmas! For Unto Us A Child Is
Born”

December 30, 2018 – 1st Sunday after Christmas

Sermon – “Experiencing the Joy of Christmas” / Scripture – Colossians 3:12-
17

January 6, 2019 – Epiphany Sunday – Communion Sunday -- The Arrival of
the Wise Men

Sermon – “A New Way Home” / Scripture – Matthew 2:1-12