



# The Painesville United Methodist Church

*On the Square...Steeped in Prayer*

Christmas Eve 2017 - 3 pm



Pastor  
Jan Yandell

Dear Friends and Friends I have not yet met,

I welcome you as we celebrate together the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ and invite him into our hearts, our lives, and our world.

Every year we gather to sing special music, read the story of Jesus's birth, and light candles illuminating the darkness. But I want this year to be different. Don't worry, we are still doing those things, but this year I want you to do just a little bit more. I want you to take a long look at the stable on our altar. It is probably similar to one you might have in your home or one you have seen on someone's lawn. It was a gift given to us by Glen Booth's family after Glen's passing.

So you might ask, "For what am I looking? It is just a simple nativity scene: Mary and Joseph, a shepherd and animals, the child in the manger, and the angel watching over all of them." True, but it is also the depiction of the humble beginnings of one who has affected the world so powerfully over the last 2,000 years. I want you to picture yourself in that stable.

Picture yourself in the stable and hear the words of the angels singing, "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people; to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the messiah, the Lord." Picture yourself in the stable and see the child of whom the angels sing. What would you say? What would you do? What would you want your relationship with that baby to be?

Throughout the Advent Season we heard testimonies from seven different people talking about their "Stable Relationship" with the Savior and how that relationship has given them hope, peace, love, and joy. That relationship is available for you as well. Picture yourself in the stable and create or strengthen your relationship with the Christ Child starting tonight. That's why you are here, isn't it? There is just something about that baby that invites us to kneel in humble adoration, so picture yourself in the stable.

Now, take it one step further, picture yourself AS the stable, filled with the light of Christ, watched over by angels, full of adoration and praise; welcoming to both the poorest of the poor and the richest of the rich. Your heart is the manger in which the Christ child lays, your soul the comfort of the hay. Within you is the mother Mary who nurtures the baby; within you is Joseph his protector. We are called to shelter the Christ Child until he is fully grown in our lives, then we are called to open our hearts and show him to the world through our actions and our love.

I want this Christmas to be a little bit different for you. I pray it will be! Merry Christmas to all. Blessings, PJ

Available during  
worship:

- \* Sound enhancement devices, for hearing impaired
- \* Large print hymnals
- \* **Children's bulletins with coloring books & crayons**
- \* Childcare, please contact an usher or greeter about our Nursery

Worship: Sundays, 8:30 & 10:00 am  
Family Worship: 10:00 am, 1st Sunday of each month  
Sunday School: 8:30 & 10:00 am - All ages

Office Hours:  
Mon. thru Thurs.: 8:30 am - 3:00 pm; Fri. 9:00 am - Noon

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# Worship Christmas Eve

Pastor: Jan Yandell    Piano: Fritz Streiff    Organ: Jerry Marshall

Greeters: Emily Walker, Don & Jean Kalman    Liturgist: Nick Connavino

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Prelude

*Gesu Bambino*

arr. Yon

## Children's Time

\*Call to Worship

Leader: **Come to the stable, build a "Stable Relationship" with the child lying in the manger!**

People: We have heard the call of the angels and we come like the shepherds to worship Jesus.

Leader: **Come to the stable, build a "Stable Relationship" with the child lying in the manger!**

People: We have heard the call of the angels and we come like his mother Mary in awe and wonder.

Leader: **Come to the stable, build a "Stable Relationship" with the child lying in the manger!**

People: We have heard the call of the angels and we come like Joseph, his earthly guardian, with commitment and love.

Leader: **Come to the stable, build a "Stable Relationship" with the child lying in the manger!**

People: We come, Lord Jesus, we come to worship, to wonder and to work with you in a **"Stable Relationship!" Amen.**

\*Opening

*Hymn O Come, All Ye Faithful*

UMH# 234

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant.  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the king of angels;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

\*Christmas Prayer (In Unison)

O God, each year we come to this place, listen to the same story, sing the same songs, and watch with wonder as the light of Christ is passed down each row sending darkness into a beautiful golden glow. But, have we really come to kneel before the Christ Child, to know him, to love him, to serve him? Help us discern this night what our relationship with this baby means. Help us to grasp the reality of his salvation for all people, which includes us. Help us, dear God, to take our relationship to a new level this night. May we go from knowing about him, to knowing him; from knowing him to loving him; from loving him to serving him; and from serving him to serving others in his name. Help us find that stable relationship with Jesus that we so deeply desire. And may we, like the shepherds, return to our homes glorifying and praising God for all we have heard and seen. Amen.

Special Music	<i>A Cradle Carol</i>	arr. Forrest
The Message of Christmas	<b>"I Came to the Stable to See"</b>	Pastor Jan
Christmas Hymn	<i>What Child is This?</i>	UMH #219

**What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?**

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king to own him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Liturgy for Holy Communion

Special Music	<i>A Christmas Communion</i>	arr. Sorenson
Holy Communion and Offertory	<i>Pastoral Symphony</i>	Handel

**The Lord's Table in the United Methodist Church is open to people of all ages and stages in their Christian walk.**

We believe it to be a means of grace where one can find hope and forgiveness, love, and peace. The cup we use is filled with grape juice as our Social Creed calls us to be sensitive to our brothers and sisters who suffer with problems of addiction and to allow our children the full privilege of participating in this holy sacrament.

The Christmas Story from the Gospel of Luke	Luke 2:1-20	Pages 54-55, New Testament, in the pew Bible
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Entrance of the Christ Candle	<i>Wexford Carol</i>	arr. Rutter
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Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
**'round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild,**  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;**  
Radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth; Jesus, Lord at thy birth

Silent night, holy night, Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
**With the angels let us sing, "Alleluia to our King."**  
Christ the savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

## Proclamation of Birth

## \*Hymn of Celebration

*Joy to the World*

UMH #246

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King.  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, and wonders of his love.

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

*Joy to the World*

arr. J. Marshall



<b>From</b>	<b>In Loving Memory of</b>
Joyce Ahlman	Lake Health Home Care Patients
Joyce & Johanna Ahlman	James & Ann Ahlman
Barb & Bob Alban	Our parents, Floyd & Mildred Hall
Barb & Bob Alban	Our parents, Henry & Phyllis Alban
Christine & William Baxter	Our parents
Joe & Maggie Beasley	Harold Bible
Lee & Cheryl Behnke	Mike & Rachel Abbott, Ginger Behnke, Norma Abbott
Jeanne Benson	Owen Edwin Robert Benson, Great Grandson
Julie Benson	Owen Edwin Robert Benson, Grandson
Becky & Len Bieder	Our parents
Ron Call	Patricia Call
Joanne Reed Carter	Husband, Lt. Donald Carter
Terry & Marlene Castilyn	Our Mothers & Fathers
Terry & Marlene Castilyn	Taylor
The Crouser Family	Paul R. Crouser
Dick Crum	Shirley Crum
Dick Crum	Jo & Dick E. Crum
Dick Crum	Rose & Reg Moncur
Barbara Cutrone	Charles Cutrone
Patricia Dean	J. Thomas Dean
Judy Elias	Bonnie S. Wolff
Linda Fredebaugh	Mike and Catherine Whiting
Cathy & Lyle George	Loved ones
Shane & Dave Griffin & Family	Barbara Rowan
Thomas Hach	Theodore Hach, Sr.
Thomas Hach	George & Ardine Huff
Rich Haky & Johanna Ahlman	Richard & Nila Haky
Hanson & Cicconetti Families	Barbara Rowan, Nancy Hanson, Anthony, Ralph, & Angela Cicconetti
Viola Hood	Father, Willie Hood
Lois Hosmer	Husband, Roy Hosmer
Shirley P. Huffman	Barbara Rowan
Irline Jurgelis	Vivian & Ralph Blowers, My parents
Jerry & Roberta Kalb	Bill & Marcia Parsons
Deb & Dave Kendrick	Our Parents
Marion Lampman	Robert Wilkie, Nancy Wilkie, Christopher Wilkie
Dolores Luckay	My parents, Earl & Anna Hite
Teresa Lyden	Jeff Lyden
Jane & Richard Morse	Our parents
Jim & Irene Morse	Kellie
Rose Morse	Morse and Hall Family Members
Mr & Mrs. Charles Nagy	Our parents
Steve & Kim Nameth	Stanley Nameth
Steve & Kim Nameth	Joseph Sefsick, Jr.
Steve & Kim Nameth	Clarence Willis
Jon & Phyllis Nixon	Family & Friends who have passed
Kevin Partello	Arlene Topfer
Kathy Pierce	Lloyd Scott Cox, WWII Veteran
Jed & Sue Popely	Eric Andrus
Norene Popely & Mary Ann Jackopin	Husband, Joe Popely
Norene Popely & Mary Ann Jackopin	Parents, Helen & Ted Doerner
Dick Prentice	LaVerne Prentice, Judy Vanderlip
Dick Prentice	Ken Crandall

**From In Loving Memory of**

John & Judy Reider	Our loved ones that forever linger in loving memories
Jack & Patty Ritchie	Arthur Trenton
Jack & Patty Ritchie	Ann Lybarger
The Ritley, McKoon, & Mackey Families	Bob Ritley
The Rodgers Family	Family who can't be with us this Christmas Season
Lois Sauer	Robert Sauer, Paul & Grace Kneisley, Don, David, & Scott
Paulann Sidley	Naomi & Paul Fisk
Betty Silvi	Loved ones and John & Ethel Jenkins
Dan & Martha Snitcher	Barney Snitcher
Dan & Martha Snitcher	Glen Booth
The Thompson Family	Robert Thompson
Mary Tribby	Husband and Father
Tusick Family	Charlotte Harvey
Tusick Family	Sue Tusick
Les & Marilou	Jake & Lucille Conti
Les & Marilou	Bud & June Walbeck
Emily Walker	Friends & Family
Maxine & Joe Williams	Sister, Jane Furnas; Parents, George & Helen Durand, Joe & Helen Williams
Jim & Jan Yandell	Hubert & Peg Smaltz
Jim & Jan Yandell	Howard & Elinor Yandell
Jim & Jan Yandell	Janet Smaltz

**From In Honor of**

Joyce Ahlman	Lake Health Home Care Staff
Lee & Cheryl Behnke	Bill & Jean Behnke
Julie Benson	Ella Rose Benson, Granddaughter
Becky & Len Bieder	Our sons, their families & grandchildren
Joyce Hach	Loved ones
Hanson & Cicconetti Families	Our Family
Viola Hood	Jesus Christ
Deb & Dave Kendrick	Mallory, Ryan & Nicole Kendrick
Ron & Charlotte Kieffer	Children & Families
Robert & Beverly Lee	Fritz, Alison, Philip, and Luke Streiff
Dolores Luckay	Andy Thompson
Teresa Lyden	Doris & Jim Ackerman
Jon & Phyllis Nixon	Children & Grandchildren
Jed & Sue Popely	Their children
PUMC Staff	Pastor Jan
John & Judy Reider	Our dear ones we cherish with all our hearts and for our Grandson, Nathaniel, who is celebrating his 3rd birthday on Christmas Eve.
Mary Salchow	Family and Friends
Betty Silvi	My Children, Grandchildren, and my "Angels"
Dan & Martha Snitcher	Bonnie Booth & Genevieve Snitcher
Missy Wallace	Volunteers @ PUMC
Maxine & Joe Williams	Grandsons, Austin & Aiden Nainiger
Gerri Woodruff	Loving Family
Jim & Jan Yandell	Aidan & Aditya Goil, Adam & Amanda Yandell
Jim & Jan Yandell	Oliver, Elliot, & Quinn
Jim & Jan Yandell	The PUMC Staff

The PUMC Office will be closed  
Monday, December 25 - Monday, January 1.

Pastor Jan will be out of town.

Nick Connavino will be on call.  
Call or text Nick at 216-289-6425

Next Sunday, December 31, 2017 there will be  
one Worship service at 10:00 a.m.

Our **Winter Mission Project**  
"Wraps of Warmth"

for the cold winter season  
has begun.

Last year we collected over 300+ items for  
the local shelters, Project Hope and  
Hope Chest.

For adults & children, we are collecting:  
New & gently, used winter coats, hats,  
scarves, mittens, boots, long sleeve shirts,  
and only new socks.

**Christian Education**

12/31: Regular Sunday School - movie and  
donut day!

1/14: Mission project wrap up and letter  
writing for the Nursing Home

1/25: **Money Matters "Teaching Kids about  
Money"**

1/27: Cabin Fever Day, Games, movies, &  
more. (time TBD) Please call or  
email for further info!

Y	1/7: 10 am service, pack a lunch, & YG meeting until 1:30 pm. We will be reviewing a few book/bible study options. Also, pick up a Defender Doggs menu in the youth room to review for the 14th.
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U	1/12: DYC game night, 7 -11:30 pm @ New Leaf UMC, 110 Gateway Ave., Conneaut, phone 440- 593-2525. Come join the fun - board games, basketball, dodgeball, music, and devotions. We will leave PUMC @ 5:30 pm & return around 12:30 am. Please bring snacks to share and pocket money to order pizza.
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H	1/14: 10 am worship service, lunch at Defender Doggs, 1951 Hubbard Rd., Madison. Bring \$\$\$. We will leave PUMC after the worship service and return around 2 pm.
	1/28: 8 am to Noon, Breakfast Fundraiser. 6 pm: Mission Meeting

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are available for 2018.

Radio is \$200 per week.  
Live Stream is \$50 per month.

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<http://pumconline.org/>  
to sign up, immediately,  
or call the church office

## 2017-2018 Concert Series

### **Monica Czausz, Organist**

Friday, September 29, 2017 @ 7:00 pm

### **Cadence, a cappella Jazz Quartet**

Sunday, October 22, 2017 @ 4:00 pm

### **Burning River Brass**

Tuesday, December 19, 2017 @ 7:00 pm

### **Heritage Brass Quintet**

Sunday, February 11, 2018 @ 4:00 pm

### **Willoughby Fine Arts Choir**

Sunday, March 18, 2018 @ 4:00 pm

### **Harmony Ringers**

Sunday, April 15, 2018 @ 3:00 pm

### **Ashland University Choir**

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 @ 7:00 pm

### **Crazy Girl, silent film accompanied by**

### **Dennis Scott, Organist**

Friday, May 18, 2018 @ 7:00 pm

All programs are free and open to the public. During the concert, we will take a free-will offering and your donations will be greatly appreciated.

All proceeds will benefit the Painesville United Methodist Church Concert Series, in our effort to bring quality concerts to our community for all to enjoy.

For more information, please call our church office at 440-354-3642.

## Painesville United Methodist Church

### **Sunday Worship Times**

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

### **Sunday School for ALL ages**

10:00 a.m.

### **PUMC Broadcasts**

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