

If you have any pastoral needs or concerns  
please contact Pastor Larry  
(704) 465-7853.

## Worship WITH US

Join us Sundays at 11am in the sanctuary, parking lot, or Facebook Live. Face masks are available and social distancing is practiced for your health and safety.

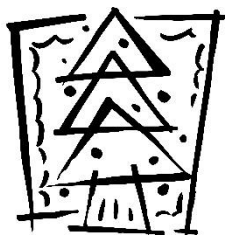


Meals on Wheels continue to deliver meals and supplies to members of our community who are homebound. If you

would like to volunteer as a meal delivery driver, please contact Sheryl Baker, 803-285-6956, ext. 24.

### Tabernacle Delivery Schedule

December 14-18



### Christmas Card Exchange

The UMW will once again sponsor our Christmas Card exchange for only 10 cents per card.

Cards will be collected through Sunday, December

13<sup>th</sup> and ready to give out Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. We will hand-deliver to families who are not coming to church in person.



### CHOIR PRACTICE

All practices will be in the social hall at 7:30pm with social distancing and masks. If singing an anthem, we will practice in the sanctuary at 10:30 Sunday morning.

December 2 – December 9 - December 16

Please contact Sam if you have any questions.



### HOPE in Lancaster

Green Beans,  
Peanut Butter,  
Beef Stew, Tuna,  
Canned Pasta

When possible, please purchase items in plastic containers. Monetary donations are also appreciated during this time.

*HOPE in Lancaster - PO Box 166*

*Lancaster, SC 29721*



### Epworth Children's Home

When you make a financial contribution in any amount to

Epworth Children's Home you are investing in a child's educational, spiritual, physical, and emotional future.

You can donate through their website, [epworthchildrenshome.org](http://epworthchildrenshome.org) or Tabernacle UMC.



### **Upcoming Youth Meetings**

Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>- right after service until 2:30

(Seth's Angel Tree Virtual Packing party)

Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>- 10:00am

(Christmas gift exchange)

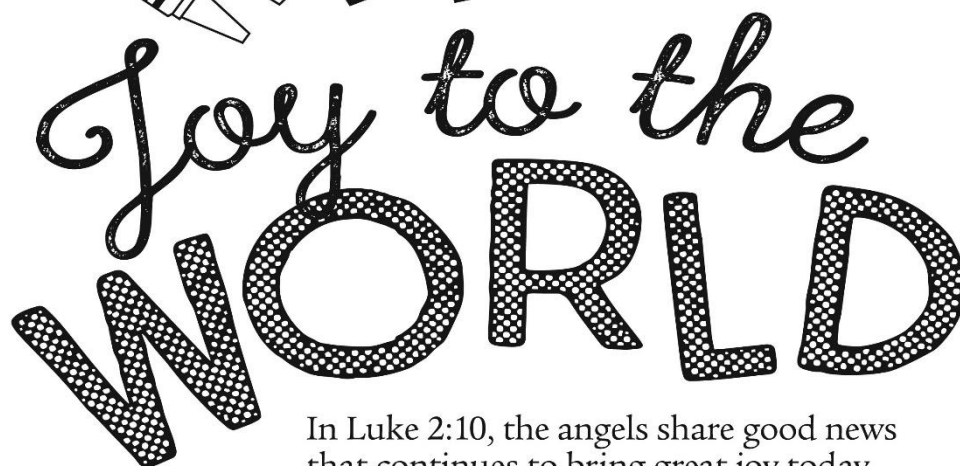
**SOAR Fundraiser**- The youth are selling "Tabernacle UMC" insulated tumblers. The deadline to place an order is Sunday, December 6. Order forms can be found in the narthex.  
(12oz, \$11.00 / 20oz, \$15.00)

**Seth's Hope Angel Tree**- SIX angels will be available soon for Christmas adoption. The youth will adopt any that are not chosen. All Angel Tree gifts must be turned in to the church **BEFORE** the service on Sunday, December 13. The Youth will have lunch right after the service from 12:00 - 1:00 and then have a virtual Praise & Worship, Devotional, and Packing party from 1:00 - 2:30.

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Sam Courtney, Music Director*





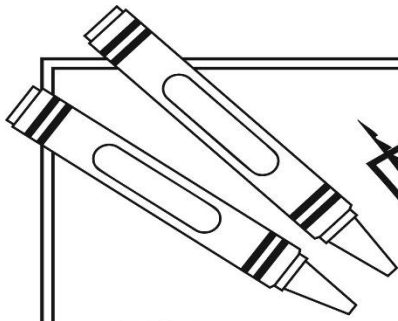
In Luke 2:10, the angels share good news that continues to bring great joy today.

**Directions:** Circle all the complete small “joy” words — forward only.  
Count the total. Bonus: See if you can find “Jesus” amid all the joy!

[illegible]

TOTAL JOY=\_\_\_\_\_

Answer: 36 (10 in the J, 15 in the O, 11 in the Y); Jesus is at the bottom of the large O



# PUZZLE

## WHITE AS SNOW

Jesus, our Savior, came to earth to purify sinners.

*Directions: Figure out which path through the puzzle is correct. Choose one to try, starting at the first picture under the "Path" box. Follow each picture's directional cues to see if the words make sense when placed in order in the blanks below. If not, try a different path until you figure out the Bible verse.*



PATH 1	PATH 2	PATH 3	PATH 4	PATH 5	PATH 6
for	give	come	together	around	after
self	into	settle	eternal	thanks	forgive
God	LORD	says	without	Christ	warmth
love	sins	scarlet	other	light	praise
red	star	white	snow	winter	peace



“ \_\_\_\_\_ now, let us \_\_\_\_\_ the matter,” \_\_\_\_\_ the  
 \_\_\_\_\_. “Though your \_\_\_\_\_ are like \_\_\_\_\_,  
 they shall be as \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ ....”

ISAIAH 1:18, NIV

Answer: Path 3: come, settle, says, LORD, sins, scarlet, white, snow



Waiting can be hard, and not just for children. But I do love Advent: this four-week time when the Christian church prepares for

Christmas.

Maybe I like Advent so much because it involves active waiting, not thumb-twiddling. It is a gift the church offers the world, to be active (which isn't the same as busy) in ways that open our hearts — and the hearts we touch — to the true meaning of Christmas.

Mother Teresa said, “At this Christmas when Christ comes, will he find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God’s own love and concern.”

When I take time during Advent to remember in prayer and with gifts of money and time those who have less food than I do, those who are lonely, those without a home; when I pause to share love with a child or an elder, or gratitude for a healthcare worker, pastor or teacher; when I wait for justice to replace oppression but, while I wait, find ways to work for that result ... the Spirit’s warmth fills my waiting heart. I am ready to welcome Jesus.

—Heidi Mann



The simple shepherds heard the voice of an angel and found their LAMB; the wise men saw the light of a star and found their WISDOM.

—Fulton J. Sheen



### **Advent Wreath**

The Advent wreath is a symbol of watchfulness and increasing joy as we anticipate Jesus’ birth. The wreath’s circular shape symbolizes

eternity, or life without end. The candles remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World — he brought light and life to a dark world (see John 1:4-5). On each of the four Sundays of Advent, we light a new candle. As the light grows, so do our hope and joy.



### **Holly**

Holly was first used by pagans to decorate for the festival of Saturnalia. When Christians began

celebrating Christmas in honor of Christ, they adapted that decorating practice to reflect Jesus’ life and death. Holly’s pointed leaves symbolize the crown of thorns and its red berries symbolize Christ’s blood shed on the cross. Because holly thrives and its berries retain their brilliance even in harsh winter conditions, non-Christians saw it as a symbol of eternity — which is fitting for Christians as well.

