

# First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

\*Denotes people standing if able

## PRELUDE - BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Jesus is the Light of the World. Please be silent and prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

## WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

**#196**  
(UM Hymnal)

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

“Jesus, the Light of the World”

Insert  
Agape Choir

## \* GREETING OF PEACE

Look for someone you don't often greet, and wish them God's peace.

## CHIMES

Please return to your seats.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(Pew prayer cards may be filled out and placed in the offering plate if you do not wish to share out loud and also if you want the bulletin updated with your prayer request).*

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**#895**  
(UM Hymnal)

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

### THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Offertory – Please place UMCOR donations in the offering plate

The baskets are for this month's mission offering, not UMCOR

\* Song of Praise “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

\* The Blessing of Our Gifts

**#95**  
(UM Hymnal)

### ANTHEM

“Celebrate the Child – The Light”

Agape Choir

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### SERMON TEXT

Ephesians 2: 8 - 10

**p.827**  
(Pew Bible)

### SERMON

“How Are We Saved By Faith?”

Pastor Rob Snodgrass

## SENT FORTH TO SERVE

### \* CLOSING HYMN

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

**#206**  
(UM Hymnal)

### \*UNITING TOGETHER in the

“Bond of Love” Chorus

**#206**  
(Praise Book)

### POSTLUDE

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World. As the Light leads us out into the world, we go to serve, to love, and to share the Good News of God's grace. You are free to leave the sanctuary during the Postlude, or to remain seated until it is completed.

**NEW JOURNEY HAPPENINGS!** (The Church Office is open 9 am to noon, Mon – Thurs)

**Sunday, November 28 – First Sunday of Advent**

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

**Monday, November 29**

Office open 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 30**

Office open 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Finance Committee 11:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, December 1**

Office open 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Mary/ Martha Circle Christmas Luncheon at 12 Noon at the Rage

Agape Choir practice 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, December 2**

Office open 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Evy's Closet 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

The Table Meal Ministry 4:30 p.m.

**Friday, December 3**

Office Closed

Men's Bible Study with Rev. Elton Orpurt 8:00 a.m. Martin's in Niles

- All men are welcome!

**Saturday, December 4**

Men's Breakfast at Rise 'n Shine on M-60 8:00 a.m.

Cookie Walk pick up Cookies Day in the afternoon or Sunday

**Sunday, December 5 – Communion Sunday**

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

**FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US**

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## NEW JOURNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
302 Cedar St, Niles, MI 49120



*The messages in this Christmas series follow the events of the Christmas story as they unfold, from the Old Testament prophecies to the miraculous birth of Christ. In this series we witness God's plan for his people – all people everywhere – as it comes about in the lives of ordinary people. We also learn what this historical event means for us today.*

**November 28, 2021**

**SERVING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE**

Liturgist.....Donna Medlin  
 Ushers .....Starla Miller, Amy Wade, Jane Beck  
 Nursery .....Pam Montgomery  
 Pianist.....Jennifer Bobelenyi  
 Organist.....Deb Litchfield  
 Choir Director/Song Leader.....Brenda Engel  
 IT/Sound Tech.....John Engel  
 Video Techs..... Donna Medlin & Mike Kohler

**EVY'S CLOSET WOMEN'S CLOTHING MINISTRY:** is open Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m. Donations can be made during office hours, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Please call the church at 269-683-7250 to make an appointment for donations.

**UMCOR:** Will you give your pocket change to help feed the hungry? **When you place loose coins in the Offering Plate**, we send that money to the United Methodist Committee on Relief, to address the issues of poverty and hunger around the world. Even a few coins each week can make a difference in the lives of the poor. Please be generous! **Please keep in mind our credit union no longer accepts foreign currency.** We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

RECORD OF	November 21, 2021
Worship Attendance: 46 Zoom: 1	
Operating budget total operating income	\$153,166
Our weekly goal	\$2,946
General Fund Income this week	\$1,159
<b>Year to Date General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$140,197</b>
Year to Date budget goal: \$138,462	
% Of Year-to-Date budget goal: <b>101% Over! \$1,735</b>	
Average Weekly General Fund Income	\$2,983
Mission Focus for November (month): Milano's Cancer Fund	\$357
UMCOR (month)	\$39

SERVING NEXT WEEK	
Liturgist.....	Sue Phillips
Ushers.....	Starla Miller, Amy Wade & Jane Beck
Nursery .....	Pam Montgomery
Choir Director/Song Leader.....	Brenda Engel
Pianist.....	Jennifer Bobelenyi
Communion Steward (Dec 5).....	Amy Wade

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LITURGISTS:**

- Dec 5 Sue Phillips – Communion
- Dec 12 John Engel
- Dec 19 Starla Miller
- Dec 24 Tim Rogers – Christmas Eve
- Dec 26 Sharon Stephayn

**WELCOME VISITORS!** Thank you for giving us an opportunity to worship with you today. Our prayer is that together we might experience both God's love and presence. Our goal is to be a friendly, welcoming congregation and we trust that you will find us so. Please contact the pastor for more information about New Journey.

**CHILD CARE:** The Nursery, for babies and children through four years of age, is located in the educational wing just past the elevator, in Room 113. Baby changing tables are available in the narthex restroom, lower-level women's restroom and in the nursery.

**THE HERBIE CLINIC:** is open from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month. Anyone without health insurance and 16 or older qualifies. You must have a permanent address and please bring a photo I.D. If you would like to volunteer to help at the clinic, call Dr. Sherry O'Donnell's office at (269) 408-1777. New Journey will gladly accept your monetary donations to support the HERBIE clinic and forward them to the organization.

**MISSION FOR NOVEMBER: Berrien County Cancer Service/Milano's Cancer Fund**

The Berrien County Cancer Service, Inc. provides a unique nursing service for the people of Berrien County. We specialize in skilled home nursing care for cancer patients and those with related serious illnesses at no cost. Milano's raises funds for this non-profit in our area.

**SALVATION ARMY ADOPT-A-FAMILY:** the church is sponsoring a family for gifts and food for Christmas. Gift tags for each family member and signup sheet are located on the tree in the Narthex. Information is included in the bulletin.

**BETHLEHEM REVISITED MICHIANA 2021:** three nights only: December 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 11<sup>th</sup>; 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. nightly. This is an outdoor event to experience the journey to Bethlehem from Nazareth and ultimately witness the birth of Jesus Christ! For complete information and how to get free tickets: <https://bethlehemrevisited.info/>

# NEW JOURNEY CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER LIST

*Please review the Prayer List and notify the church office of any updates!*

## Cancer Patients

Julie McCready  
Sharon Dircks  
Patti Seidner (*Friend of Jim Gillispie*)  
Nancy Comfort  
Becky (*Kathy Scott's friend*)  
Rose Aravena  
Rex Dillman  
Elton Orpurt

## Health Concerns

Sherry Hans (*Friend of Amy Wade*)  
Nancy Rheinholt  
Patrick Apple  
Debbie Pingel  
Kathy & Rob Di Addezio  
Earl Nimtze  
Dixie Pingel  
Timmy (*Jennifer's son*)  
Moonyean Quick  
Faith Ernst  
Shawn (*Starla Miller's nephew*)  
Janet & husband John (*friends of Pastor Rob and Kathe*)  
Scott Schofield  
Michael Lee (*Brenda Severeid's husband*)  
Madelin Merkle  
Jennifer Watts  
Carol Noid  
Valerie Wurn  
Anslie Rink-Scott (*Ernst's granddaughter*)  
Bonnie Garwood's father (*Ernst's daughter-in-law*)  
Marilyn Sheets  
Doug Nie  
Kenny and Vicki Earl  
Richard Ham  
Camille Hayden (*Nancy Comfort's Step-Mom*)  
Melanie & CJ (newly diabetic)  
(*Kathy Scott's niece & son*)  
Jason & Bonnie Garwood

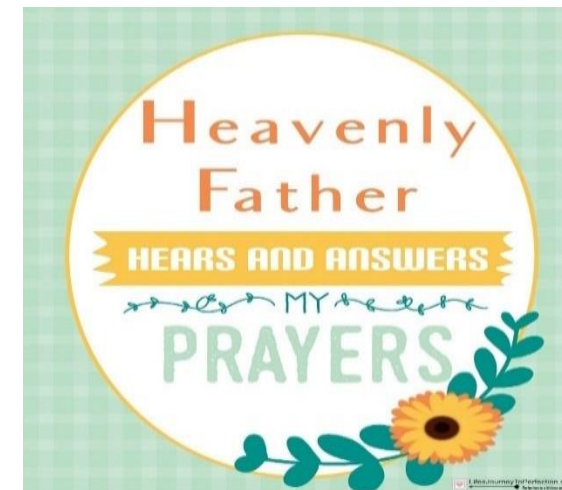
Pam (Ross) Todd  
Chris Hay (*Niece to Jane Heflin*)  
Gail Peterson  
Marion Eldred  
Earl Corak  
Claire Wiggins (*Richard Ham's sister*)  
Jack Scott  
Tom Scott (*Jack Scott's brother*)  
  
Sarah Merrill (*Vicki Earl's daughter*)  
Imogene Orpurt  
Judy Mark  
Jason Pingel  
Dennis Comfort  
Avery & family (*friend of Bob Burton*)  
Bob Burton  
Janice Querry (*John Wade's sister*)  
Mary Varner  
Lucile Markel  
Patricia Ham  
Jaime Aravena (*Rose's husband*)  
Katrina (*Faith Ernst's daughter*)  
Nancy Watts  
Mindy Corak  
Bill Carter  
Carole Fowler  
Shannon Pollitt  
Bonnie (*From Morris Chapel*)  
Marsha (*friend of Pam Montgomery*)  
Mason Mitchell, Jr.  
Pat (*Jane's friend*)  
Rob & Susan (*Sue Phillip's classmates*)  
Tamra Binkley (*Laura Garner's friend*)  
Tom Adcox (*friend of Engel's*)  
Carter's grandson  
Bonnie & Don Nie

# NEW JOURNEY CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER LIST

(Continued)

**Prayers for Our Shut-ins:** Marilyn Sheets, Evelyn Andrews, Lucile Markel, Dick Noble, Lynn Schweinzger, Mary Varner and Megan Vite.

**Other Prayer Requests:** Elton Orpurt's prison ministry and the prisoners to be able to continue their ministry despite restrictions; Kelsey Medlin is half way through her pharmacy rotations; our Nation; Youth across our nation; those being discriminated against around the world; Peace in the Middle East; Carol Noid's address is Buchanan Meadows, Room 25, 809 Carrol Street, Buchanan, MI 49107. Please call 269-695-6655 24 hours in advance to make appointment to visit her; Prayers for the H.E.R.B.I.E. Clinic to be able to reach more people; Prayers for medical personnel who are caring for Covid patients, facing difficult situations and even fear for their safety; Prayers for people who don't know God; Prayers for healing for Pastor Tom Waller and daughter who have Covid; Prayers for Doc Sherry as she feels led to run for Congress for our district; Jane asks for prayers for Pat Teeter after the loss of both her mother and mother-in-law; Prayers for Tom Scott and his family; Prayers for healing for Dee Rough's foot injury; Sue asks for prayers for the class of 1977 who have lost 3 class members this last week; Jeannine asks for prayers for her sister, Kay and nephew who both have Covid; Ann asks for prayers for her family as four of her cousins have died of Covid this past year; Prayers for Cindy's friend Steve who has lung cancer; Please pray for Lucille Markel, who is not doing very well; Prayers for Dennis Comfort's recovery from a procedure; Imogene asks for prayers for 4 year-old Kay, who is in the hospital; Dee reminds us to pray for all those traveling this week, including her family.





## First Sunday – WAIT for the Light

Choral Opening

Responsive Litany

One: Advent is a time to wait.

**All: We wait in hope for the dawning light.**

One: Advent is a time to wait for freedom from captivity.

**All: We wait in hope for the dawning light.**

One: Advent is a time to wait for comfort in our sorrow.

**All: We wait in hope for the dawning light.**

One: Advent is a time to wait for power in our weakness.

**All: We wait in hope for the dawning light.**

One: Advent is a time to wait for the end of darkness.

**All: We wait for Jesus, the Light of the World.**

Candle Lighting

Choral Response

Closing Prayer: **God in heaven, as we begin this season of Advent, we pray that you will each us to wait with patience, endurance and trust. Remind us of your everlasting presence. Fill us with hope for the future and love for humanity. Bathe us in your eternal, loving light. Amen.**



**Haven't seen someone in church in a while?** Please contact them to find out how they are doing. We all need to check on our church family members.

**Thank you to all of you for helping with Hanging of the Greens!** We had about 10 people who came in over the course of 3 days. It didn't take long at all! Thank you so much!

**Cookie Walk Update:** Next Monday, November 29th (from 9AM-2:00pm) is the last bake day, it will be spent finishing up the 168+ pounds of cookies needed to fulfill this year's orders. Last year, due to Covid, a group of people filled everyone's order. It would be appreciated, if you have ordered a mix of cookies, to come by the church starting at 10:00 am on Saturday, December 4th and make your own selection.

For those who have ordered specific amounts of cookies you may either stop by in the afternoon on Saturday or pick them up on Sunday the 5th. I am recommending Sunday as not exactly sure when your order will be completed, if you need them on Saturday let me know so I make sure they are ready for you.

Cindy Jackson, Cookie Walk Chairperson

**FUN AND FELLOWSHIP FREE MOVIES!!!!** The next movie is Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m., "It's A Wonderful Life" at Wonderland Cinema. The movie is free and movie munchies are available for sale. Jeannine would like to get a group together to attend. Please contact her for details.



**THE MITTEN TREES** are up in the Narthex and by the elevator next to the Gather Inn. Please bring in your donations of children-size gloves, mittens, hats and scarves to be donated to school children in Niles.

**Mark Your Calendar for Wednesday Dec 1: Mary/ Martha Circle Christmas Luncheon at Noon at The Rage restaurant on Front Street.** Reservations are due by Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Please call the office to make your reservation 269-683-7250. Guests are Welcome!!

**BLUE GRASS MUSIC WORSHIP SERVICES** at Portage Prairie UMC the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at 5:00 p.m. Pastor Scott Smith says "hi" and invited us to their services.



## Christmas Poinsettias

Would you like to help us decorate our sanctuary this year with poinsettias for the Christmas season? A 6-inch red poinsettia with white bow is \$8.00 or an 8-inch red poinsettia with white bow is \$15.00. Orders have to be placed in the church office by Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at noon. Orders are due to Martin's by Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will place the poinsettia flowers in the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve Service on December 24<sup>th</sup>.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Following the Friday Christmas Eve Service, please feel free to take your poinsettia(s) with you. Those left after Sunday, December 26th will be distributed to shut-ins.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity by Size: 6 inch \_\_\_\_\_ 8 inch \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_



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# Salvation Army Adopt-a-Family for Christmas!



Imagine a Christmas tree with no gifts and an empty table for Christmas dinner. We don't want this to happen to a local family in need, so we are partnering with the Salvation Army to buy gifts and food gift cards for a needy family.

Take a gift tag from the Narthex, purchase your item(s) – as specified on each tag, and bring the unwrapped items to the church office no later than Monday, December 13th, with the gift tag attached to each item. There are several more expensive items on the children's wish lists like tablets, microscopes and bicycles, so more than one person could help purchase those.

The family has 4 boys, ages 2, 4, 6, and 10. The parents have also indicated they need some things. They also are in need of Christmas dinner, so grocery store gift cards will be a good choice and are listed on the gift tags for the family.

We are blessed to be able to serve our Community!

## List of Recommended Items

### Active Duty

- Protein Bars
- Coffee ground, any size singles or bags
- Pre-sweetened powdered Kool-aid, or Gatorade
- Kool-aid singles or similar, Hot Chocolate, Hot cider packets
- Ziplock Bags  
Quart~Sandwich~Snack~Gallon
- Cup-a-Soup, Top Ramen,  
Dinty Moore
- Trail Mix, Nuts, Sunflower Seeds
- Pre-Packaged Cookies,  
Small boxes of Crackers
- Instant Oatmeal, Boxed Cereal
- Easy Mac & Cheese,  
Microwave Popcorn
- Peanut Butter/Jelly (No Glass Please)
- Multi-Vitamins, Tylenol, Foot Powder, Anti-fungal Cream

### Veterans

- Deodorant
- Aftershave
- Candy
- Chapstick
- Body Wash (men's)
- Word Search, Crossword Puzzles, Sudoku
- Pens
- Socks

Drop-off at  
Halbritter-Wickins  
Funeral Home by  
10 Dec. '21

Stockings  
FOR  
SOLDIERS<sup>SM</sup>  
&  
VETERANS