

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

*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

“The Wonder of Christmas – the Wonder of the Season”

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”

#95

* The Blessing of Our Gifts

(UM Hymnal)

ANTHEM

“Good News! Everybody Listen!”

Agape Choir

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SERMON TEXT

James 2: 23

p.855
(Pew Bible)

SERMON

“Friendship With God”

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 27 – First Sunday of Advent

Sunday School 9:00 a.m. – Gather Inn
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Monday, November 28

Office open 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 29

Office open 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 30

Office open 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Agape Choir practice 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 1

Office open 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Evy's Closet 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 2

Office Closed
Men's Bible Study with Rev. Elton Orpurt 8:00 a.m. Martin's in Niles
- All men are welcome!

Saturday, December 3

Men's Breakfast at Home Plate near Martin's 8:00 a.m.
Cookie Walk pick up Cookies Day in the afternoon or Sunday

Sunday, December 4 – Communion Sunday – Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday School 9:00 a.m. – Gather Inn
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US

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NEW JOURNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
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.

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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 13, 2022 (church canceled 11/20)	
Worship Attendance: 37 Zoom: 4	
Operating budget total operating expenses	\$164,177
Our weekly goal	\$3,157
General Fund Income this week	\$2,061
Year to Date General Fund Income	\$120,383
Year to Date budget goal: \$145,222	
% Of Year-to-Date budget goal: 83%; Under \$24,839	
Average Weekly General Fund Income	\$2,617
Mission Focus for November (month): The Table Meal Ministry	\$165
UMCOR (month) November	\$110

LITURGISTS:

- Dec 4 Sue Phillips (Communion) – Second Sunday of Advent
- Dec 11 John Engel – Third Sunday of Advent
- Dec 18 Sandy Hodgman – Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Dec 24 Tim Rogers – Christmas Eve
- Dec 25 Sharon Stephayn – Christmas Day

November Mission – The Table Meal Ministry

The Table serves a meal at Spero House on Second Street in Niles each Thursday beginning at 4:00 p.m. and shares the Love of God and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Your donations will help them provide a meal to so many people in Niles who are food insecure.

SERVING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

- Liturgist.....Donna Medlin
- Ushers Jane Beck, Starla Miller, Nancy Mc Creedy and Kelsey Medlin
- NurseryPam Montgomery
- Pianist.....Jennifer Bobelenyi
- Organist.....Deb Litchfield
- Choir Director.....Emma Hall
- Song Leader.....Brenda Engel
- IT/Sound Tech.....John Engel
- Video Tech..... Donna Medlin

SERVING NEXT WEEK	
Liturgist.....	Sue Phillips
Ushers	Jane Beck, Starla Miller, Nancy Mc Creedy and Kelsey Medlin
Nursery	Pam Montgomery
Choir Director.....	Emma Hall
Song Leader.....	Brenda Engel
Pianist.....	Jennifer Bobelenyi
Communion Steward (Dec 4).....	Amy Wade

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER LIST

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

Cancer Patients

Pam (Ross) Todd
Sharon Dircks
Gail Peterson
Marion Eldred
Earl Corak
Claire Wiggins (*Richard Ham's sister*)
Elton Orpurt
Luke Fannon (*Brenda, John & Ron's nephew-in-law*)

Health Concerns

Kenny and Vicki Earl
Nancy Rheinholt
Patrick Apple
Debbie Pingel
Kathy & Rob Di Addezio
Bonnie & Don Nie
Dixie Pingel
Moonyean Quick
Richard & Patricia Ham
Chuck & Faith Ernst
Sean (*Starla Miller's nephew*)
Janet & husband John (*friends of Pastor Rob and Kathe*)
Michael Lee (*Brenda Severeid's husband*)
Nancy Watts
Elaine & Bill Carter
Jennifer Watts
Carol Noid
Anslie Rink-Scott (*Ernst's granddaughter*)
Bonnie Garwood's father (*Ernst's daughter-in-law*)
Marsha (*friend of Pam Montgomery*)
Jennifer Bobelenyi, son Timothy and her Dad
Tamra Binkley (*Laura Garner's friend*)
Pat (*Jane's friend*)
Charles Hall

Ray Boon (*Carol Wilfert's b-i-l*)
Chris Hay (*Niece to Jane Heflin*)
Nancy Comfort
Becky (*Kathy Scott's friend*)
Rose Aravena
Jack Scott

Glenn Litchfield
Dwayne White (*Pastor Rob's nephew*)

Sarah Merrill (*Vicki Earl's daughter*)
Imogene Orpurt
Judy Mark
Jason Pingel
Dennis Comfort
Barb Magrane
Bob Burton
Mary Varner
David Litchfield
Nancy Boose
Jason & Bonnie Garwood
Jaime Aravena (*Rose's husband*)
Katrina (*Faith Ernst's daughter*)
Mindy Corak
Melva Kohler (*Mike's Mom*)
Carole Fowler
Bonnie (*From Morris Chapel*)
Doug Nie
Cain
Starla Miller
Wayne Stiles (*Watts' friend*)
Jeannine Severeid

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER LIST

(Continued)

Prayers for Our Shut-ins: Evelyn Andrews, Mona Bays, Bob Burton, Dick Noble, Lynn Schweinzger, Mary Varner and Megan Vite.

Prayers for Sally Overmeyer and the friends and family of Tom Overmyer who passed away last week.

Prayers for the family and friends of Sam Hebner, Harry Rough's brother-in-law, who passed away last week.

Other Prayer Requests: Elton Orpurt and missionaries will be able to visit the prison every 5th Sunday; Our Nation; Youth across our nation; those being discriminated against around the world; Peace throughout our world; Prayers for Jeannine and prayers for her sister, Kay for health concerns; Continued prayers for the Ukrainian people and peace for the region; Please pray for the victims of violence and crime in around our nation and our area; Prayers for people who don't know Jesus and God's salvation; Starla's nephew, Sean is having seizures again; Emma's fiancé, Larry needs prayers for healing; Jennifer Watts is experiencing a lot of pain; Deb Litchfield's Uncle Clinton is in hospice care and needs prayers; Prayers for the victims of Hurricane Ian; Jack Scott needs prayers for healing; Gary (Atwater's son) had a back injury and paralysis and also has Covid; Prayers for Barb Magrane who had knee replacement surgery; Prayers for our churches across our nation which are experiencing declining attendance; Kat, Randy's neighbor is in hospice care; Vicki's sister's oldest grandson is getting married; Jennifer needs a different car; Nie's son-in-law, Pat is doing great after having multiple broken bones in his neck; Nancy Nimtze needs healing prayers after her eye procedure and Earl Nimtze needs prayers after a bad fall at home that is affecting his arm; Norma Hall called and said her husband, Charles is in the hospital with infections and is not doing well.





First Sunday – The Wonder of the Season

Choral Opening

Responsive Litany

One: Advent is a time to remember the wonders of our faith.

All: God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

One: Advent is a time to be amazed at God's wondrous love.

All: God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

One: Advent is a time to retrace our past, and reclaim the hope of our future.

All: God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

One: Advent is a time to be awed by God's unfolding plan for creation.

All: God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

Candle Lighting

Choral Response

Closing Prayer: **God in heaven, as we begin this season of Advent, re-ignite our sense of wonder. Help us move beyond what is familiar to your indescribable glory. Allow us to be still, in the midst of what our minds cannot fully grasp, and what our lips cannot fully explain. Fill our hearts this Advent with restored amazement for what you have done, the love you have shown, and the gift you have given, in Christ's name. 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 a few people who came in over the course of 3 days. Thank you so much!

Cookie Walk Update: There are still opportunities to come and help at the church. Monday, November 28 from 9 am to 2 pm is our last scheduled bake day. In looking ahead, we will probably be baking on Tuesday and Wednesday as well, the same hours as Monday. There are some jobs that don't require standing. On Friday, December 2nd you are invited to come and help package orders for pick-up on Saturday. Packing will start at noon and end when the job is complete. As always you are welcome to come when you can and leave when you want to.

Pick-up will be from 10 am to 1pm on Saturday December 3rd. For those who are not able to pick-up your order on Saturday they will be available for pick-up at the church on Sunday, December 4th after church. Cindy Jackson, Cookie Walk Chairperson

Attention Ladies! The United Methodist Women's Circle Christmas Luncheon is Wednesday, December 7th at Noon at Ho Ping Restaurant in Niles. Please sign up by Thursday, December 1st by calling the church office 683-7250.

Something new for celebrating the birth of Jesus for the ladies of the church: A Christmas Carol Tea! On Sunday, December 11 we will meet in the sanctuary at 2:00 p.m. to sing your favorite Christmas Carols and go to Fellowship Hall for punch, tea and cookies. Please make reservations for you and your friends by November 28th by calling the church.



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.



Your Final Chance to order **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 \$9.50 or an 8-inch red poinsettia with white bow is \$18.00. Orders are due in the church office by Wednesday, November 30th at noon, as orders are due to Martin's by Friday, December 2nd. We will place the poinsettia flowers in the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve Service and the Christmas Day Service.

PLEASE NOTE: Following the Sunday, Christmas Day Service, please take your poinsettia(s) with you.

Name _____

Quantity by Size: 6 inch _____ 8 inch _____

Amount Enclosed _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____



Let's Help Families for Christmas!



Imagine a Christmas tree with no gifts and an empty table for Christmas dinner. We don't want this to happen to local families in need, so we are partnering with the Salvation Army to buy gifts and food gift certificates for needy families. They are not doing an adopt-a-family program this year. Instead, they will have parents come in and "shop" for their children. The tree in the Narthex contains gift tags for items the Salvation Army needs for them to help over 200 families in our area. Please sign up on the sheet indicating which tag(s) you have taken. Please bring the unwrapped item(s) with tag attached to the church by Monday, December 5th. Thank you for your generosity!

Also, we are aware of a family in the community who lost everything in a fire and we are waiting to hear from them on what they need. Information will be coming soon.

We are blessed to be able to serve our Community!