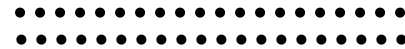


HAVE-O-GRAM



LOVING PRESENCE



Friends,

We are moving toward one of the most beautiful seasons, Christmas, and we call this journey Advent. Advent is an invitation for us to wait for Jesus Christ, who comes into the world as the light shining through the darkness everywhere. However, Advent is more than just a countdown to Christmas; it is a season for discovering our longings and filling our hearts and lives with the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christ—the only One who can truly satisfy those longings.

Here are a few special ways to engage with us during this meaningful season:

- **Advent Worship Services:** Each Sunday, we will light a candle on the Advent wreath, symbolizing the light of Christ breaking through the darkness. Join us as we reflect on the Scriptures and the promises they hold for us.
- **Advent Study:** Every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the church library, we will hold an Advent Study. This year, we are studying *On the Way to Bethlehem* by Rob Fuquay. This book takes us to four different geographical locations connected to the birth of Jesus. Through this study, we will have the opportunity to expand our perspective and experience Advent in a new and meaningful way.
- **Community Outreach Opportunities:** As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, let us also extend our hands to serve others. Participate in outreach ministries such as the Christmas Supper, the Head Start Program, and Breakfast Church at Mahoney Manor to share the love of Christ with those in need.
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:** Mark your calendar for this beautiful tradition, where we celebrate the birth of Jesus with carols, prayer, and the warm glow of candlelight.

Advent reminds us that even in seasons of waiting, God is at work. Just as the prophets foretold the coming of the Messiah, we can trust that God’s promises remain steadfast. Let us prepare our hearts to receive the Christ child, embracing the hope, peace, joy, and love that His birth brings.

May this season of Advent be a time of spiritual renewal for you and your family. Together, let us celebrate the gift of Emmanuel—God with us.

Blessings,
Kyu





FINANCIAL UPDATE

PATRICIA HUGHES - TREASURER

Financial Update thru October 2024:

Giving: \$105,270.07
Savings: \$32,742.38
Total: \$138,012.45
Expenses: \$138,838.48
Difference: (826.03) Shortage



Note, all bills were paid for October, with a couple being mailed in November. We are very close on having enough money to make month end payroll at the end of November. I am currently \$1,200.00 short, so we need to bring that in next Sunday.

We have paid nothing towards our Mission Shares, which I know is something that the Conference will be concerned about.

I do want to thank people who have been stepping up and giving more money, it is much appreciated.

Blessings,
Pati Hughes



We donated 35 shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child this season.

Thank you to everyone who helped with this great cause!

Our Children's Sunday School class will be selling Baker's Chocolate through December 22nd (or until they are sold out). These make great gifts and 100% of the profit will go directly to the church. The table will be in the narthex before and after church starting Thanksgiving weekend!

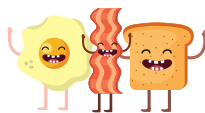


Winter is approaching, so once again we will collect children's stocking hats, mittens or gloves, and socks for the Head Start program. Please be on the lookout for the Christmas tree in the narthex to put your items on!

Please note that Sunday, December 1st is the last day for donations!



Our next Mahoney Manor Breakfast Ministry will be:
• Wednesday, December 18th from 8:30 - 9:30 am
Mahoney Manor Dining Room. Everyone is welcome!



Sunday, December 1st is the first Sunday of Advent. If you are interested in reading the Advent worship liturgies and lighting the Advent candles, please contact LuAnn Damewood or the church office.



WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US!

What: Advent Study

Who: Everyone is welcome - please join us and bring a friend!

When: Every Tuesday in Advent at 7:00 pm

• starting Tuesday, November 26th and ending Tuesday, December 17th.

Where: In the HUMC library

Additional Details:

This year, the book we will be studying is "On The Way to Bethlehem" by Rob Fuquay. Each participant will want to purchase this book on their own, and read chapter one prior to the first study. During the study, participants should plan to read one chapter a week, and come to class prepared to discuss that chapter.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the welcome center if you plan to attend.



Christmas Day Dinner:
Monday, December 25th from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

Turkey, potatoes & gravy, cranberry sauce, dressing, vegetable, and pumpkin pie!
This will be a grab-and-go meal.



Please join us for coffee and refreshments every Sunday:
• In the Friendship Parlor at 9:00 am
• In the narthex immediately following our morning worship service



If you are interested in buying SCRIP cards contact Pati Hughes at 402-440-7512 for delivery or pick-up options. You can also purchase the SCRIP cards on Sunday morning in the East hall. Our church receives a percentage of all sales!



The 2025 Flower Calendar will soon be placed by the church office. If you would like to furnish flowers for the worship services you may sign up on Sunday mornings or call the church office, 402-466-6736.

PLEASE KEEP US UPDATED!

Please let the church office know if there has been a birth, baptism, marriage, illness, or death in your family that you would like to share. Let us know if someone is hospitalized or needs our prayers. If you would like immediate prayers for the individual call, the church office (402-466-6736) or Laura Pape (402-466-6338) and we will initiate the Prayer Chain.

“Thank you for your wonderful breakfasts!”
~ From your friends at Mahoney Manor



We will begin our Advent offering on Sunday, December 1st. Please look for the special Advent offering envelope in your bulletin. This year, all Advent offering funds collected at HUMC will go to Connection Point to assist in funding their open shelf food and hygiene pantry, mercy and justice efforts, and other vital outreach and community service missions.



Our children’s Sunday school class will be presenting their Christmas program during our morning worship service on Sunday, December 22nd. Please come support our children!



Christmas is coming, and our church cookbooks would make great gifts! Please see Sandy Carlson or Nancy King-Gardner if you have any questions. All proceeds will go to the church general budget. Pricing: 1 cookbook = \$10 --- 2 or more cookbooks = \$9 each!




Foodnet will distribute at HUMC on Tuesday December 24th at 1:00 pm. Please note the time change due to Christmas Eve. Thank you!



We will have our December Young Adults Gathering on Sunday, December 8th at 12:00 pm in the friendship parlor. Please bring a potluck dish to share and join us for food and fellowship. All are welcome!

December



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday						
9:00 am Fellowship Coffee 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:45 am Morning Worship 10:45 am Children’s Sunday school 11:45 am Narthex Fellowship 12:00 pm Trustees Meeting 12:00 pm Choir/Ignite Rehearsal	1	AA 7:00 pm	2	FoodNet 4:30 pm Advent Study 7:00 pm	3	Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	4	5	AA 7:00 pm	6	AA Event - Fellowship Hall, Friendship Parlor, Kitchen 10 am - 10 pm	7
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Holiday Open Houses - Everyone is welcome!

Lamb Family - Sunday, December 15th 4pm - 7pm.
This will be held at Dylan’s store: Willow + Sage ~
1265 S Cotner Blvd. Suite 14.
Carlson Family - Sunday, December 15th 4pm - 8pm.
4841 Sherwood Drive



The church office will be closed
December 23rd - January 1st,
and will re-open January 2nd.
Emails and voicemail will be monitored
periodically during this time.