

**Events this Week:**

**Sunday, December 10, 2023**

9:00am Choir Practice  
9:30am Crusaders  
9:30am Searchers  
10:30am Worship  
Children's Christmas Program  
Lunch & Caroling to Follow

**Monday, December 11, 2023**

5:30pm Council Meeting

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023**

5:30pm Advent Bible Study

**Wednesday, December 13, 2023**

5:00pm Sitting with Jesus  
5:30pm Choir Practice  
6:00pm Table Talk  
(Last Table Talk until  
Wednesday January 10, 2024)

**Saturday December 16, 2023**

9:00am Ladies Coffee at Jitters

**Sunday, December 17, 2023**

9:30am Crusaders  
9:30am Searchers  
10:30am Worship  
Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Walmart  
5:30pm Advent Bible Study

**Wednesday, December 20, 2023**

5:30pm Advent Bible Study

**Sunday, December 24, 2023**

10:30am Worship Service  
5:30pm Christmas Eve Service



10~Alison Waterman  
10~Addie Townsdin  
11~Brian Ruud  
13~Marvin Petersen  
13~Kaelyn Ade  
14~Tyler Kocher  
14~Teresa Benson



*Prayer Requests*

AMANDA WATERMAN  
LAURA CHRISTENSEN  
TRISH & DAN WATERMAN  
HARLEY & DARLA ADAMS  
BETH WHISLER



*Advent* BIBLE STUDY

5:30PM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023  
5:30PM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023  
5:30PM WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE  
CHURCH OFFICE AT 785-243-4560



All We need is:  
A Cup of  
A Few  
And a  
Full of Jesus!

LADIES COFFEE  
JITTERS  
9:00AM.  
DECEMBER 16, 2023  
ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH  
ARE WELCOME!



December 3, 2023



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Office Hours:  
Monday — Thursday  
9:00-4:00pm  
Friday  
Closed

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Do No Harm ~ Do Good ~ Stay in Love With God.  
John Wesley



The Community Gathers

PRELUDE, CHIMES AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cindy Kocher

PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

Angels from the Realms of Glory

#220

OPENING PRAYER

**Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. Amen.**

JOYS, CONCERNS AND GOD SIGHTINGS

PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

ADVENT HYMN

Light the Advent Candle Song (second stanza)

#2090

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Patty, Taryn and Brooklyn Mosher

Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

*“God’s salvation is very close to those who honor him so that his glory can live in our land.” ~ Psalm 85:9*

TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Almighty God, we enter this season from a chaotic world filled with violence, division, and injustice. Isaiah promises comfort – then John the Baptist calling us to construction projects. We are called to prepare the way, to be the designers of peace, the builders of justice, the producers of kindness. As we bring our tithes and offerings, we pray that our giving continues to point to the Christ who comes in love and compassion. May our giving in this season reflect our hope for the promised kin-dom to reign in our world. We pray this in the name of the Messiah, Jesus our Savior. Amen.**



Children’s Christmas Program  
Room at the Inn

HYMN

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (first two stanzas)

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**The Star**

HYMN

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (last two stanzas)

#218

**The Birth**

SONG

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Little’s Bell Choir

**The Baby**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Whisper, Whisper”

FUMC Choir

**The Miracle**

HYMN

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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