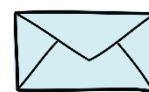


4th Sunday Of Advent

December 22, 2024



2025 Giving Envelopes

Giving envelopes for 2025 will be found in your mail boxes this Sunday, December 22. Please check your mail boxes to retrieve them and any other mail that may be in there.



SHUMY Christmas Party

The SHUMY Christmas Party is tonight from 6-8PM. Please bring a \$10 gift for our game as well as a snack to share with the group! All of our 5-12th grade friends are welcome to join us. We can't wait to celebrate the holidays with you!



Christmas Eve Service

Christmas is right around the corner! Please join us this year at our Christmas Eve service which is being held next Tuesday, December 24th at 5pm. We will only be having one service this year so you won't want to miss it!



Christmas Eve Offering

Every year we take up an offering on Christmas Eve. This collection is one that is above and beyond our typical Sunday morning giving. We use this as an opportunity to bless those around us, either by donating the money received to an organization of choice or by saving it to bless people throughout the year. This year we are designating our Christmas Eve tithe as a gift to the Life and Hope School for the Deaf in Hato Mayor, Dominican Republic. As you join us for Christmas Eve we would just like to thank you for joining us in making an impact in the world through the gift you are about to give. Toda la gloria a dios! All Glory to God!



End Of Year Donations

As the end of the year draws near, please keep in mind that in order for your donations to be credited for 2024 they will need to be received by December 30th. If you are feeling the desire to support our ministry financially there are three ways you can do this: via our app, via our website and via checks/cash in the mail/offering.



Because of Bethlehem – Elna Morton

Elna's Tuesday morning Bible Study meets every week at 9:30-10am for prayer followed by their Bible study at 10-11:30am. Due to the next two Tuesdays being Christmas Eve and New Years Eve, Elna's group will not be meeting again until January 7th. Please have safe and happy Christmas and New Years in the meantime!



The Message of Jesus

Beginning Tuesday, January 7, Christa Craven will be leading a Book Study. Every Tuesday this group will meet at 6:00PM in the multipurpose room where they will be studying the book "The Message of Jesus" by Adam Hamilton. If you are interested in participating in this study please sign up in the Narthex. Any and all questions can be directed to Christa Craven.

Opening Worship Song.....*"O Come Be Born Again"*

Welcome & Invocation.....*Jim Loeffler*

Prelude.....*"Our Father's Love"*.....*Jerri Blair*

First Reading (Luke 1:39-45).....*Diane Senger*

Praise & Worship.....*"Midnight Clear Love Song"*
"Come Emmanuel"

Advent Reading.....*Harper Family*

Prayer.....*Sue Fuller*

Kids Talk.....*Elna Morton*

Hymn.....*"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"*

Offertory/Offering.....*"Once In Royal David City".....Linda Morey*

Doxology/Blessing of Gifts

New Testament Reading (Luke 1:46b-55)

Message WHAT JOY IS SHARED!

Communion.....*"What Feast of Love"*

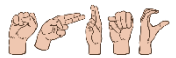
Responding to God's Love.....*"Your Name Christmas"*

Benediction/Blessing

Exit Song.....*"Emmanuel Praise is Rising"*

Please sign the attendance pad and pass it along!

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South Harborcreek UMC is a space that welcomes everyone and we are happy to announce that this even includes our Hard-of-Hearing and Deaf brothers and sisters. Sign language interpretation is available upon request. Please make your request known by the Thursday prior to service.

PARSONAGE
RENOVATION
PROJECT



Parsonage Project Renovation

Our Parsonage Renovation team is in need of some help right now! Things are moving along beautifully next door, but they are going to be doing insulation work and could use some extra hands. If you are capable of helping, please contact Ron and Linda Miller to find a time. Remember, many hands make light work (Nehemiah 3).

Winter Schedules

If you have a student who is participating in a winter sport, please send their schedule to Pastor Tim or our church office. We will add their event schedule to our calendar so we can support them as a church.



New Trustees Needed

Our Trustees are looking to add 1, possibly 2, new trustees. This is a 3-year long commitment. Please prayerfully consider joining the team. If you think you may be interested, please contact Dane Charlton, Pastor Tim Hoover or our church office. Thank you.

Trustee
MINISTRY

Thrivent Insurance

Do you have Thrivent Life Insurance? If so, you could be using Thrivent Action Teams to support our church's ministries. Please see Judy Faulhaber about how it works.

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Our Neighbor's Place

Our Neighbor's Place is working hard to keep it's shelters and clients safe and warm. Right now, they are in need of the following items: coffee (regular & decaf), hot chocolate mix, individually wrapped candies to welcome guests, laundry detergent pods to wash towels and guest's soiled clothes, adult men's and women's coats/gloves/sweatpants/sweatshirts/hoodies/boots. Help end homelessness this winter. Please see Sandy Shaffer or contact EUMA for more info.

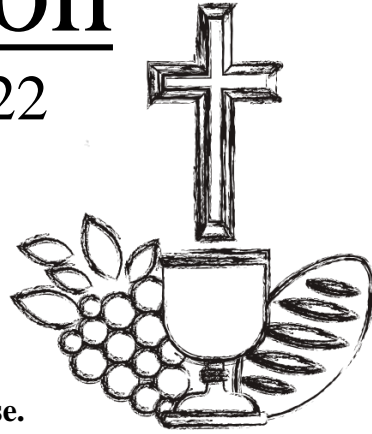
Sacraments & Spiritual Practices

All are welcome to participate in an upcoming retreat at Jumonville from March 21-23. The Sacraments and Spiritual Practices Retreat counts as an advanced course for Lay Servant Ministries. Rates vary based on occupancy of your room, so please consider coordinating roommates before registering. You can register at <https://wpa-reg.brtapp.com/2025retreat>.



Communion

Sunday, December 22



The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when Justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to be. A light to the nations.

You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts and have mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation. You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree. You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty away. Your own Son came among us as a servant, to be Emmanuel, your presence with us.

He humbled himself in obedience to your will and freely accepted death on a cross.

By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciple, and said "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciple, and said; "Drink from this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ' offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, and with each other and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in our holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father now and forever.

Amen.

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