

2nd Sunday Of Advent

December 8, 2024



Mysteries Of The Wise Men

Our Sunday School Class is going to be continuing their advent season series today. Their reading is from Matthew 2:1-12.



Christmas Caring Tree

As you entered into church you may have seen our Caring Tree in the narthex. It is decorated with tags that have the names of Food Pantry clients. Please take a tag, purchase a gift, wrap it, attach the tag from the tree and return it to church on or before Dec. 15. We would love for you to join us in making an impact in someone's life this Christmas season.



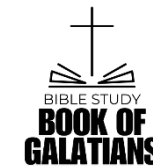
Christmas Eve Choir Needed!

We are beginning to gather our SATB Choir to get ready for our Christmas Eve Service. If you are interested in joining voices with others in our congregation to sing praises unto the King this Christmas season, please join us for practices after church. Any questions about the SATB Christmas Eve Choir can be directed to our Music Director, Linda Morey.



Because of Bethlehem – Elna Morton

Elna's Tuesday morning Bible Study meets at 9:30-10am for prayer followed by the study, 10-11:30am. December 3, 10, 17 and January 7 they will be reading "Because of Bethlehem" by Max Lucado. Everyone is welcome. Let Elna Morton know you want to join so she can have the materials for you.



Galatians Bible Study

Starting on December 10, we will be adding another Bible Study to our rotation. Every Tuesday at 6PM Christa Craven will be leading a study of the book of Galatians. If you are interested in attending, please sign up in the narthex. If you have questions, please contact Christa Craven for more details.



Advent Bible Study – Diane Senger

We have an Advent Bible Study led by Diane Senger available. For 4-weeks (11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18) we will gather from 6:30-7:45PM in the multipurpose room to read "Because of Bethlehem" by Max Lucado. See Diane Senger with any questions!



NO DONUT SUNDAY

We will not be getting our donut fix in the month of December. But no need to worry! We're having cake instead! Next Sunday, December 15, following the service and Christmas Pageant, we will gather in the fellowship hall to celebrate Jesus' birthday.



W.O.W Christmas Cookie Exchange

This upcoming Saturday, December 14th, our W.o.W will gather for their super yummy Christmas fellowship time! From 11am-1pm they will have lunch and participate in their annual Christmas Cookie Exchange in the multipurpose room. All women of the church are welcome. Just sign up to bring 4 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookie, home bake them, and come ready to swap!

Opening Worship Song

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

Prelude.....*"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus".....Linda Morey*

Old Testament Reading (Luke 1:68-79).....*Lily Troup*

Praise & Worship

Advent Reading

Special Music...*"In The Bleak Midwinter"....Sue Fuller & Linda Morey*

Prayer.....*Sue Fuller*

Kids' Talk.....*Gary Faulhaber*

Hymn

Offertory/Offering.....*"Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming"....Linda Morey*

Doxology/Blessing of Gifts

New Testament Reading (Luke 3:1-6)

Message **LISTEN**

Responding to God's Love

Benediction/Blessing

Exit Song

Please sign the attendance pad and pass it along!



Parsonage Project HELP

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).



In Search Of A New Trustee

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.

ASL INTERPRETATION AVAILABLE AT



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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.



Winter Schedules

If you have a student who is participating in a winter sport or activity, 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.

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.



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.



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Congregation: In a world driven by a passion to maintain the status quo, we choose to live with a passion for God's peace, to listen to those who call us to righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God's grace, that we might be refined and purified until we reflect God's love throughout the earth.

Reader Two: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to passionately pursue the work of making peace in our hearts, our families, our communities, and throughout the earth until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

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