

# 3rd Sunday Of Advent

December 15, 2024



## Stellar Christmas

We have a special treat during our Sunday Service this week! Our children's ministry is going to be presenting their annual Christmas Pageant, "A Stellar Christmas". Please join us for this seasonal source of joy! There will be crowd participation and sing along. We look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with you!



## Happy Birthday, Baby Jesus!

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after service this Sunday for a birthday celebration for baby Jesus! Immediately following the Christmas Pageant service, we will gather for cake and a time of fellowship. All are welcome and encouraged to stay.



## Christmas Caring Tree

Our Caring Tree tags with the names of Food Pantry clients are due today. Please make sure that if you took a tag that you have purchased & wrapped a gift, attached the tag from the tree and are returning it today. Thank you, for partnering with us, in making a difference in someone else's Christmas season.



## Christmas Eve Choir Needed!

If you are interested in joining voices with others in our congregation to sing praises unto the King this Christmas season, please stay after church this Sunday for the second practice. **Our Christmas Eve service will be December 24 at 5PM.** If you have any further questions about the SATB Christmas Eve Choir please direct them to our Music Director, Linda Morey.



## SHUMY Christmas Caroling

Our Jr. and Sr. High SHUMY students will be gathering today to go Christmas Caroling from 1:30-4:30PM. All 5th-12th grade students are welcome to join us. Please direct all questions to our Youth Director, Sue Fuller.



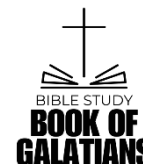
## End Of Year Donations

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 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

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.

Opening Worship Song....."Joy, Unspeakable Joy"

Welcome & Invocation.....Jim Loeffler

Prelude....."How Great Our Joy".....Linda Morey

Advent Reading.....Nuhfer Family

Prayer.....Sue Fuller

Offertory/Offering....."Manger Lullabies".....Linda Morey

Doxology/Blessing of Gifts

Children's Program A Stellar Christmas

Children's Program Songs....."We Are"  
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"  
"Jesus Loves Me"  
"Joy To The World"  
"Go Tell It On The Mountain"

Responding to God's Love....."Away In The Manger"

Benediction/Blessing

Exit Song....."Light Of The Stable"

**Please sign the attendance pad and pass it along!**



### 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!

### 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.

### ASL Interpretation Available!

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.

### 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.

### 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>.



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