

Our Mission

We are an open and welcoming community that God calls, and the Holy Spirit empowers us to:

- *Share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all ages*
- *Explore and express a growing faith*
- *Equip believers for ministries which expand the kingdom of God*



“A Direct Line” Luke 3:1-6

Advent 2C, December 8th, 2024

What is the message about? . . .

You might have heard of the "Red Telephone". A secure and direct communication link between Washington and Moscow. It was instituted to avoid miscommunication between countries that have the nuclear capability of mutual destruction. The hot line was established in 1963. There were never any red telephones used. The initial form was teletype, then it went to fax machines and is now an encrypted and secure e-mail connection. Because communication between the two is so critical, there is tremendous care taken to make sure that this line is clear and there are no obstructions.

When it comes to our connection to the eternal power of creation in the universe, it is important for there to be a straight, unobstructed, and smooth path. When it came time for Jesus to begin his earthly ministry, there was someone to "prepare the way". Advent is a time for us to make room, to be ready and able for the connection to God that the coming of Jesus provides for humanity. Let's learn more about the direct line to God. See you Sunday!

DECEMBER BOOK REVIEW



When Sylvia Bergstrom Compson, the Master Quilter and owner of the Elm Creek Manor, rummages through the Christmas decorations in the attic, she discovers an unfinished Christmas quilt in a trunk in The Christmas Quilt by Jennifer Chiaverini. Sylvia reveals that the handiwork dates back several generations — her aunt, her mother, her sister, and herself. As each successive generation of Bergstrom's lived through the antebellum era, the Great Depression, and World War II, Sylvia examines the array of quilt blocks that each family member contributed but never completed, memories of Christmases past emerge.

**JOIN OUR FLOAT AT THE
HOLIDAY
PARADE
DECEMBER 6TH**

**5:30 LINE-UP AT THE UCM
MULTIPURPOSE PARKING LOT
YOU CAN WALK OR RIDE
PARADE STARTS AT 6 PM**

ADVENT MOMENT

Advent is a time for unity.

In our Wednesday discussion group, we have been reading from the study book Incarnation - Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas by Adam Hamilton, pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. He wrote this book just after the 2020 presidential election and what he wrote then is even more applicable after the 2024 presidential election. In chapter one, he states that Advent should be a season of unity for Christians. To quote Adam Hamilton, 'This season (of Advent) puts into perspective all our political wrangling; whatever Christians think about of their president, and whoever we voted for in the various elections, we are meant to know that there is only one King. It is to him we give our highest allegiance' (page 17). Advent can bring unity when we all kneel at the throne of our King and recognize that what divides us is miniscule compared to what we share in common. We all serve the same Lord, the same King, and the same Savior. We all belong to the same family. This unity for me reaches a climax when we stand together holding our candles at the Christmas Eve service singing 'Silent Night'. We are first and foremost 'Christians' working together in making disciples as Jesus has commanded us to do.

--Mark Goodwin

Prayer Concerns & Praises

Prayers for John Landreneau, friend of the Simons.

Prayers for Lorraine Baldwin.

Prayers for Karen Renfrow's family.

Prayers for Jack Burrows, Bob and Shelly's Grandfather who is now in Comfort Care.

Prayers for Sam Jones.

Prayers for Jim Wilson, Debbie Whitmore's Father.

Prayers for Ashton Dennis.

Prayers for Chris Howard.

Prayers for Jody Miller.

Prayers for Larry Bryan, friend of Anita Grigsby.

Prayers for Ann Patterson Scott.

Prayers for Chuck Eaton, son-in-law of the Elliott's.

Prayers for Kathy's nephew, Eric Mueller.

Prayers for our members who are homebound, in an assisted living community and nursing homes.

December Birthdays

- 1 - Evan Stuck
- 5 - Nancy Miller
- 5 - Patricia Cook
- 6 - Lynn Hicklin
- 7 - Tina Venable
- 7 - Anita Gosney
- 9 - Larry Elliott
- 16 - Vicki Goodwin
- 17 - Ryan Wiss
- 18 - Elmer Schumann
- 21 - Lyman Hannah
- 21 - Patricia Smith
- 24 - Benjamin Huff
- 28 - Adam Lang
- 29 - Hayden Cox
- 30 - Kristal Shaumeyer

December Anniversaries

- 7 - Nancy & Chuck Eaton
- 12 - Mark Goodwin & Kathy Ramser
- 16 - Lee & Tammie Crabtree
- 16 - Travis & Karla Seigfreid
- 22 - Noel & Shirley Dougherty
- 28 - Taylor & Elizabeth Bell



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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00-2:00

Sunday Worship Services:

Sunday, November 24th = 113

Sunday, December 1st = 99

Elders for 12/8:

Traditional Service, Hoover

Celebration Service, Rogers

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday December 4

11:00 to 12:00 – Grab ‘N Go
5:30 – Fellowship Meal
6:15 – Study Groups & Youth Group

Thursday December 5

11:00 – Devotion, Warrensburg Manor
6:00 – Women of FCC Christmas Party

Friday December 6

9:00 – Bell Choir Practice
5:30 – Meet at the Multi to join the
Holiday Parade float.

6:00 – Holiday Parade begins

Saturday December 7


7:30 to 10:30 – Community
Breakfast
11:00, 12:00 & 1:00 – Bell Choir in
the Sanctuary, part of the Dickens
Christmas, Wsbg Main Street.

Sunday December 8

9:15 – Sunday School
9:15 – Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
10:15 – Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
10:45 – Celebration Service in the CLC



**CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING
SUNDAY DEC 8, 2024**



**10:15am
Sanctuary**

Voting on:

- Board appointees**
- 2025 Budget**



All members are encouraged to attend



Join the Harmonayres Christmas Caroling

Thursday December 19th

Leave from the church @ 5:30pm

**Carol up Gay Street and wind up on
the square for dinner at a local favorite**

