

**WELCOME TO MEMORIAL  
UNITED CHURCH  
December 4th, 2022  
Second Sunday in Advent**

**Upcoming dates**

Dec 4 - Advent 2 - Debbie Aitken  
Dec. 11 - Advent 3 - White Gift and Sunday School Pageant  
Dec. 16 - Seniors' Meal  
Dec. 18 - Advent 4 - Mark Tiller  
Dec. 24 - 6:30 - Christmas Eve Service - Debbie Aitken  
Dec 25 - no service this day  
Jan 1 - New Years Day - Debbie Aitken

\* please stand as able

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting of Advent Candle of Peace - Errol & Marylou

\*Hymn            A Candle is Burning (vs 2)                            VU 6

Life & Work of the Community

\*Hymn            Once in Royal David's City                            VU 60

We Gather to Worship

Gathering Prayer

Minute for Mission                    Millie Johnston

\*Hymn            And on this path    MV 8

Hanging the Jesse Tree Angels/A Story for all Ages

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19.                            790VU

Matthew 3: 1-12

Sermon            "Stumps and Shoots"

\*Hymn            There's a Voice in the Wilderness                    VU 18

Offering

Anthem

Offertory Prayer

Prayer of the People & Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn            Hark the Glad Sound                                    VU 29

Commissioning and Benediction

\*Sending Forth            God Will Find A Way

**Next Week's reading are; 3rd of Advent; Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11**

**Please have your information for the Jesse tree in to Jessie Somers by Friday at the latest if you want them read the following Sunday. Email to [c.j.somers@outlook.com](mailto:c.j.somers@outlook.com)**

**Please remember the Breakfast program. They require;**

Juice boxes - Orange or apple  
Granola bars - plain or cinnamon  
Jam  
Cheese Whiz  
Pancake mix

We have chosen Emma's Cupboard as our Christmas Project and we welcome financial gifts to help support their care of children in our schools. As well as monetary gifts to buy food supplies for lunches for children, gifts such as mittens and hats for children in need of them are welcomed.

***Official Board will meet this Wednesday at 6:30PM***

**The Meaning of White Gift Sunday**

Next Sunday, December 11th

The tradition of White Gift Sunday has its roots in a small Methodist church in Ohio in 1904. What began as a humble way to reflect on the love and devotion of the giver and not the value of the gift has grown into today's white gift services in many churches across several denominations.

The story is told that a minister's wife initiated the idea to solve the problem of inequity of gifts given at the Sunday School Christmas party. Instead of focusing on receiving gifts, the focus shifted to

bringing gifts to Jesus that could in turn be shared with people around the world who did not have much. All the gifts would come wrapped in plain white paper, so that no one would know which was an expensive gift and which was a more modest one. No one would feel ashamed of their gift and everyone would share in the joy of giving to others.

Please bring a gift if you are able, wrapped in white paper or a white bag, for a child, youth, man or woman. This is one way we can show God's love and our caring commitment to the people of our community.

Our offering plate is located near the sanctuary doors. Please place your contributions there, since we will not be taking an offering as we have in the past. It's one way to be mindful of the Covid restrictions.

Montague Food Bank Items need on a regular basis: canned meats and fish, soup, cereal, side and main dishes, pasta sauce, canned fruit and vegetables, crackers, condiments, unscented toiletries and pet food, feminine hygiene products, monetary donations to purchase fresh food.

PAR, or Pre-Authorized Remittance, is a direct debit program that allows people to support their church through an automatic monthly withdrawal from their bank account. Contact Maureen MacLeod if you are interested in contributing to our church through our PAR. Sure makes giving easier!

Choir will have its weekly meeting next Thursday, 1:30 p.m. at the church. All are welcome

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