



Wintersville United Methodist Church

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November 28, 2021 ~ 11:00 am

First Sunday of Advent Worship Celebration *Advent Theme: "The Cradle, Cross, and Crown"*

Our Mission: Connect with God, Grow in Faith, Serve in Love

FOCUS SCRIPTURE *"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. . . .⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."* *Isaiah 9:2,6*

PRELUDE *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* L. Smith
Lighting of the Altar Candles

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP HYMN *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*
(v. 1,2,5,6,7)

LIGHTING THE HOPE CANDLE Rhonda & Jim Kukor

SCRIPTURE READING *Isaiah 9:1-2,6-7*

UNISON PRAYER *"Advent"* No. 201

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

***ADVENT HYMN OF HOPE** *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*
No. 218

PRAISING GOD WITH OUR STEWARDSHIP

Offertory *"Advent Noel"*

M. Ryan

*Doxology

No. 95

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYER CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* No. 196

SERMON

"The Prophecies of Christ's Coming"

Isaiah 9:1-2,6-7, Luke 1:26-38, Matthew 1:18-25

***HYMN OF TESTIMONY** *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* No. 230

***BENEDICTION**

Luke 1:45-47

***JOINING OF HEARTS**

May God's blessing surround you all day into the night,
As you trust Him and walk in His heavenly light.

May His presence within guard and keep you from sin.

Go in peace, go in joy, go in love. Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

***POSTLUDE** *Postlude on "Italian Hymn"* E. Broughton

(*indicates congregation should stand, if you are able)

We are so glad that we are able to worship together this morning. We welcome our visitors and invite them to stop at our information table at the back of the sanctuary. We pray that your time with us has been inspirational and meaningful. Please join with us again. Also, feel free to call our church office at 740-264-1676 with your questions or needs.

FOCUS SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 9:1-2,6-7 ~ "Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past He humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future He will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. . . .⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the greatness of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this."

Luke 1:26-38 ~ "In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call Him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, ³³ and He will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; His kingdom will never end." ³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail." ³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her."

Isaiah 7:14 ~ "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call Him Immanuel."

Micah 5:2 ~ "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

Zechariah 9:9 ~ "Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

Luke 1:68-70 ~ "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has come to His people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹ He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David ⁷⁰ (as He said through His holy prophets of long ago)."

Matthew 1:18-25 ~ "This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave Him the name Jesus."

John 1:9-12 ~ "The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. ¹¹ He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God."

John 20:29-31 ~ "Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name."

Wintersville Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting



The Wintersville Christmas parade is today. Please join with us in walking the parade route and/or celebrating at the Center for Hope afterwards. The parade will start at Ferguson's House of Furniture at 4:00pm. Our church will be holding a Tree Lighting Ceremony after the parade. When the parade is finished, please join us in the Center for Hope for cookies and hot chocolate, crafts for the kids, singing Christmas Carols, and lighting of our trees. The big tree outside will be dedicated to Bob Mackey as it was purchased in his memory. Let's begin our celebration of the Christmas season by putting out "Light of Hope" for all to see.

Kathy Troccoli Concert Wed, Dec. 8

Please plan now to join us and invite others for a wonderful Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 8. We are so blessed to host a nationally-known and very gifted Christian musician, Kathy Troccoli to share her "Go Light Your World" Christmas Concert with us here in Wintersville. Tickets are free, but necessary for admission. Please see Ryan, Tif or stop in the church office for tickets and information.



Wintersville Good Neighbors

The Mitten Trees for Good Neighbors will be in the back of the Sanctuary and the Center for Hope. We are collecting scarves, hats, mittens and gloves to give out with our toy distribution. We begin our toy wrapping today with the youth. We will be doing this upstairs in the Youth Room. If you have toy donations you can take them there or put them at the bottom of the stairs in the stairwell by the Vineyard Room.



We also appreciate donations of wrapping paper and tape for this project. Thank you as always for your continued generosity!
Kitty Ferguson, Toy Coordinator

Men's Group

The Men's Group will be meeting again this Saturday, December 4 at Zalenski's for breakfast at 9:00am. All men are welcome to join us for this time of fellowship and planning for future outreach and events.



Children's Christmas Program

The Children's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 12 from 6-7pm in the Center for Hope. All children are welcome to participate. Please contact Jessica Ward 931-217-7766 for more information.



28 ~ Linda Holub 29 ~ Roseann Price 1 ~ Charlotte Jones
1 ~ Heather Parker 2 ~ Jim Slater 3 ~ Kathie Burns
3 ~ Barbara Strachan 4 ~ Russ Grimm 4 ~ Madeline Sperry

CARD MINISTRY: We are renewing our Card Ministry. Please take a moment to sign the cards in the back of the Sanctuary and or on the table by the kitchen in the Center for Hope. Thank you.

Today's cards: **Madeline Sperry (B-day), Randy Jones, Carol Stewart**

Operation Christmas Child Thanks

Thank you to all those who supported our Operation Christmas Child shoebox outreach, and a special "Thank You" to our leaders and all those who directly helped. We collected 144 boxes from WUMC, and as a drop-off location we collected a total of 426 boxes. Many children around the world will have a much brighter Christmas because of Operation Christmas Child! Again, thank you to all.

Fit Faithful Followers Exercise Class

The Fit Faithful Followers Exercise Class will be taking a break. We will start back up again in January.

Financial Support of WUMC Ministry & Mission

We are appreciative of ALL giving (time, talents, treasures) to and through our church, which enables us to fulfill God's calling and mission as a congregation. Thank you for generously supporting the Lord's work in these ways!

Financial Giving 2021

	Received 11/21	Needed Weekly	Yr to Date Total (47 wks)	Yr to Date Difference
Unified Budget	6,383.00	7,900.00	358,055.33	(+2,664.18)
Center for Hope (need for loan interest only)	2,193.00	1,850.00	92,017.00	(+10,008.00)

Please visit our Church's Website for more information!

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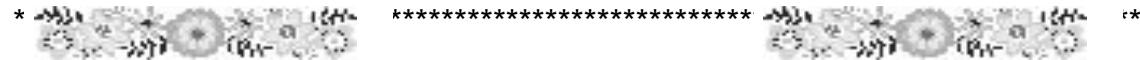
Also, please **visit**, "**share**", and "**like**" our church **Facebook page** (Wintersville United Methodist) as often as possible. Thank you!



Beautiful poinsettias will once again grace our Sanctuary and the Center for Hope from Sunday, December 19 through Christmas Eve. However, our process will be a little different this year. At the Bottom of this form please indicate if you want your poinsettia(s) placed in the Center for Hope or the Sanctuary. Center for Hope poinsettias can be taken with you following the 6:00pm Christmas Eve service, and Sanctuary poinsettias can be taken with you following the 11:00pm Christmas Eve service. All poinsettias are red and cost \$10.00 each. No poinsettias will be delivered to nursing homes this year.

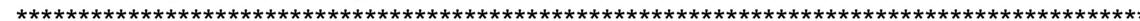
Please complete the form below and return it to the church office or put in the designated container in the Sanctuary or Center for Hope. Please make check payable to: Wintersville UMC.

The deadline for orders is TODAY
(the deadline is coming from the supplier)



Altar Flowers

In Memory of Bobby & Harry Watson
given by Jim & Rhonda Kukor



Join us for Refreshments & Sunday School

Children's & Youth Sunday School - 10:00am
All Kids Kindergarten – 12th Grade Welcome!

Adult Sunday School – 10:00am
See BELOW for topics and location.
All adults are welcome to join us!



**** Sunday School for All ages ~ NEW adult classes and topics**

"The Truth Project" Focus on the Family video series, Re-boot. Meet in the Vineyard Room -NEW!

"Unshakable Hope" by Max Lucado meets in the Fidelis Room, facilitated by Carol Mackey - NEW!

Youth (grades 7-12) Sunday School class, meets in Tif's office - NEW!

Parenting Class – Tif has started a new class about Biblical principles on raising children. Anyone is welcome that has insight on being a godly parent - meets in the Youth Room – New!

Nov. 28 – Dec. 5 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Day	Event	Time	Room
28	Sun	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
		Lighthouse Praise Service	9:00 am	Center For Hope
		Refreshments	10:00-11:00am	
		Sunday School	10:00 am	assigned rooms
		Wintersville Good Neighbors Set-up	10:00am	CFH Folyer
		Traditional Worship Service	11:00 am	SA
		Wintersville Christmas Parade	4:00pm	
		Community Tree Lighting	after parade	CFH
29	Mon	Cub Scouts	6:00-8:00pm	FH/108
		Pickleball	6:30pm	CFH-Gym
		SPRC Committee Meeting	6:30pm	FI/204
30	Tues	Praise Band Practice	6:00-8:00pm	CFH
		Friends	7:00pm	VI/100
1		Purpose Driven Knitting Class	1:00-3:00pm	FI/204
		FaithBuilders		
		Worship	6:00-6:30pm	CFH
		Kingdom Kids	6:00-7:45pm	CSSR/Gym
		Youth Group	6:00-7:45pm	CFH/YR-Gym
		Adult Bible Studies	6:45-7:45pm	FI/204
2	Thurs	Pickleball	6:30pm	CFH Gymn

		Ad Council Prayer Time	6:30pm	SA
		Ad Council Committee Meeting	7:00pm	SA
4	Sat	Men's Breakfast Group	9:00am	Zalenski's
		AA 12 Step Meeting	10:00-11:15am	FH/108
5	Sun	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
		Lighthouse Praise Service	9:00 am	Center For Hope
		Refreshments	10:00-11:00am	
		Sunday School	10:00 am	assigned rooms
		Modern Eve Soup & Cookie Sale		
		Traditional Worship Service	11:00 am	SA
		Co-Ed Volleyball	3:00-5:00pm	CFH Gym

Next Sunday Worship

Advent theme 2021 ~ "The Cradle, Cross, and Crown"

Sunday, Dec. 5 ~ Second Sunday of Advent. Celebration of Holy Communion.

Worship theme: "The Cradle of His Humility," Luke 2:1-12, Philippians 2:3-8.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Praise Service (Center for Hope) 9:00am Sunday School for all ages 10:00am

Traditional Service 11:00am Wednesday Worship 6:00-6:30pm

Live Stream Worship

Our 9:00am Prasiie Service is now livestreaming on YouTube on Sunday mornings, and also available on a link through FaceBook after the service concludes.

Online Bible Studies

See our Website: wintersvilleumc.com for details. All are welcome to join!