

## Teaching Notes

Series: Christmas at the Movies

“Helping the Least and Last”

Who is Santa?

- Santa Claus is a contraction of Saint Nicholas.
- Saint Nicholas was the bishop of Myra in 4<sup>th</sup> Century Turkey
- Martin Luther, transformed St. Nicholas' name to Christkindl = “Christ Child”
- In English this name became Kris Kringle.

The Christmas Miracle

God has a way of showing up to the \_\_\_\_\_.

*“But Nathanael said to Philip, ‘Can anything good come from Nazareth?’ } **John 1:46***

*“The angel said to Mary, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will cover you.’” **Luke 1:35***

*“Shepherds were in the fields near Bethlehem. They were taking turns watching their flock during the night. An angel from the Lord suddenly appeared to them.” **Luke 2:8-9***

The least and the last \_\_\_\_\_ most to God.

*“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’” **Matthew 25:37-40***

The miracle of Christmas is what's called the \_\_\_\_\_

*“And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.” **John 1:14***

*“For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.” **Colossians 1:19***

## This Week at CLUMC!

### Sunday, December 2

8:30 a.m. Bell Choir  
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
9:35 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Contemporary  
3:00 p.m. Charge Conference  
6:00 p.m. Emerge Life Group

### Monday, December 3

### Tuesday, December 4

3:00p.m. UMW Exec  
6:30 p.m. Handbell Practice  
6:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice

### Wednesday, December 5

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Prayer Team  
5:00 p.m. Dinner with friends  
5:30 p.m. MS and HS Meal  
6:00 p.m. Children and Youth Ministries  
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

### Thursday, December 6

9:30 a.m. Common Threads  
1:00 p.m. Dangerous Women  
6:00 p.m. HS Youth @ Alex Johnson Starbucks

### Friday, December 7

5:30p.m. CLUMC Staff Christmas party

### Saturday, December 8

5:30 p.m. Informal Traditional Worship (Cantata)

### Sunday, December 9

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Cantata)  
9:35 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Contemporary (Cantata)  
5:00 p.m. Sunday 24 Life Group  
6:00 p.m. Emerge Life Group

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December 2, 2018

8:30 pm

**CANYON LAKE**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Ministry Opportunities & Events

### FIRST TIME HERE?

If this is your first time worshiping with us **WELCOME!** We would love to get to know you. Please share your contact information in the black registration book in your pew. We also invite you to join us in the Coffee Bar outside the sanctuary for refreshments after the service. There is also a free gift for you at the welcome center in the lobby.

### SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS TIME!

Jesus is the Gift! Show the love of Jesus by creating shoeboxes of gifts from your hearts for children or teens served by Tree of Life Ministry on the Rosebud Reservation. Look for the display in the church entry for more information, shopping tips and box tags. **Bring back boxes by December 8-9th.**

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the hallway near the offices. There you will find two clipboards. If you're interested in being on the connection team for the week or running tech you'll find available dates. We'll train you!

### CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Canyon Lake United Methodist Church has spread God's love for many years by providing Christmas Food Baskets to members of this community that are a bit less fortunate. We will continue that practice on Sunday, December 16. For those of you who have helped with that effort in the past, you have witnessed the sense of gratitude from those that we

help. You can help by sponsoring one or more baskets at \$55.00 each, or providing any amount to support this mission. Or you can help pack the boxes at 7:00 AM on Sunday, December 16 and deliver them after they are packed.

### CALLING ALL STRINGS PLAYERS!!!

We would like to invite all youth who play strings to come and share their gift of music. This group will be playing the postlude for the 8:30 AM service and the prelude for the 10:45 AM services on Sunday, December 16. We will rehearse on Wednesday, Dec. 5 and Dec 12 from 4:30-5:15 in the Choir Room. We will be playing from the Christmas Kaleidoscope books, so if you have them please bring them. If not, we will have copies ready. If you cannot attend this rehearsal time, no problem; we will get you the music so you can practice on your own and be ready for our performances. After rehearsal, the kids can head over to eat at the Christian Life Center if they would like.

If you have any questions, call or email Elizabeth Ellender at 209-2423 or [twoidocs@mncomm.com](mailto:twoidocs@mncomm.com).

## Order of Worship 8:30 am Service

PRELUDE "Christmas Joy Fanfare" by Douglas E. Wagner

WELCOME

MISSION MOMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The day is near and so we wait.

**P: We wait in hope for the broken-hearted to be healed.**

L: And the down-trodden to be lifted up.

**P: Come, Jesus, and bring your reign to this earth and our lives.**

OPENING HYMN "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" #196

ADVENT READING

HANDBELL CHOIR "A Spiritual Christmas" By Valerie W. Stephenson

PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHANCEL CHOIR "Prepare the Way" by Lloyd Larson

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:37-40

TEACHING MESSAGE "The Miracle on 34th St: Helping the Least and Last

HOLY COMMUNION/GIVING TO GOD

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #230

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**Welcome to Canyon Lake United Methodist Church!** We're so excited that you are here. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

**Parents, if needed, childcare is located** down the hall for ages 0-5 during all worship services. Go down the hall, past the office and the door is on the right.

**Skylar's Corner** (room to the right before you enter worship) has Children's Activity Bags, is the cry room and also the children's library.

**Hearing devices are available.** Please ask an usher for assistance.

**Facebook?** Please "Like Us" and leave a post on Facebook @Canyon Lake United Methodist Church to invite your friends to check out this awesome church!

## Announcements

### THE ARK

Is open for infants to 5 year old's at every worship service, during Sunday School, and on Wednesday nights. It is located down the Sunday school hallway to the right.

### INTERESTED IN PLAYING STRINGS ON CHRISTMAS EVE?

We're looking for youth and adults who want to play for the Christmas Eve Strings service at 6:00pm. Practice begins shortly on Wednesday's before youth activities. If you're interested in playing please contact Elizabeth Ellander at 341-0049.

### POINSETTIAS

Would you like to help the chancel area of the sanctuary look amazing this Christmas while, at the same time, honoring or remembering a loved one? You can do so by purchasing a poinsettia. Please fill out the insert and put in offering plate. Each poinsettia is \$15. Please make your check out to Canyon Lake UMC. Our worship decor team will be buying them on your behalf.

### PRE-CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

#### **Thursday, Dec. 20 @ 6:30pm—A Cozy Christmas**

Leaving town for Christmas but want to worship at CLUMC? Or maybe you're looking to slow down before the big day? Join us for A Cozy Christmas in the upstairs Senior High room in the CLC. Sit around couches and chairs surrounded my candles and music as we celebrate Christ coming to earth—for all ages!

#### **Friday, Dec. 21 @ 6:30pm—The Longest Night: A Service of Healing**

The Christmas season is marked by expressions of joy, excitement, and happiness. However, this can overshadow the pain and hurt many of us experience during this season. Please join us Friday, Dec. 21 at 6:30, for our "Longest Night" Christmas service. This is a time & space to be real, for those who experience sorrow and grief. We will honor the memory of our loved ones, name those places where we long for God's healing presence and love, and claim the hope and light found in the coming of the Christ child.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

3:00pm with Brass and Live Nativity (Children's Church too!)

4:30pm Contemporary (Children's Church too!)

6:00pm with Youth Strings

7:30pm with Choir and Holy Communion

## Community Life

**Known hospitalization this week:** Lori Joyce and Paul May

**Prayer concerns:** David Underwood, Joe Gortmaker, Caden Oerlline, Lance Fuegen, Dianne Hibbard, Jim & Barb Westcott, Bob Bussman, Grace Moe, and Meta Brady. Lance Fuegen, Phyllis Grote, Becky Holmes Rybak, Pat Parr

**Members in care centers, assisted living centers, or homebound:**

Julie Broer, Meta Brady, Lenore Coble, Mary Cress, Verna Donaldson, Ruby Flaig, Lance Fuegan

So that we may care for your prayer concerns more effectively, we have prayer concern sheets that are in the pews on blue paper. Please use those for your prayer concerns and then place in with the offerings. We will keep individuals on the prayer list for three weeks. Please contact the church office if you would like for someone to be added to the prayer list and we will gladly do so. Those dealing with long term health issues will remain on the list until otherwise noted.

## Meditation

God our caring Father, you who gave your beloved Son to ransom all people, see our human fears and love us anyway. Guide us through this season with quiet, glad anticipation. Help us to pay attention to the poor and needy, and to the lonely among us. Give us a spirit of reflection, patience with each other, and hearts brimming with thanks. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

### ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

*Last Weekend's Attendance was 282 and offering was \$ 12,294.90*

*Last Year's Weekend Attendance was 299.*

### 8:30am Servants

Connection Team: Bert and Lydia Corwin, Norm Wilson, Trish Anderson, Denis Dormann, Bob Drabek

Music: Chris Heacock

Tech Team: Naomi Hatfield

Childcare: Alisa Ennis and Kalli Jones