

Jerseyville UMC Announcements

1. Jerseyville Bible Study via Zoom

Tuesdays at 10 a.m. - December 2, 9, and 16.

2. Church Decorating Sunday

Sunday, December 7 - Stay after worship to help decorate the church for Christmas.

3. Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 24 at 4:30 p.m.

Joint Christmas Eve service with First UMC, Freehold

4. Pastor's Vacation (12/25-12/29)

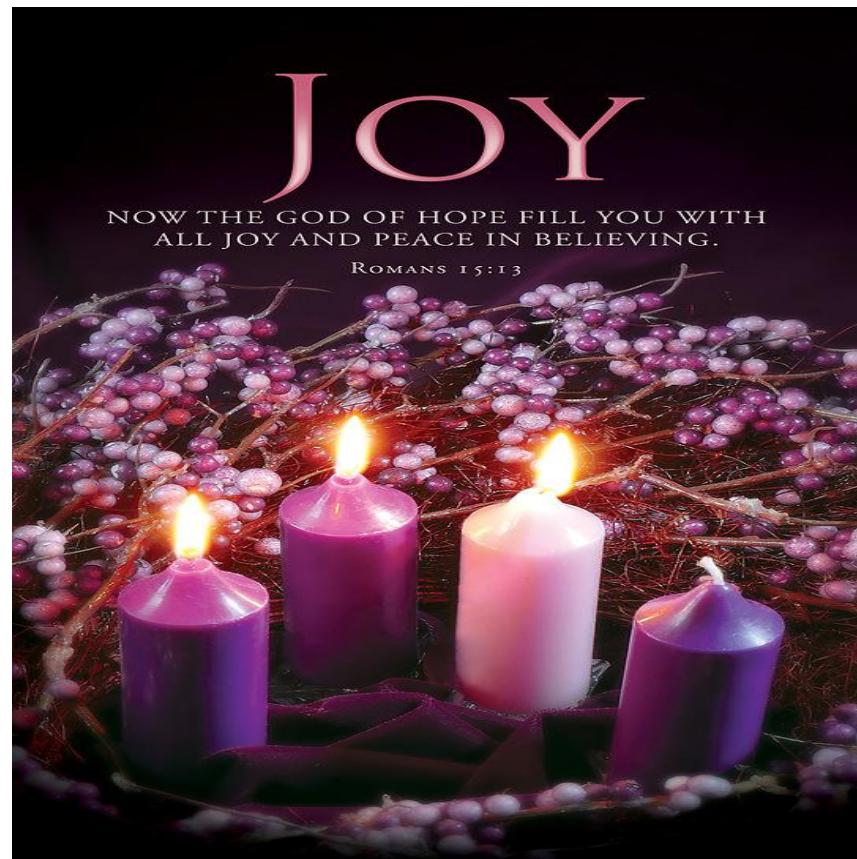
Pastor Yoseb will be on family vacation and away from the office for one week beginning Sunday, December 28. He will return the following week. Thank you for your understanding and prayers during this time.

Worship on Zoom - Use your Zoom app, Click the link on jerseyvilleumc.org or call (646) 876-9923. Both the Zoom app & telephone have the same Meeting ID: 882 289 1264

Jerseyville United Methodist Church

December 14, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

3rd Sunday of Advent



Sunday Worship ~ 12:00 PM

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

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Jerseyville United Methodist Church

Worship Service 12pm, Dec 14, 2025, 3rd Sunday of Advent

❖ = *Those who are comfortable standing, please rise*

Prelude: "There's a Song in the Air" (UMH 249)

Meditation:

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

❖ Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come. We light this candle in joy, trusting God who comes to us first.

People: The glory of the Lord rises over you. Our hearts rejoice in God's lasting love and unchanging faithfulness.

Leader: Gifts are brought from near and far. We give with joy, celebrate with praise, and walk with trust.

People: God of joy, open our eyes to see your light guiding us. Let your joy be our song when life feels uncertain. Make our lives shine with gladness that draws others to you. Amen.
(Light the first, second & third candle)

❖ Hymn (UMH 219) "What Child Is This"

Opening Prayer (Together):

Radiant God, we welcome you as you rise over us like new morning light. Fill us with joy, not because life looks finished, but because you come first. Tune our hearts to gratitude, wonder, and celebration, and let joy overflow through our worship today. Amen.

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ Doxology (UMH 95)

Prayer of Dedication (Together)

God of generous joy, we give not out of pressure, but out of celebration. Multiply the joy of what is offered, and shape us into joyful witnesses who give gladly, trust deeply, and love freely. Amen.

Prayers and Joys of the People of God

The Lord's Prayer (UMH 895)

❖ Hymn (UMH 240) "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

❖ Scripture Reading:Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: "An Unlikely Advent: When We Decide to Choose Joy"

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Prayer of Confession (Together):

Gracious God, we confess that joy does not always come easily to us. We often focus on what is broken, what is missing, and what has not gone as we hoped. Instead of choosing joy, we choose worry, fear, or disappointment. We confess that we sometimes wait for perfect circumstances before we rejoice, forgetting that you are already with us. Forgive us for the times we overlook your light because we are distracted by the shadows. Turn our hearts again toward your presence, and teach us to choose joy each day, even when not everything is as it should be. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

❖ Hymn (UMH 254) "We Three Kings"

Benediction

Postlude: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (UMH 251)