

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT- JOY DECEMBER 14, 2025		
PRELUDE	Sarah Hanson & Brooke Rudge	
ADVENT HYMN VIDEO	“The Thrill of Hope”	Christy Nockels
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	Pastor Scott Clawson	
*HYMN	“The First Noel”	UMH 245 V. 1-3
CALL TO WORSHIP		
Good News! Good News! (clap, clap)		
Mary’s going to have a baby. Good News. Good News! (clap, clap)		
The baby’s name is Jesus. Good News! Good News! (clap, clap)		
He will show love to all. Good News! Good News! (clap, clap)		
He will be called Emmanuel. Good News! Good News! (clap, clap)		
He will be the Son of God. Good News! Good News! (clap, clap)		
Mary’s going to have a baby. Good News! Good News! (clap, clap)		
The baby’s name is Jesus.		
CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT		
*HYMN	“The First Noel”	UMH 245 V. 4-5
A CHILD IS BORN: A MODERN NATIVITY		
MUSICAL INTERLUDE	Ben Hanson	
*HYMN	“While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks”	UMH 236
A CHILD IS BORN: A MODERN NATIVITY CONTINUED		
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING & READING		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER		
PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE		
OLD TESTAMENT READING:	Isaiah 35: 1-10	
The Word of God for the People of God. Thanks be to God		
SERMON IF NEEDED	“Life on the Highway”	Pastor Scott Clawson
*HYMN	“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”	UMH 251
BENEDICTION		
Advent people, go now in the blessing of God’s joy. We are confident that the day we await is close at hand and ready to cooperate with God in building the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.		
PRAYER OF DEDICATION & POSTLUDE		

9:30 AM WORSHIP LEADERS	11:00 AM WORSHIP LEADERS
Acolyte: Emery Kocher	Acolyte: Sarah Hanson
Advent Reader(s): Hanson Family	Advent Reader(s): Naugle Family
Ushers: Lafoon Family	Ushers: Margie Matz

NMUMC by the Numbers: December 7, 2025
8:15 AM: 20 9:30 AM: 53 11:00 AM: 54 Online: 13
Children’s Sunday School: 36

Total Offering: \$13,846.00 *Regular Offering:* \$8,296.00*
Food Pantry: \$100.00 Hope4Kids: \$250.00 New Ministry Center: \$1,300.00
Outreach - P. Gaver: \$500.00 Parsonage Rent; \$3,150.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$250.00
**Regular Offering Needed to Meet Weekly Budget: \$ 5,503.92*

Church Meetings
Monday, December 15: 9:30 AM Choir Practice – 6:30 PM – ED Building
Wed, December 17: New Members Class – 6:00 PM – ED Building Kitchen
Wed, December 17: Advent for Beginners – 7:00 PM – ED Building Kitchen
Thursday, December 18: 11:00 AM Choir Practice – 6:45 PM – ED Building
Saturday, December 20: Disciple – 10:00 AM – Contact Nick Wood

CAMPAIGN PLEDGES AS OF 12/7/2025 ARE \$670,360 (THIS AMOUNT WILL BE UPDATED WEEKLY).

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4:00 PM CHILDREN’S CANDLELIGHT
6:00 & 8:00 PM TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT

On December 28 Unity Service at 10:15 AM there will be just one worship service. There will be no Sunday School that day; however, the worship service will include a Children's Chat. There will be coffee and donuts starting at 9:30 AM. This service will give both congregations of both services a chance to see and fellowship with each other.

Cast for Children’s Christmas Pageant:

Narrators: Alex Knight, Clara Dowling, Hayes Peterson, Emily Murnane.
Gabriel: Hannah Wright
Zechariah: Miller Peterson
Elizabeth: Lydia Potts
Mary: Emery Kocher

Stage Crew:

Emmett Huffman
Luke Knight
Greyson Kocher
Charlie Murnane
Josiah Potts
Evie Robbins

Cast of characters for a Child Is Born: A Modern Nativity:

Mary - *A thoughtful, courageous young woman***Keira Benjaminson**
Joseph - *Mary’s fiancé, a hardworking carpenter***Derek Arnold**
Gabriel - *A gruff, scruffy, confident angel***Ben Hanson**
Innkeeper - *Practical, blunt, kind-hearted***Brooke Rudge**
Three Shepherds - *Hippies* **Lily Hanson, Sarah Hanson, Declan Arnold**
Three Wise Ones - *Modern-day influencers, dressed sharply, and following a GPS tracker*
..... **Kasey Barboza, Mary Wright, Briggs Peterson**
Angels - *Choir-like figures, dressed in modern white...* **Little ones**
Narrator - *Guides the story, reads scripture* **Riley Arnold**
Harod - *Ambitious political figure, protective of his power ...***Aiden Benjaminson**
Star Guide Voice App Voice - *Robotic GPS voice* **Dessa Jaworski**
Donkey **Riley Arnold**
Tinklebutt **Ryan Robbins**

If you need Giving Envelopes for 2026, please let Carole Zimmerman know by December 20.



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