SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT- PEACE | DECEMBER 7, 2025 COMMUNION SUNDAY

ADVENT HYMN VIDEO "The Thrill of Hope" Christy Nockels

OPENING WORDS: Isaiah 11: 1-10

*HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH 211 V. 1-4
WELCOME Pastor Scott Clawson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, we gather to remember who we are, not who the world tells us to be.

We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.

We recall the story of God's people, how God has called us to live in peace and righteousness in a world full of conflict and twisted morality.

We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.

We recount the story of our journey with God, the moments of God's provision, God's prodding, and God's prophetic guidance.

We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.

We gather to repent and return anew to God's story that guides our lives to work for peace and flourishing for all God's creation.

We gather to tell the story of the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING & READING

*HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH 211 V. 5-7

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, PRAYER FOR THE DAY, PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

ANTHEM HOLY COMMUNION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

PSALM OF SOLOMON: Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON*HYMN

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

Pastor Scott Clawson
UMH 218

BENEDICTION
PRAYER OF DEDICATION & POSTLUDE

9:30 AM WORSHIP LEADERS

Acolyte: Ryan Robbins
Advent Reader(s): Robbins Family
Lay Reader: Joanne Robbins
Ushers: Robbins Family

11:00 AM WORSHIP LEADERS

Acolyte: Ben Hanson
Advent Reader(s): Carole Zimmerman
Lay Reader: Vincent Pakenham
Ushers: Naugle Family

NMUMC by the Numbers: November 23, 2025

8:15 AM: 18 9:30 AM: 40 11:00 AM: 63 Online: 12 Children's Sunday School: 23

Total Offering: \$81,876.11 Regular Offering: \$5,531.11*
Food Pantry: \$50.00 Hope4Kids: \$65.00 New Ministry Center: \$75,800.00 Organ Fund: \$150.00 Outreach, shoebox postage: \$180.00 Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$100.00 *Regular Offering Needed to Meet Weekly Budget: \$5,503.92

The Regular Offering Goal of \$27,519.60 for the month of November WAS NOT met -- a \$53.65 shortfall.

Donations to the New Ministry Center for the month totaled: \$84,355. Your support of all of our programs/ministries is much appreciated. Thank You.

Church Meetings

Monday, December 8: 9:30 AM Choir Practice – 6:30 PM – ED Building Tuesday, December 9: Circle of Friends – 12:30 PM – Schoolhouse Tuesday, December 9: Hope4Kids – 6:00 PM – Schoolhouse Wed, December 10: New Members Class – 6:00 PM – ED Building Kitchen Wed, December 10: Advent for Beginners – 7:00 PM – ED Building Kitchen Thursday, December 11: Generosity Meeting – 10:00 AM – Pastor's Office Thursday, December 11: 11:00 AM Choir Practice – 6:45 PM – ED Building Saturday, December 13: Disciple – 10:00 AM – Contact Nick Wood Sunday December 14: Children's Christmas Pageant Sunday, Dec. 14: Confirmation Class – 7:00 PM – Contact Kate Hanson

Coat Drive Collection: November 30- March 1st

Please help families in need by donating new, clean, and/or gently used winter coats, scarves, hats, gloves and boots. Contact Susan Stevens for more info: 240-277-2582.



The New Ministry Center Giving Tree

The Generosity Team sought an alternative to a thermometer for tracking commitment pledges as they came in. Therefore, they developed the concept of the giving tree. The painted top of the tree symbolizes the \$1 million in assets the campaign has already set aside. This includes the revenue from selling the parsonage/schoolhouse.

The leaves on the tree represent the dollar amount of each pledge. We follow the teaching of Jesus of the "widow's mite," and no names are displayed on the leaves. Every contribution matters. The New Ministry Center will have a place to honor those who contributed or those they want to memorialize.

The two branch stumps represent the two other attempts to add more space to the sanctuary and ED building, which did not come to fruition at those times.

As funds are pledged, the bark of the tree will grow. When a milestone has been reached, we will "tie a yellow ribbon round the old oak tree."

Campaign pledges as of 12/3/2025 are \$592,360 (this amount will be updated monthly).

If you have not received a commitment card. Please contact a member of the Generosity Team: Pastor Scott, Carole Zimmerman, Patty Robinson, Janis Rex or John Derr.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4:00 PM CHILDREN'S CANDLELIGHT

6:00 & 8:00 PM TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT



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December 7, 2025



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