

THIS WEEKS REMINDERS

- ♦ Children Sunday School (following children's time —K-3rd grade—Saints Room; 4th—6th grade—Beatitudes Room)
- ♦ Youth Sunday School today at 7 p.m.—Zoom
- ♦ Advent Study "On the Way to Bethlehem" today at 6:30 p.m.—Zoom
- ♦ Advent Study "On the Way to Bethlehem" on Monday at 10:30 a.m.—Wesley Room
- ♦ Monday Night Disciple Book Study on Monday at 6 p.m.—Zoom
- ♦ Boy Scouts Meeting on Monday at 6:30—8 p.m.—Scout Room
- ♦ Faith for Today Group on Monday at 7 p.m.—Miriam
- ♦ Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday at 7 p.m.—Sanctuary
- ♦ Men's Breakfast Group on Saturday at 8 a.m.—Flips Café

There will be no Nursery during Christmas Eve Service. We are sorry for an inconvenience this may cause. We do welcome your children for the service!

Church Office Closed Wednesday, December 25, 2024 to January 5, 2025. The Office will reopen on Monday, January 6, 2025.

Pastor Ed, Junia, Tyler and Lori will be on vacation from **Wed., December 25, 2024—Sat., January 4, 2025.**

If you need pastoral care during this time, please contact Assistant Pastor, Dr. Jerra Jenrette at 814-440-3988 or Lay Leader, John Layden at 814-273-3207.

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Larry & Brenda Evans, Music Lead.

Melissa Kuffer, Nursery

John Layden, Lay Leader

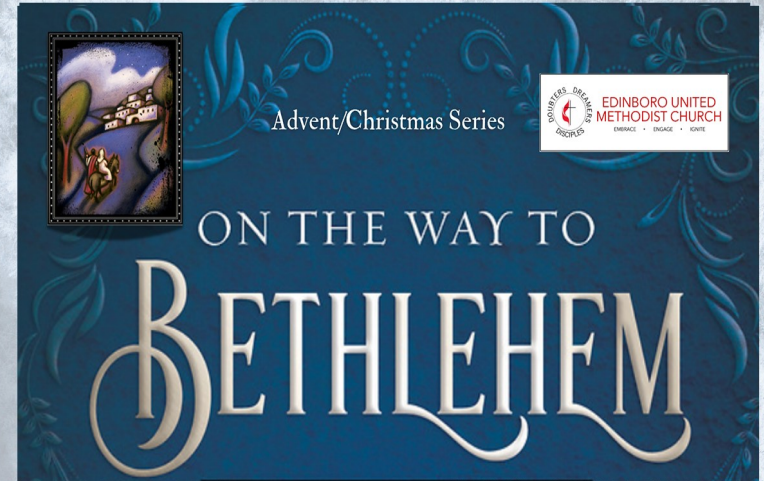
Kay Jordan, Treas.

Dennis Carner, Tech

Jane Springer, Organist

Nikki Tatta, Nursery

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ADVENT FOUR BETHLEHEM: A PLACE OF HUMILITY



December 22, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

EMBRACE

ENGAGE

IGNITE

EDINBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Ed Schoeneck

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

**denotes standing as able*

On The Way to Bethlehem: Love

We Gather in Praise

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*LIGHTING THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE *Karen Swager*

Leader: The journey continues, and this candle will help light our way.

People: We are on our way to more love.

Leader: So many are in need of grace, in need of loving acceptance.

People: We are a people who can bring Good News.

Leader: Stories of generosity are markers and signs that goodness is the nature of God.

People: God's light goes before us, we are not alone.

*HYMN *"Shine on Us"*

(Fourth Advent Candle Lighting as Hymn is Sung)

*OPENING PRAYER *Karen Swager*

**All: Holy and Living God, we pray for hearts and minds
to open wide to merciful acts in your name.**

**Too often, we clench our fists in fear that what we have
will not be enough for us.**

Give us the humility to make more room.

Call us to a "generosity of grace."

**Call us to be generous—not to a fault—but to a future
where all have a place and a home where they are deeply loved.**

**We pray this in the name of your Son,
Jesus, the Christ, your Love Incarnate. Amen.**

Leader: Let this be a marker of assurance that we are moving in a faithful
direction:

God is with us every step of our way toward the Love of Bethlehem.
Jesus is being born into our lives even now.
The Spirit is transforming us in this place.

Leader: Peace be with you!

People: And also with you.

Leader: As people forgiven and freed, I invite you to pass the Peace of
Christ among you

[and those worshiping remotely, we are glad you are on the journey
with us!].

*RESPONSE *Gloria Patri/Glorify Thy Name*

We Receive the Word

SCRIPTURE READING **Romans 13: 8-14 (The Message)** *Karen Swager*

HYMN

"We're on our Way"

We're on our way. We're on our way.

Dream of the day when love holds sway.

With all the earth, in all our hearts,

We're on our way. This is the day.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Tyler Volk

ADVENT WEEK FOUR —SCRIPTURE VIDEO—BETHLEHEM

SCRIPTURE READING **Luke 1: 1-14 (NRSV)** *Pastor Ed*

REFLECTION ***"Bethlehem: A Place of Humility"*** *Pastor Ed*

HYMN *"Still, Still, Still"* 3066

We Respond to the Word

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Forth to Serve

*HYMN *"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"* 203

*BENEDICTION



Poinsettias – December 2024—Continued

In Honor of:

Friends & Family, EUMA Team (EUMA)

Our Family, Robert N. Ames (Deb's father)

My Children & Grandchildren

Dennis Kitchen

Our Family

Our Grandchildren: Noah, Oliver, Elizabeth & Maliah

EUMA (EUMA)

Our grandchildren: Maddy, Shyloh, Sam, Grace,

Gabriel, Brooklyn & Isaac

Our Children & Grandchildren

Family

Our Family

Caleb, Monica, Eiva & Klaus Elder

Brent, Ana & Ivana Armstrong

Given By:

Kim Kennedy

Greg & Deb Thomas

Kay Jordan

Kathy Kitchen

Ken & Linda Felker

Tim & Kathy Rankin

Tim & Kathy Rankin

Steve & Irene Smith

Don & Marian Beckman

John & Sue Hennip

Jim & Debbie Zahler

Tim & Darla Elder

JC & Barb Anderson

Are you a visitor to our church? If you answer this question with a yes
– **Welcome! We are happy you are here!**

Please complete the blue Visitor card in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

Please note : Our worship service is being live-streamed on our Facebook page and on our YouTube page. If you wish to not have your image broadcast during the live stream, please sit in the front area on the choir side near the windows of the sanctuary under the camera.

Join Us for a Special Service!

Celebrate the True Meaning of Christmas.



Come and experience the joy and peace of the holiday season with our candlelight service. All are welcome to join us in this special time of reflection and worship.

Tuesday, December 24th
at 7 p.m.



Poinsettias – December 2024

In Memory of:

Given By:

<i>Jack & Elaine Lovett & Ron Lovett</i>	<i>John & Priscilla Lovett</i>
<i>Pete & Carol Balsamo (Marcie's Parents)</i>	<i>Jerry & Marcie Coward</i>
<i>George Coward, Zee & Paul Davis (Jerry's Parents)</i>	<i>Jerry & Marcie Coward</i>
<i>Lyn & Eileen Brawn</i>	<i>Lyn & Janyce Brawn</i>
<i>John & Dorothy Manson</i>	<i>Lyn & Janyce Brawn</i>
<i>Becky Foy</i>	<i>KC & Debbie Foy</i>
<i>Family & Friends</i>	<i>KC & Debbie Foy</i>
<i>Stella Jenrette</i>	<i>Jerra Jenrette & Trish Hillman</i>
<i>Ann Hillman</i>	<i>Trish Hillman & Jerra Jenrette</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Earl Spaid & Hannah</i>	<i>Marlene Spaid</i>
<i>& Mollie Lundholm</i>	
<i>Marie & Ed Kropf, parents</i>	<i>Cathy Hutchison & Pat Niswonger</i>
<i>Parents & Grandparents (EUMA)</i>	<i>John & Patti Snow</i>
<i>Jack Elder & Tammy Elder Pilarcik</i>	<i>Nada Elder</i>
<i>Rev. Charles & Ruth Crist</i>	<i>Ron & Pat Crist</i>
<i>Rolland & Eva Muma</i>	<i>Ron & Pat Crist</i>
<i>Katherine Trbovich Holley</i>	<i>Ron & Pat Crist</i>
<i>Ella & Roy Fertig & Lucy & Earlden Davis</i>	<i>Stan & Elaine Fertig</i>
<i>Our Parents and Grandparents</i>	<i>Charles & Rita Sink</i>
<i>Bonnie Langill</i>	<i>Andrea Wyman</i>
<i>Breanna & Jack Elder</i>	<i>Tim & Darla Elder</i>

In Memory of:

Given By:

<i>Dawn Layden (EUMA)</i>	<i>John & Justin Layden</i>
<i>Robert Mann, (EUMA)</i>	<i>John & Justin Layden</i>
<i>Betty & Stanley Layden (EUMA)</i>	<i>John & Justin Layden</i>
<i>Gerhard & Gerda Bilek (EUMA)</i>	<i>Gary & Shirley Bilek</i>
<i>Walter, Shirley, Audrey, Marsha & Daniel Kuhn (EUMA)</i>	<i>Gary & Shirley Bilek</i>
<i>Ralph & Darla Myers</i>	<i>Chris & Deb Myers</i>
<i>Ed Skisuski</i>	<i>Dave & Judy Peters, Lynette Brace & family</i>
<i>Joyce Peters</i>	<i>Dave & Judy Peters, Lynette Brace & family</i>
<i>Doug Brace</i>	<i>Dave & Judy Peters, Lynette Brace & family</i>
<i>Amelia Jane Lake</i>	<i>Rick & Erinn Lake Brozewicz</i>
<i>Loved Ones</i>	<i>Rick & Erinn Lake Brozewicz</i>
<i>Walter & Maudeen Evans, M. LaVern & Maxine</i>	<i>Larry & Brenda Evans</i>
<i>Mattern, and M. LaVern (Butch) Mattern, Jr.</i>	
<i>Harold & Harry Isiminger</i>	<i>Mike, Junia, Jaydyn, Jordanna,</i>
	<i>& Jaxson Isiminger</i>
<i>Edward W. Laughery, Sr.</i>	<i>Mike, Junia, Jaydyn, Jordanna,</i>
	<i>& Jaxson Isiminger</i>



Thank you for purchasing poinsettias!

You may take your plants with you after the 7 pm

Christmas Eve service.

(Protective covers are available)

Electronic Giving Platform

For those who would like to bless EUMC with their financial gifts electronically. Scanning the Q-Code will take you directly to our electronic giving site.

