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The Saltshaker

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You are the Salt of the Earth—
Matthew 5:13

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The Pastor's Pen

What do the candles in our Advent wreath mean?

The Advent wreath was originally a German and Scandinavian home devotional practice used to mark the four weeks of Advent. Although many symbols have been attributed to it since that time, it was originally intended as a way to mark the Advent season and the weeks until Christmas.

Families would light a candle for each past week and the current week at their dinner or evening time of prayer. The configuration of candles, whether in a line or a circle, did not matter. Neither did the color of the candles (all colors are used in homes in Europe). What mattered was the marking of time and the increase of light each week in the face of increasing darkness as the winter solstice approached.

As Advent wreaths began to be used by congregations on Sundays in some places in Europe and America beginning in the late 19th century, adaptations were needed for the larger worship spaces. Candles needed to be larger and more specialized than the "daily candles" handmade or purchased for home use. They also needed to be more uniform in color to fit with other decor in the sanctuary. Purple (and more recently blue) has become the basic color of the candles to coordinate with color of the paraments used during this season.

As Advent wreaths changed from practical private use to the more symbolic context of public worship, it became important for the candles to have meaning rather than simply mark time and add light. Ceremonies were developed around the lighting of the candles each week.

In time there was an effort, largely spurred by church supply houses that sold the special candles and wreaths, to provide a particular meaning to each candle. The themes of Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace became popular, based on scriptures from the one-year lectionaries used at that time. However, the historic theme of Advent is more broad and deep than any one-word theme can capture.

So what are we to say, then, about the meaning of the Advent wreath today? We can still draw meaning from its original home use: to mark time while increasing light. Advent, the first season of the Christian year, is all about time. We await the day described in Revelation 21:23 when, "The city doesn't need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because God's glory is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb." At Christmas we celebrate that in Christ, "The true light that shines on all people was coming into the world" (John 1:9).

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BUMC Ringers meet Wednesdays at 6:45 PM; BUMC Singers meet Wednesdays at 7:30 PM; Alcoholics Anonymous meets Thursdays at 6:30 PM; Sacks to Mats will start again after the first of the year; Breakfast on Broadway and Men's Fellowship Breakfast are on hold until further notice. Articles for the Saltshaker are always welcome. Thank you.

It's Time for Forever Christmas



The Forever Christmas Celebration will be held on the evening of Friday, 12/4/21. Please consider helping out with this major fund raiser by making cookies, candies and/or a pot of chili. We are asking that the cookies be put into Ziploc bags by groups of six. If you need us to provide the Ziploc bags let me know. You may call Donna at 816-262-3454 or 816-424-6849 or the church office to sign up. If you know what you will be making it will also be helpful to let us know. Thank you.

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60. He Made Us Overcomers
John 16:33 AMP

I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]

1 John 5:4-5 NIV

... everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

Luke 10:19 NIV

I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

Revelations 12:11 AMP

And they have overcome (conquered) him by means of the blood of the Lamb and by the utterance of their testimony, for they did not love and cling to life even when faced with death [holding their lives cheap till they had to die for their witnessing].

Revelations 21:7 NIV

He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.



December Birthday

- 1 Jaclyn Swanson
- 1 Samantha James
- 3 Ryan Soldanel
- 8 Celya Milliken
- 8 Richard James
- 16 Robin Dickerson
- 18 Russ Brumbaugh
- 20 Julia James
- 21 Cassie O'Brien Graham
- 21 Gil Sander
- 23 Teresa Bingham
- 25 Jesus
- 25 Ryan Jensen
- 26 Robert Stayton
- 27 Natalie Grayson
- 31 Craig Mattke

Anniversary

- 19 John & Catherine Boulware
- 23 Jim and Donna Bonebrake

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Date	In Person and Virtual Attendance	Average weekly offering for November 2020 \$1992
11/1	38	Average Offering Needed Per Week \$2900
11/8	36	
11/15	35	
11/22	29	
11/29	35	

Sunday Morning Worship

Watch LIVE: We stream our worship service LIVE on Sunday mornings at 10:40 am on Facebook. You do not need to have an account to watch. <https://www.facebook.com/BUMC.PlattsburgMO/>

Watch Later: The online service will be posted to Facebook immediately following for you to view at your convenience. You can also watch the sermon on the church website. plattsburgumc.org

Keeping track of those we connect with is vital to our ministry. If you attend worship Sunday morning online please e-mail, call, or fill out the attendance survey provided each week.

Ben Baldwin, Jr.
Betty Shoemaker
Betty Swanson
Brett's Mother in Care Facility Bessie Dickerson
Brett's nephew in Wyoming Daniel Dickerson
Coby Aebersold
Craig Mattke
Jackie Swanson
Jean Grigsby
Ken's brother Greg Tongue
Kim Tongue's Father Marvin Conant
Mary Goldberg
Peggy Shoemaker
Shirley Boner
Shirley Johnson's son Joseph Johnson
Tanner Sims
Wilma Tippit

Giving

As we continue to BE THE CHURCH, our mission during these uncertain times is more vital than ever. Your ongoing generosity is necessary for the mission and ministry at Broadway UMC as we continue to serve the local community and beyond. **Please do not tie your giving with your attendance.** I would encourage you to discern how you can continue to give even when we are not in person together and pray if God is calling you to give more as needs expand. To give online via PayPal, visit the church website at <https://plattsburgumc.org/giving>.

Food Pantry Update

Thanksgiving is over and now on to Christmas! The Food Pantry provided Thanksgiving dinner to 60 families this year. Now we are preparing for the Christmas boxes and we do need your help with some items. We are in short supply of the following: canned green beans, canned corn, stuffing mix, boxed potatoes, and canned gravy. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated.

No one should have to go hungry.

God is good, all the time!

How are your chili making skills?

We need all you can make for the Forever Christmas celebration!. Please call Connie Collins at 913-231-0065 to let her know how hot you intend to make it and she can plan on how many people it will feed.

When Joseph first discovered that Mary was pregnant, he: (Matthew 1:18-20)

1. No longer wished to marry her
2. Tore his robe
3. Rejoiced
4. Beat her

ADVENT STUDY

Join us this Advent for our upcoming study.

His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels addressed him by other names. They called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh. In *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*, best-selling author Adam Hamilton examines the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of his birth. This Advent season church families will come together to remember what's important. In the face of uncertainty and conflict, Christians reclaim the Christ child who brings us together, heals our hearts, and calls us to bring light into the darkness. Now more than ever, we invite you to reflect upon the significance of the Christ child for our lives and world today! To register, please contact the church office.

Some cooks make candy and cookies, but I make quick bread.

I will bake quick bread for your holiday gatherings and for gifts to family, friends and neighbors.

I have made these for the past few years for the Forever Christmas Bazaar. This year is different.

Strawberry, pineapple, pear, pumpkin, banana and applesauce are on my recipe list for small @\$3.00, medium \$5.00, or large \$6.00.

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Celya Milliken

December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 AA Meeting @ 6:30 PM	4 Forever Christmas	5
6 Communion Sunday	7	8	9	10 AA Meeting @ 6:30 PM	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 AA Meeting @ 6:30 PM	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 AA Meeting @ 6:30 PM	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26
27 Celebration Sunday	28	29	30	31 AA Meeting @ 6:30 PM		