

# The Circuit Rider

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## From The Desk Of Pastor P.

by Pastor Pamela J. Sayre



We have had the first snow flakes... The kids are practicing for Christmas Eve worship (5:00 p.m.) and making Nativity sets during LIFT! The choir is rehearsing their cantata

(Sunday, December 22nd, 10:00 a.m.). And... the decorations are up! It's beginning to look a lot like...

- **ADVENT** (Lat. *adventus*, "coming")  
 In reference to Christ, the first advent is his incarnation; the second is his future second coming. Also used for the first season of the Christian year, Advent, in which the coming of Jesus Christ is anticipated.
- **CHRISTMAS** (Old English *Christes mass*)  
 Church festival marking the birth of Jesus Christ. It is observed on December 25.
- **EPIPHANY** (Gr. *epiphaneia*, "manifestation")  
 In general, an appearance of the divine. Specifically, a church festival of January 6 celebrating the visit of the Magi to Jesus as a divine "manifestation" to Gentiles (Matt. 2).
- **EPIPHANY SUNDAY**  
 The Sunday between January 2 and January 8, on which the Christian church celebrates the feast of Epiphany. It

recognizes the revelation of Jesus Christ to the entire world as represented by the coming of the Magi to worship the Christ child (Matt. 2).

(from Westminster DICTIONARY OF THEOLOGICAL TERMS, Donald K. McKim)

Yes, December and January bring great moments of celebration! Please be sure to join us for any or all of the coming sacred moments and times of worship! (We've tried to include information on all of them within the pages of this newsletter!)

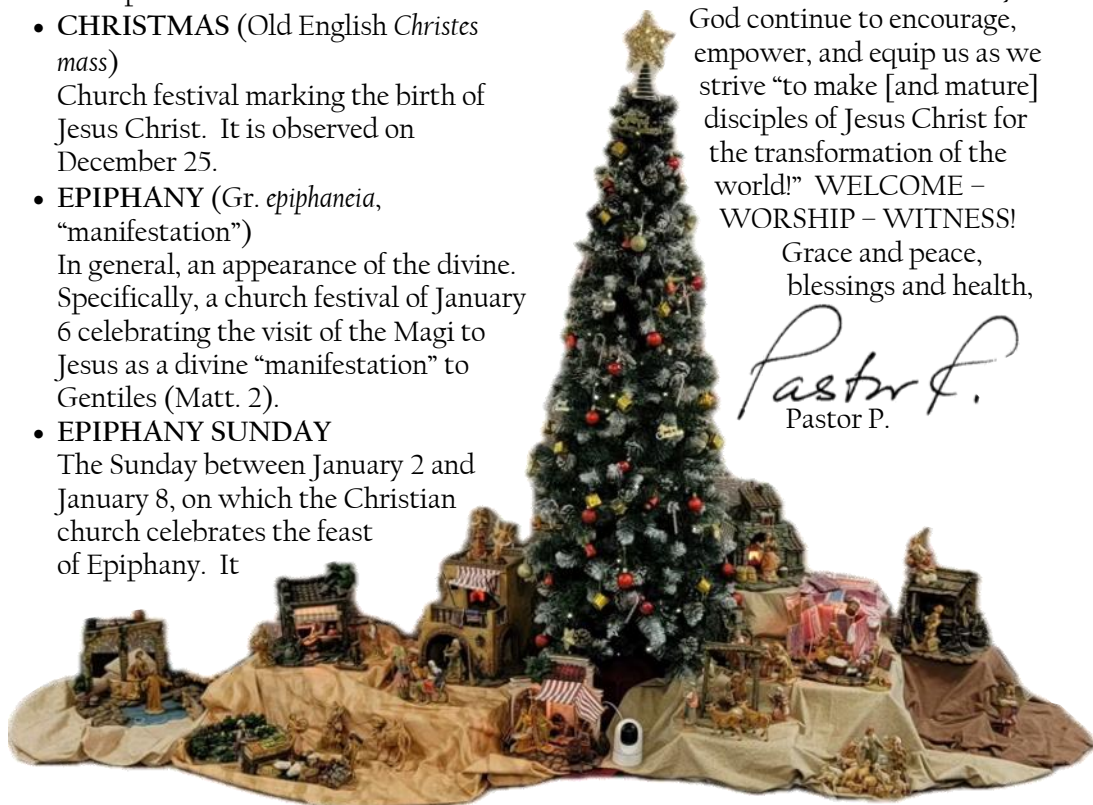
Oh... Happy New Year! For the new Church/Liturgical year now and for 2025 on January 1!

We are Huron United Methodist Church! WooHoo! We are disciples of Jesus, the Christ, followers of the living God, and sharers of the WORD! May

God continue to encourage, empower, and equip us as we strive "to make [and mature] disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!" WELCOME - WORSHIP - WITNESS!

Grace and peace, blessings and health,

*Pastor P.*  
 Pastor P.



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## Lunch Bunch

### Food, Fun & Fellowship

Lunch Bunch meets the second Thursday of each month.

The next Lunch Bunch is Thursday, December 12th at 11:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Program: HHS Troubadours. Menu: turkey dinner, catered by Janet Majoy. Cost is \$9.00. Please pay in cash the day of the luncheon.

Sign up in the Welcome Center or contact Dee Hartley in person or phone 419-357-8825 by Monday, December 9th.

The January Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, January 9th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Program and menu: TBA. Cost is \$9.00.

A signup sheet will be available in the Welcome Center after the December 12th Lunch Bunch or contact Dee Hartley in person or phone 419-357-8825 by Monday, January 6th.

## Food Pantry Sundays

A reminder: Pantry Sunday is always the third Sunday of each month (December 15th & January 19th), but items

may be dropped off anytime the church is open. All donations help those in need in Huron and the surrounding area.

*HUMC is accepting egg cartons.*



## Blue Christmas Worship

The Advent and Christmas seasons can be challenging for all kinds of reasons... The reality is we may not all feel happy or jolly or cheery... Maybe you are dealing with the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, a serious illness diagnosis, or a divorce. Maybe you are “simply” feeling “blue” and you need a worship time that addresses those difficult and painful realities without feeling like you have to “put on a happy face.” That is what our **Blue Christmas Worship** is all about. We will meet in the Fellowship on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21st at 7:00 p.m.**

All are invited. All are welcome. All means ALL. Please share this opportunity with those who might benefit from participating!



It is going to be a wonderful celebration here at Huron UMC on Christmas Eve!

The luminaries will be lit, the church will be decked out and warm and cozy, and we will have four chances to celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Savior! – 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m., and 11:30 p.m.! All four worship celebrations are different, but in all four we celebrate the birth of the Christ child and have the chance to praise God for the gift of His Son!

5:00 p.m. Worship will be led by our kids as they tell the story and sing the carols we love! 7:00 p.m. Worship will be led by our Praise Band and will include both modern Christmas songs and favorite carols. 9:00 p.m. Worship will include our Chancel Choir and organist and will be the most “traditional” of all our celebrations. We ring in Christmas Day with our 11:30 p.m. Worship time which will include a few carols, message, and Communion. All four celebrations include the lighting of candles during the singing of Silent Night!



## Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

We are looking for folks who would like to lead the lighting of the Advent Wreath candle during worship. If that is YOU, please sign up in the Welcome Center. We need folks for Saturdays @ 5!, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. each week (4), as well for Christmas Eve (5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m., and 11:30 p.m.).



## Kids' Christmas Musical

We are putting on a Christmas musical for the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve worship celebration this year! Rehearsals have begun but there is still time to get in on all the fun and the chance to be a part of telling this wonderful story of Jesus' birth! We rehearse on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The more the merrier!!!



## Handbell Choir

Planning is underway!!!! Huron UMC will soon have a Handbell Choir again! The handbells have been worked on and shined up and are ready for use! We plan to begin rehearsals after the first of the year! If you are interested in ringing and have not yet signed up, please do so ASAP! There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center. You do not have to have prior experience or special skills – we will teach you! But, you do have to wear gloves! Don't miss out on all the fun – sign up today!

## Statistics From Our HUMC Online Ministry

Over a recent six-week period, 72 individuals signed in to either 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship. Others were watching but, did not sign in. Some sign-ins watched multiple times, others only once. Thirty-three were HUMC members. The remainder of the sign-ins (39 people) were guests – people we would like to get to know better.

## Choir & Christmas Cantata

The Chancel Choir has begun rehearsing for this year's Christmas cantata! There is still time to join in the fun and excitement! We have rehearsal on Wednesdays (generally) from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come for LIFT, stay for Choir! There are plenty of robes and we will find you a seat! Come sing! And enjoy the laughter and fellowship! AND – the choir will continue singing in the new year! – And the new year is a great time to try or start something new! How about... SINGING! It's great fun and you get to sit in some of the best seats in the sanctuary!



Please join us for worship on December 22nd at 10:00 a.m. when the Chancel Choir presents *Everlasting Light: The Promise of Christmas* by Lloyd Larson, Mary McDonald, Jay Rouse, and Larry Shackley.

The cantata talks about how "light is synonymous with the Christmas season. The birth of one Child brought a light that does not fade; a light that was desperately needed in a world of darkness, pain, and loss. A light that would live on eternally...an Everlasting Light".

We hope to see you on the 22nd!

## LIFT: Living In Faith Together

Living In Faith Together is breaking attendance records as more and more people are finding out about this night of fellowship! Don't you want to find out too?!

During December, doors open at 4:30 p.m. Rehearsal for the kids' Christmas Eve Musical kicks off at 5:00 in the Sanctuary followed by the Nativity craft and youth classes. A special "Thank You" to Shari & Chris Brown for this special gift to HUMC's children!

The adult class starts at 5:30 and is currently in Season 3 of *The Chosen*. This series has given the class a better understanding of how the disciples interacted with each other and Jesus, and strengthens the meaning of the scriptures. We will be switching to *The Chosen's* Christmas videos during Advent. If you are interested in catching up on previous episodes, visit [thechosen.tv](http://thechosen.tv).

Fellowship continues when a free dinner is served at 6:30. There is foosball, puzzles, conversation and FUN! As always, you are welcome to come for any or all of the LIFT evening.

**LIFT**  
LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER

## Confirmation Class

In addition to our regular Confirmation Class stuff, we have been practicing for the kid's Christmas musical (5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve) and making Nativity sets. We continue to increase our knowledge of Scripture, the Christian Liturgical year, and how God loves us.

Class will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. during our LIFT program, with dinner from 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. The schedule continues as follows:

- December 4, 11, 18
- January 8, 15, 22, 29
- February 5, 12, 19, 26
- March 5, 12, 19, 26
- April 2, 9, (16), 23, 30
- May 7, 14, 21
- Confirmation Sunday will be June 1, 2025.



**Please Note:**  
On Sunday, December 29th, there will be a combined worship celebration at 9:00 a.m.

## Epiphany Sunday

On January 5th we will celebrate the arrival of the wise people and the fact that Jesus came for everyone – Jews and Gentiles alike! That will also be the day we take down the Advent and Christmas decorations following the 10:00 AM worship celebration. (Christmas ends on Epiphany, which is always on January 6th.)



## Mitten Tree

Our Mitten Tree is up in the front hallway and ready to receive your donations of mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves for Huron's children in need.

The items will be taken to Helping Hands Food Pantry and Woodlands Elementary School after the children return from Christmas break. Thank you from the U-Knitted Nations and HUMC Quilt Connection groups.



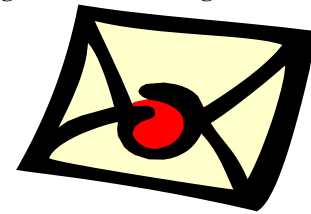
## Congregational Gift For Pastor

In the spirit of the Christmas season, on Christmas Eve it has been a tradition to present the Pastor with a monetary gift of appreciation. Again this year, we would like to express our gratitude for Pastor Pamela and all that she has done for HUMC since her arrival in 2018.

If you would like to contribute to the monetary gift this year, donations of cash and checks will be accepted. Please submit all gifts no later than Thursday, December 12th for a presentation during the Christmas Eve service. Checks may be made out to: Huron United Methodist Church, Memo: Gift for the Pastor. Please consider dropping your gift in the offering box or mail it to:

SPRC – Christmas Cheer  
Huron United Methodist Church  
338 Williams Street  
Huron, Ohio 44839

Sincerely,  
*The Staff-Parish Relations Committee*



## Church Office Holiday Closure



The Church office will be closed Tuesday, December 24th through Friday, December 27th and from 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31st through Friday, January 3rd.

## Sunday Morning Worship

We livestream our Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. worship celebrations to both Facebook and YouTube. Find archived versions on both sites any time. No account is needed to watch! If attending online, please be sure to let us know – fill out the Connect Card!

Sunday Bulletin/Order Of Worship and announcements are emailed at the end of each week; copies of the sermon at the beginning. If you are not receiving them and would like to, let us know.



## Saturdays @ 5!

Relaxed Worship  
(songs, prayers, message)  
& Conversation!

Come as you are!

3rd Sunday Potluck

Huron United Methodist  
Church



## HUMC Team Updates

### Trustees

Trustees have been working on a plan for projects we would like to see completed in the future. Trustees are currently working to assign budget costs to these projects so we can plan ahead to be good stewards of the congregation's financial resources.

- New Media Team equipment to enhance our online broadcast.
  - Handicap restroom facility and/or renovations of current bathrooms to meet ADA specifications.
  - Repairs and maintenance of the organ and associated equipment.
  - Repairs to parking lot and resurfacing of "Shirley Street" parking area.
  - Assessment of and possible replacement of Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary lighting.
  - Possible acquisition of bank parking lot on North East side of church.
- Feel free to ask questions of any of your Trustees.

### Stephen Ministry

As you may be aware from our Rally Day celebration, our Stephen Ministry (SM) team has grown with the addition of two newly commissioned Stephen Ministers, Chip Houghton and Jack Hubbard. More recently, Scott met with Lynda Atkinson, who became a member of HUMC last year. Lynda is a commissioned Stephen Minister but never had the chance to minister to a care receiver for a myriad of reasons. She is now wishing to join our SM team and she and Scott are meeting to review the coursework she went through and decide how best to go forward with an SM "refresher" program for her.

In the meantime, we once again would like to ask all of you to remain mindful about what Stephen Ministers do, which is provide one-on-one care to people who are experiencing difficult times in their lives. Our role is to offer emotional and spiritual support and to help people process their feelings. Stephen Ministers typically meet with their care receivers about an hour a week. These meetings are private and confidential. They are carefully chosen to be compassionate, good listeners and to take meetings seriously.

Some examples of situations that a Stephen Minister might help with include: grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, hospitalization, death of a loved one, severe financial setback, depression, struggles I faith, deployment of a loved one.

So, the Stephen Minister team would like to ask you all to help us out by being "lookouts" for us. In other words, if you know of anyone who you think may benefit from our help, please let a Stephen Minister know.

### Card Ministry: HUMC Card Connection

At worship celebrations, if you ask HUMC to pray for a non-member friend or relative, and you have an address for that person, please write their first & last name and address on a Connect Card. Put it in the offering box and the Card Connection will send a card, if you'd like.

Also, HUMC Card Connection is accepting donations of blank cards and those that fit the categories of Thinking of You, Thank You, & Sympathy. Contact Cathi Dix Houghton at [dixicann@aol.com](mailto:dixicann@aol.com) or text 419-366-4313.



## Fellowship Hall Floors Being Waxed

The Trustees will be having the Fellowship Hall floor professionally cleaned, waxed, and buffed in



January! Please mark your calendars! Monday, January 20th through the afternoon of Wednesday, January 22nd, the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen will be a "no access" area!

Thank you to the Trustees for all they do to make sure our facilities are in good working order and looking great!



## Donation Match for Advances on #GivingTuesday - December 3rd

The Board of Missions is encouraging United Methodists to support #Giving Tuesday on December 3rd by offering to match up to \$500 donations to EOC Advance Specials made on that day. In 2023, 13 Advances received about \$4,500 in matching donations. We hope to see more missions and ministries benefit from the match this year! You may donate online at <https://www.giveumcmmission.org/see/>.

You may also give to FLAT ROCK HOMES through the church!

## Welcome Our New Members Jane & Dean Lucal

A great big welcome to our newest members! Dean & Jane Lucal!

Dean just retired from the practice of law last year! That makes him one of the longest serving



attorneys in Erie County. His wife Jane was the first woman to practice law in Erie County and also the first woman to be elected to the Erie County Common Pleas Court bench, where she served for 12 years.

They say, "We are so grateful to have known so many wonderful people over the years and to have lived and worked here in Erie County.

"We feel blessed as well to have enjoyed our Methodist friends in Sandusky and to now be members of Huron United Methodist Church with its "open arms and open hearts" creed. WOOHOO! Pastor P...thanks for your warm welcome!"

They are looking forward to seeing all of you on Facebook...and in person when able!

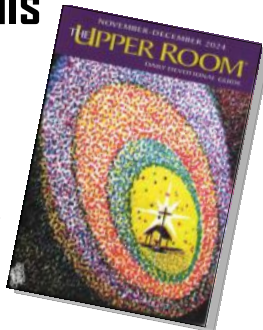
## Milestone Briefs

### NEW MEMBERS

- Dean & Jane Lucal, former UMC members in Sandsuky, on 11/5/24.

## Upper Room Devotionals

HUMC has *The Upper Room* available in our Welcome Center for anyone to pick up. It is a two-month booklet of daily devotionals that comes in a pocket size and large print size. Please take them and use for yourself, and take to friends, hospital and care center patients, or homebound. (We also have *The Daily Bread*.)



## Our Newsletter Is Online

Please remember that a digital copy of *The Circuit Rider* along with past issues can be found online on our website: [www.huronumc.org](http://www.huronumc.org).

## Notes & Thank Yous



Church Family,

Many thanks to you all, especially the quilt team, for the beautiful Ohio State quilt. I love it and will use it often. I am happy to report that I am recovering quite well from illness.

Blessings,  
Jerry [Semon]

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Thank you for allowing the Dial-A-Ride program to park their car in the church parking lot.

Bob Hastings  
Dial-A-Ride Program Director

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Dear Pastor P. –

Geoffrey and I thank you for allowing us to present Mark's Gospel to your church. We gave the funds to Flat Rock Homes – total \$195.00. It will of course, be put to good use by providing service or items our individuals need.

Thanks again,  
Geoffrey & Rose Darling

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Wow, HUMC you were so generous this year with your holiday gifts. We provided gifts to Flat Rock Homes and Erie County Job and Family Services. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated

Thank You!  
Your HUMC Mission Team

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Dear Church Family,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to all the wonderful volunteers who have made 2024 a spectacular and succesful year for Huron United Methodist Church! WOO HOO!! The time you've graciously given and the variety of skills you've shared have made a lasting impression on the community. All the contributions have made the missions and ministries of HUMC successful.

I'm looking forward to 2025 and the new opportunities we can create. With your support, Huron United Methodist Church will continue to WELCOME more people, who will WORSHIP and learn together, and who are then sent out to WITNESS Jesus' love.

Many Thanks!!  
Jenessa Faller  
Director of Discipleship Ministries

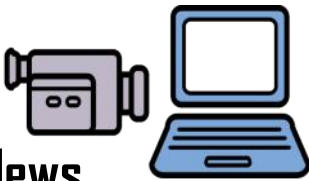


## Lighthouse Church/ Strategic Planning Team Continues Its Work

We were thrilled to host our coach, Rev. Dr. Bruce Emmert, for worship and then a meeting over lunch on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>! Bruce was thrilled with how things are going here at Huron UMC (WOOHOO!) and continues to encourage us in our forward focused planning as we can work to become an even stronger, serving congregation.

If you would like to know more about our work or would like to volunteer to help, please contact any of us: Jenessa Faller, Dave Wilber, Judy Wilber, Scott Whitehurst, Kristin Erney, or Pastor P.

## Audio/ Visual Team News



## WOO HOO!

Share your “church spirit” and enthusiasm! Check out Lucky Stone for a huge selection of wonderful clothing and hat options available for imprint or embroidery with our new church logo and/or our “WooHoo” design!

Hey you! Yes, you! We need YOU! We are looking for volunteers to help with worship, specifically up in the sound booth! Derek and Chris are doing a WONDERFUL job but they need some assistance! We offer free training and deep gratitude! Please prayerfully consider volunteering for the Audio/Visual Team.



## Order Your Poinsettias

Please drop off or mail in your order, place in the offering box, call in or email to the Church Office at 419-433-3984 or [secretary@huronumc.org](mailto:secretary@huronumc.org). Payment may be made in person or noted on your offering envelope/check memo line. We cannot include you in the order until payment is received. Deadline for orders is Sunday, December 1st.

There is one worship celebration on the First Sunday After Christmas Day (12/29) at 9:00 a.m. You may pick up your poinsettia any time after the conclusion of the 11:30 p.m. worship celebration on Christmas Eve. The building may be open limited hours from December 26th through New Year’s Eve – those hours are yet to be determined.

The Church Office is taking orders until Sunday, December 1st, for poinsettias to adorn the Sanctuary on Sundays, December 15th & 22nd, and Christmas Eve.



Order below and please include your payment with your dedication/memorial. All poinsettias are red. Thank you!

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 each for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
Paid by: \_\_\_\_\_ check (# \_\_\_\_\_) or \_\_\_\_\_ cash  
Dedication (check one): \_\_\_\_\_ in memory of \_\_\_\_\_ in honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
Dedication Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_



# Carols And Organ Music For Christmas

On Sunday December 29th, at 3:00 p.m., our organist, Tom Curry, will present a program of Christmas carols and organ music in the Sanctuary. The program will include singing of several Christmas carols followed by an organ piece based on those carols.



This is an opportunity to sing that Christmas Carol you didn't get to sing earlier. It is also an opportunity for you to invite your friends and neighbors to enjoy Christmastide with us!



# Our Weather Cancellation Policy

In early 2019, Trustees, with input from Pastor Pamela, adopted the following rules for church cancellations due to winter weather. When the Eric County Sheriff's Office calls a:

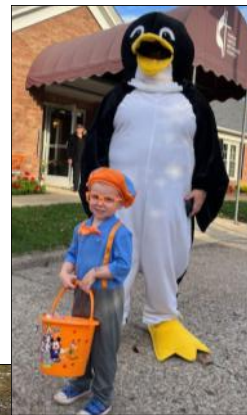
**Level 1 Snow Emergency** – Worship and activities will go on as scheduled. Use your discretion for determining your safety.

**Level 2 Snow Emergency** – Worship will be held for all those who choose to attend if they feel that they can travel safely. Choir Director may cancel Choir at his discretion. All other non-worship church activities are cancelled.

**Level 3 Snow Emergency** – Worship and all other activities will be cancelled for the day even if the Level 3 is lifted part way through the day.

We want everyone to remain safe and healthy. (If you have any doubt, stay put – the Lord understands!)

# Photo Gallery: Trunk Or Treat







## Roof/Boiler Project

The “Small Change” collection has ended. But don’t forget about our Square By Square fundraiser! See the display in the front hallway. Fill out your Pledge Card and drop in the box at the display to claim your square. Be sure to add your sticker to the poster.

## Pastor’s Current Reading List

- *THE HOBBIT* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- *BEAUTIFUL AND TERRIBLE THINGS* by Amy Butler
- *FAKE WHITE GOSPEL* by Jim Wallis



## Communion Elements

We have pre-packaged Communion elements available in the office for pick-up! Regular and gluten-free!

## Please Update Us!!!

Many of our member records are incomplete. Please make sure we have the following: full name, birthdate (including year), physical address (and mailing address if different), home phone number, cell phone number, and email address. We also need our college students’ contact information.

Please submit to Beth Anne at [secretary@huronumc.org](mailto:secretary@huronumc.org) or the Church Office.



## Ways To Fill The Virtual Plate

If you are worshipping with us online, there are several giving options available.

- Mail your offering to HUMC directly or use your bank’s bill pay service.
- Drop off your offering at the church.
- Sign up and give online with e-giving through Realm.

This QR code will take you to the Realm giving page.



## Huron Prayer Path Workdays

The Prayer Path Work Day will be Saturday, December 14th & January 11th, 9:00 a.m. - Noon. Please join us as we work to maintain our beautiful Prayer Path. Dress for the weather. BYO garden gloves.



## U-Knitted Nations

The Knitters meet in Rooms 1 & 2 at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays. Bring your project, join the fun and fellowship!



## HUMC Quilt Connection

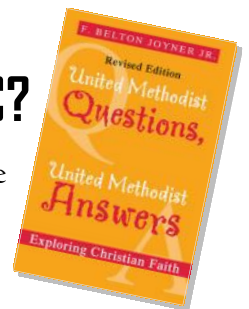
Our next sew days are Fridays, December 6th & 20th, and January 3rd & 17th. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the basement. BYO projects and lunch. Contact Cathi Dix Houghton at 419-433-5645 or [quiltquilt@aol.com](mailto:quiltquilt@aol.com) to receive meeting email reminders.

Our primary mission is making prayer quilts. If you have an interest in sewing quilts, you are welcome to join us. (We have fabric you can use.)



## Interested In Becoming A Member Of Huron UMC?

If so, please see Pastor P. If you have never been part of the UMC and would like to know more, please ask for a copy of the easy-to-read book *UNITED METHODIST QUESTIONS, UNITED METHODIST ANSWERS: Exploring Christian Faith* by F. Belton Joyner, Jr.



## Ink & Toner Cartridges & Old Tech, Pens, etc.

Collection of empty cartridges continues. Place in the box by the Fellowship Hall doors. Thanks for all donations to date!



## December/January Worship Plans

### November 30/December 1: First Weekend of Advent/Communion

Scriptures: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (Advent Wreath); Psalm 25:1-10; I Thessalonians 3:9-13; \*Luke 21:25-36

Sermon: "Salvation Is Near"

### December 7/8: Second Weekend of Advent

Scriptures: Malachi 3:1-4 (Advent Wreath); Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; \*Luke 3:1-6

Sermon: "Preparing The Way"

### December 14/15: Third Weekend of Advent

Scriptures: Isaiah 12:2-6 (Advent Wreath); Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7; \*Luke 3:7-18

Sermon: "Announcing The Good News"

### December 21/22: Fourth Weekend of Advent

Saturdays @ 5! & 8:00 a.m. Sunday

Scriptures: Micah 5:2-5a (Advent Wreath); Luke 1:46b-55; Hebrews 10:5-10; \*Luke 1:39-45

Sermon: "Jumping For Joy"

10:00 a.m. Sunday – Cantata

Scripture: Micah 5:2-5a (Advent Wreath)

### December 21: Blue Christmas, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

### December 24: Christmas Eve, 5:00 p.m.

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7 (Advent Wreath); \*Luke 2:1-20

Kids' Choir: "Sing With Us The Christmas Story"

### December 24: Christmas Eve, 7:00 & 9:00 p.m.

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7 (Advent Wreath); Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; \*Luke 2:1-20

Sermon: "The Savior Is Born!"

### December 24: Christmas Eve, 11:30 p.m. with Communion

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7 (Advent Wreath); Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; \*Luke 2:1-20

Sermon: "The Savior Is Born!"

### December 28/29: First Weekend after Christmas Day (Sunday combined worship at 9:00 a.m.)

Scriptures: Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; \*Luke 2:41-52

Sermon: "Hints Of What's To Come"

### January 4/5: Epiphany Of The Lord/Communion/Removing Of The Greens

Scriptures: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; \*Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: "Worshipping The King"

### January 11/12: Baptism Of The Lord/First Weekend After The Epiphany

Scriptures: Psalm 29; Isaiah 43:1-7; \*Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon: "Jesus Was Baptized"

### January 18/19: Second Weekend After The Epiphany/Human Relations Day

Scriptures: Psalm 36:5-10; I Corinthians 12:1-11; \*John 2:1-11

Sermon: "Jesus Reveals His Glory"

### January 25/26: Third Weekend After The Epiphany

Scriptures: Psalm 19; I Corinthians 12:12-31a; \*Luke 4:14-21

Sermon: "Scripture Fulfilled..."

\* denotes scripture used for basis of sermon

## Advent Wreath Candle Lighters

You may sign up in the Welcome Center to be an Advent Reader/Candle Lighter. One (or two) people are needed for each worship celebration each Advent Sunday and Christmas Eve. Scripts are available with the sign up sheet – just find your day and take a page.

November 30/December 1:

5:00 Open

8:00 Julie Spitzley & Carole Dreffer

10:00 Nancy & Al Meyer

December 7/8:

5:00 Open

8:00 Open

10:00 Open

December 14/15:

5:00 Open

8:00 Open

10:00 Open

December 21/22:

5:00 Open

8:00 Open

10:00 Open

December 24:

5:00 William Meyer

7:00 Open

9:00 Paul & Lynda Atkinson

11:30 Open



## HUMC Endowment Fund

*"A 'Gift of the Future' might be a remembrance of a loved one, a celebration of a special event, or a gift." that will outlast life."*

For Endowment Fund information, please contact any Fund Committee member: Chip Houghton, Carole Dreffer, or Mike Prosser.



## 10:00 Greeters/ Ushers

December 1:  
Bonnie & Ben Lindsley  
December 8:  
Nancy Meyer  
December 15:  
Alyson Wilson  
December 22:  
Wanda & Mike Lyons  
December 24:  
Becky & Tank Rogers  
December 29:  
Bob Hastings  
January 5:  
Dave Wilber  
January 12:  
Alyson Wilson  
January 19:  
Wanda & Mike Lyons  
January 26:  
Becky & Tank Rogers

## Money Counters

December 1:  
Wanda Lyons  
Mike Lyons  
Jonathan Merckens  
December 8:  
Alyson Wilson  
Norma Cook  
December 15:  
Judy Wilber  
Dave Wilber  
Chip Houghton  
December 22:  
Bob Hastings  
Mark Claubaugh  
December 29:  
Barb Ringle  
Donna Preston  
January 5:  
Mary Boos  
Bonnie & Ben Lindsley  
January 12:  
Jane Meyer  
Carole Dreffer  
January 19:  
Wanda Lyons  
Mike Lyons  
Jonathan Merckens  
January 26:  
Alyson Wilson  
Norma Cook



## Liturgists

December 1:  
8:00 Mike Prosser  
10:00 Carol Schell  
December 8:  
8:00 Tom Sprunk  
10:00 Al Meyer  
December 15:  
8:00 Carole Dreffer  
10:00 Jack Hubbard  
December 22:  
8:00 Chip Houghton  
10:00 Dave Wilber  
December 24:  
7:00 Cathi Dix Houghton  
9:00 Alyson Wilson  
December 29:  
9:00 Barb Ringle  
January 5:  
8:00 Rob Hoffner  
10:00 Lynda Atkinson  
January 12:  
8:00 Lisa Beebe  
10:00 Jack Hubbard  
January 19:  
8:00 Stacey Oakley-Swartz  
10:00 Carol Schell  
January 26:  
8:00 Loretta Majoy  
10:00 Alyson Wilson

## Birthdays

### December

Addison McFarland 1  
Beverly Semon 2  
Alyssa Enderle 5  
Marsha Nofzt 6  
Avery McFarland 7  
Alivia McFarland 7  
Karen Kishman 8  
Jean Hamilton 12  
Sally Sprunk 13  
James Hassinger 14  
Donna Preston 14  
Jacqueline Wheland 15  
Clinton Boos 16  
Millicent Pettegrew 17  
Kiah Maddix 17  
Janice Hassinger 19  
Jessica Faller Schmidt 21  
Riley Deans-Marxmiller 21  
John Rowen 26  
Baylor Fortune 26  
Ralph Hagman 26  
Ruth Turner 28  
Carol Schell 29

### January

Brandon Odell 1  
Hollyn Adams 3  
Korah Keegan 6  
Brad Dees 11  
Gloria Souter 13  
Walker Rapson 13  
William Houghton 14  
Cindy Fialka 16  
Christopher Harlan 17  
Rebecca Harlan 17  
Lisa Beebe 19  
Janet Dugan 19  
Macy McFarland 19  
Michelle Hand 22  
Linda Boos 23  
Elaine Hogan 23  
Wayne Foster 24  
Todd Diffenbacher 24  
Poppy Potts 24  
Sandy Foster 25  
Samantha Diffenbacher 25  
Roger Skelley-Watts 26  
Christopher Hand 28  
Margaret Cawrse 30  
William Meyer 30  
Henry Schmidt 30  
Ellen McQueen 30  
Jerry Semon 31

Happy Birthday!



## December/January Team Meetings

Staff Parish Relations Committee: Tuesday,  
December 3rd, 6:30 p.m., Rooms 3 & 4.  
Church Council: Tuesday, December 10th, 7:00  
p.m., Rooms 3 & 4.  
Stephen Ministers: Monday, December 16th, 10:00  
-11:00 a.m., and Tuesday, December 17th, 1:00-  
3:00 p.m., Rooms 3 & 4.  
Strategic Planning Team: Tuesday, January 7th,  
2:00 p.m., Rooms 3 & 4.  
Trustees: Tuesday, January 14th, 7:00 p.m., Rooms  
3 & 4.

## Offering Envelopes



A few boxes remain – your weekly or monthly offering envelopes are available to be picked up from the table in the front hallway.

## Other December/January Events

- Firelands Symphony Orchestra Chorale Rehearsals: Monday, December 2nd, Thursday, December 5th, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Sanctuary.

#BeUMC

You are invited to worship with us in person: "Saturdays @ 5" (5:00 p.m.) in our Fellowship Hall, and Sundays 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. in our Sanctuary or Online (Sundays are livestreamed to Facebook and YouTube)

Pastor: Rev. Pamela J. Sayre; Director of Discipleship Ministries: Jenessa Faller; Director of Music Ministry: Ron Brooker; Organist: Tom Curry; Housekeeper: Kathy Faller; Treasurer: Joe Beebe; Administrative Secretary: Beth Anne McFarland; Financial Secretary: Linda Ziegler; Website: Derek Callin; AV: Derek Callin & Chris Harlan; Lay Leader: Dave Wilber. Current Office Hours 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday. (Building open 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. M–Th.) Closed Fridays.

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## Activities Capsules

### communion

Saturdays/Sundays,  
November 30th/December 1st  
January 4th/5th

### POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE

Sunday, December 1st

### Cloggers' Practice

Mondays & Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.,  
Fellowship Hall

### FSO Chorale Rehearsal

Monday Dec. 2nd; Thursday Dec. 5th  
6:30-9:00 p.m., Sanctuary

### U-Knitted Nations

Mondays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Rooms 1 & 2

### CHAIR YOGA

Tuesdays 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

### Ballroom Dancing

Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

### Christ's Community Meals

Every Monday at Noon and  
Wednesdays, December 11th & 25th,  
January 8th & 22nd  
5:00-6:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church

### LIFT

LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Every Wednesday,  
Doors open at 4:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall/Classrooms

No LIFT on Christmas or New Year's Day

### Confirmation Class

Each Wednesday during LIFT  
5:30-6:30 p.m., Room 10

### UM Youth Fellowship

Wednesdays during LIFT, Rooms 6/7

### TOTAL BODY CONDITIONING

Thursdays 8:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

### HUMC QUILT CONNECTION

Friday Sew Days: December 6th & 20th,  
January 3rd & 17th  
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Basement

### THE S'MORE THE MERRIER!

"Saturdays @ 5!" on December 7th  
during Huron's Winterfest  
5:00 p.m. in Bettcher Park – BYO Chair

### LUNCH BUNCHES

Thursdays, December 12th & January 9th  
11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

### Prayer Path Work Days

Saturdays, December 14th & January 11th  
9:00 a.m.-Noon at Zion Lutheran Church

### Saturdays @ 5!

Relaxed Worship every Saturday evening  
at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
(includes a Potluck Dinner on the 3rd  
Saturday each month – not December)

### Pantry Sundays

December 15th & January 19th

### Blue Christmas

Saturday, December 21st, 7:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall and Facebook Live

### Choir Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 22nd, 10:00 a.m.

### Church Offices Closed

December 24th - 27th and  
December 31st (2:00 p.m.) -January 3rd

Worship with us on

### CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 p.m. Kids Singing  
7:00 p.m. Praise Team  
9:00 p.m. Choir & Organ  
11:30 p.m. Guitar & Communion

### Carols & Organ Music

Sunday, Dec. 29th, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary

### Circuit Rider Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, January 19th for February issue

See page 11 for Dec. & Jan. Team  
Meetings and other events.